

WHAT CONCRETELY IS OURS TO BE  
AND DO FOR US TO BE FAITHFUL TO  
THE FLOURISHING OF LIFE?

### GEMS OF WISDOM: HEATHER EATON

*"Our goal is to live life in radical amazement. ....  
get up in the morning and look at the world in a way  
that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phe-  
nomenal; everything incredible; never, never  
treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed."*

(Abraham Heschel)

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with  
YOUR ONE WILD PRECIOUS LIFE?"* (Mary Oliver)

*"In contemplating the beauty of the earth  
you will find reserves of strength that will endure  
as long as life lasts"* (Rachel Carson)

**MUST READ** *"The Hidden Life of Trees"* (Wholleben)

In Cape Town, they're calling April 12 "Day Zero" --  
the day when the taps run dry. [Click Here](#)



### RESOURCES FOR YOUR JOURNEY OF LENT

- Lent 4.5 is a seven-week faith formation program in Christian Simplicity. [Click Here](#)
- Lenten Journey: Desert to Garden. [Click Here](#)
- Maryknoll Lenten Reflection [Click Here](#)



- Development and Peace. [Click Here](#)
- **Lenten Message of POPE FRANCIS.** [Click Here](#)

## Recommended Reading

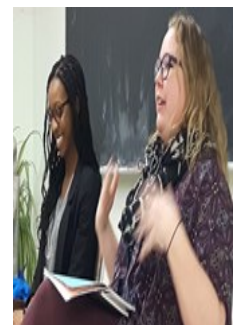
- "ISLAND OF BOOM" *Jan The Globe and Mail*  
*"Canada's smallest province is berating big on  
immigrants for its economic salvation."* [Click Here](#)
- Despite their geography, gender, occupation, race  
or religion, Americans share these seven beliefs"  
*The Washington Post* Jan 17, 2018 [Click Here](#)
- "How a Newfoundland fisherman became  
godfather to a generation of Tamil-Canadians"  
*MacLeans* Jan 31, 2018 [Click Here](#)
- "How the Far Right Has Reshaped the Refugee  
Debate in Europe" *PBS* Jan 22, 2018 [Click Here](#)
- "Exodus: The Journey Continues"  
*PBS* Jan 2018 [Click Here](#)

### REFUGEE ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION THURSDAY FEBRUARY 01



Thirty-five people attended  
an info session on how to  
advocate for refugee rights.  
*Citizens for Public Justice,  
Srs of St Joseph of Toronto  
and Becoming Neighbours*  
sponsored the event.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### Annual Retreat for all Women Religious

11:30 am—4:00 pm Sat, Feb 17 2018

MARY –ELLEN FRANCOEUR, SOS

Theme: "What trees teach us about love:  
Trees radiating the divine"

Place: Fourth floor Catholic Pastoral Centre  
1155 Yonge Street

To register [icorrigancnd@yahoo.ca](mailto:icorrigancnd@yahoo.ca)

### REGIS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 03 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regis College – 100 Wellesley St. W.

Includes two 30-minute lectures, presentation of the various programs of study/opportunity to receive a tour of the college and meet staff / students. Register: [s.castelino@utoronto.ca](mailto:s.castelino@utoronto.ca)

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2017

Theme: *The Mass:  
The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation.*  
Mission Leader: Fr. Michael Coutts S.J

VISION TELEVISION  
Part 1: 8:00 pm – Tuesday, March 27  
Part 2: 8:00 pm – Wednesday, March 28  
(repeated at 10:00 pm)

### NEW DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR REFUGEES (ORAT)

We express our deep gratitude to  
MARTIN MARK for his 15 years of faith-  
ful service, passionately advocating for  
refugees here in Canada and worldwide.



Deacon RUDY OVCJAK,  
appointed director of ORAT, has managed  
the day-to-day work of ORAT since 2016.



### LATIN AMERICA: STRUGGLES, SOLIDARITY, HOPE

ROBERTO JARAMILLO, SJ,  
President of the Conference of Latin American Jesuit Provincials

Input: Response of people to major social and political issues in Latin America

7:00 PM– 9:00 PM Wed Feb 21 Mary Ward Centre (70 St. Mary St)

### PERSONAL CHALLENGE

#### FEBRUARY 19 IS FAMILY DAY!

Share with your Becoming Neighbours newcomer, members of your family and your friends how you deeply believe in them and how important each one of them is to you.



### PERSONAL CHALLENGE

#### FEBRUARY 14 IS VALENTINE'S DAY!

Challenge yourself to do at least one act of love in your life, your neighbourhood, your city, your world.

Visit members in the infirmary, write a note of caring support to your Congregational Leader, phone a newcomer and offer a listening heart. Whatever it is, offer your heart to warm the heart of someone else.

There is a good chance your own heart will end up singing! Embody hope and carry healing into the world to one person, one seemingly small action at a time.

**BE GOD'S VALENTINE!** (Congregation of St. Joseph – USA)