



**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

FEBRUARY 08, 2018 WITH THE THEME:

*"Migration Without Trafficking"*

is celebrated on the Feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan. We observe this Feast day as a **DAY OF PRAYER** and **FASTING FOR VICTIMS** of Trafficking and for those who work to combat it.

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**Feb 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC**

O God, you always hear the cry of your people and have compassion for the oppressed and the enslaved. May they experience the liberation of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray to you for those suffering the torment of human trafficking.

Transform us by the power of your Spirit, to be sensitive to the pain of these, our sisters and brothers.

Committed to overcoming this evil, give us the courage to stand up and work for the rights of our sisters and brothers who live in slavery and exploitation.

We ask this with the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita, in Christ our Lord. AMEN!

**"YOUR RIGHT HAND, O LORD, GLORIOUS IN POWER"**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

January 18 – 25

See: Exodus 15:6



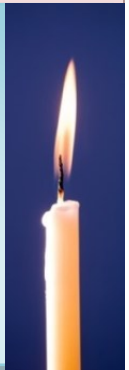
[www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

EUCCHARIST

**3:00pm - Sunday, January 28**

Presider: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick  
St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.



**IN SOLIDARITY, CELEBRATING WITH:**

SISTERS OF SION  
Feast Day (January 20)

IBVM (Loretto Sisters)  
Mary Ward (January 23)

URSULINES OF CHATHAM  
St. Angela (January 27)

SPIRITANS  
Francis Libermann (February 02)



**Canadian 'Dreamers' go to York University**

*"Thousands of young people without legal status in Canada living in education limbo"*

York University and the FCJ Refugee Centre collaborate in a pilot project to admit students with precarious immigration status:

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*"Your ultimate measure is not where you stand at times of comfort and convenience, but where you stand at times of challenge and controversy."* – Martin Luther King Jr. (paraphrased)



“Immigration officials find own website ‘confusing and not user friendly’”

Toronto Star Jan. 11, 2018

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## ROMERO HOUSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Serve Refugees – Meet the World in a Neighbourhood – Grow Spiritually in Community

Application Deadline: Jan. 31 [Click Here](#)

“Years after Canada opened its doors, thousands of Syrian refugees are still waiting to come here”

Toronto Star Jan. 02, 2018 [Click Here](#)

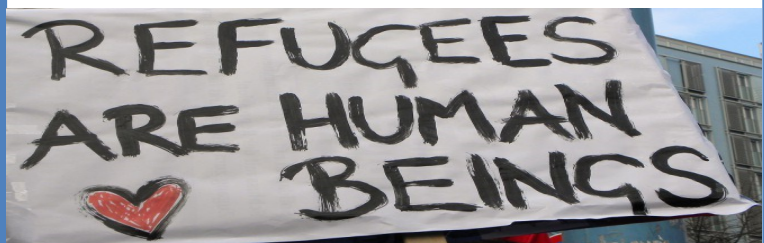
“Lara and her friends at a schools in Toronto, have written cards to Justin Trudeau asking for his help . The students hope to celebrate this Christmas with the Syrian refugee family they helped sponsor to Canada .” (Courtesy of David Warren SFM)



“Refugee Brings Life Experience to new job leading the CANADIAN COUNCIL OF REFUGEES”

MIIC Dec. 20, 2017 [Click Here](#)

CLAIRE ROQUE, employed by the Diocese of London as the ministry specialist for inland protection of refugees, is the new CCR national president.



Joint Ecological Ministry (JEM) is a collaboration of religious communities and partners using their resources to promote caring for Creation and living within planetary limits.



## JEM presents

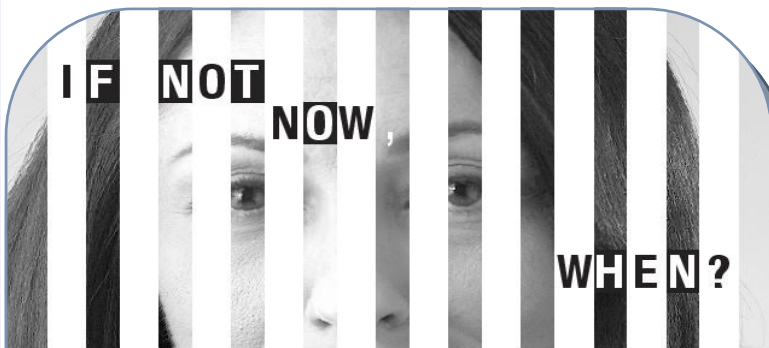
### FLOURISHING OF LIFE FOR ALL

“Ideas for collective action on climate change”

7:30 PM WED. FEB. 07– 3:30 PM THU. FEB. 08

MARY WARD CENTRE, 70 ST. MARY ST.

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## BEYOND INDIFFERENCE

**Marina Nemat**, internationally recognized author of *Prisoner of Tehran*, and advocate for social justice.

**Marrocco Merton High School**  
1515 Bloor Street West  
(near Dundas West subway station)

**7:30 pm** **FREE ADMISSION**

**Friday, 26 January 2018**  
The Annual Howcroft Lecture

\*sponsored by  
ROMERO HOUSE  
for refugees

## RON ROLHEISER'S TOP TEN BOOKS FOR 2017

Kate Hennessey, *“The World Will Be Saved by Beauty”*

Jim Forest, *“At Play in the Lion’s Den”*

Tomas Halik, *“I Want You to Be”*

Bryan Stevenson, *“Just Mercy”*

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, *“Coach Wooden and Me”*

See Others: [CLICK HERE](#)

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Remember those intentions that filled your heart on Dec 31? How are they changing you so far?

Name three ways you have practised living differently during these first three weeks of 2018.

**How are YOU BIRTHING GOD into the world?**  
(Communications, Congregation of St. Joseph)