

September 27, 2017, Memorial of Vincent de Paul

Autumn Greetings to all of our dear friends,

On February 02, 2017 for the “XXI World Day of Consecrated Life,” Pope Francis shared with us:

“We do well to take up the dreams of our elders, so that we can prophesy in our day and once more encounter what originally set our hearts afire. Dreams and prophecies together. The remembrance of how our elders, our fathers and mothers, dreamed, and the courage prophetically to carry on those dreams. This attitude will make our consecrated life more fruitful. Most importantly, it will protect us from a temptation that can make our consecrated life barren: the temptation of survival. This is an evil that can gradually take root within us and within our communities. The mentality of survival makes us reactionaries, fearful, slowly and silently shutting ourselves up in our houses and in our own preconceived notions. It makes us look back, to the glory days – days that are past –and rather than rekindling the prophetic creativity born of our founders’ dreams, it looks for shortcuts in order to evade the challenges knocking on our doors today. A survival mentality robs our charisms of power, because it leads us to “domesticate” them, to make them “user friendly”, robbing them of their original creative force. It makes us want to protect spaces, buildings and structures, rather than to encourage new initiatives. The temptation of survival makes us forget grace... An environment of survival withers the hearts of our elderly, taking away their ability to dream...It cripples the prophecy that our young are called to proclaim and work to achieve. In a word, the temptation of survival turns what the Lord presents as an opportunity for mission into something dangerous, threatening, (and) potentially disastrous.”

It is with the spirit of **GRATITUDE** that we give thanks to God
for the witness and engagement of your prophetic creativity
in the ministry of Becoming Neighbours.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED OUR FRIDGE NOTES FOR COMPANIONS
AND SOME ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ITEMS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION:

An article by ADRIENNE CLARKSON, [“Canada: Making a home on native land”](#)



Fall Eucharistic Celebration of Thanksgiving

1:00 pm – Sunday, October 15, 2016

Scarboro Missions Chapel, 2685 Kingston Rd.

Respond to: jam@becomingneighbours.ca

by Noon – Tuesday, October 10

May we, too, continue to rekindle the prophetic creativity born of our elders’ dreams.

Together with you in solidarity with all refugees and migrants

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