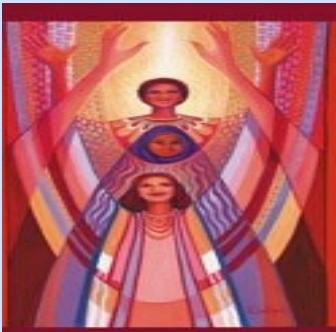




### Assumption of Mary August 15



"Mary's God is a verb, not an abstract noun. This God acts, shocks, surprises, turns the world upside down, shatters humanity's facile expectations, cuts through our religiosity too. This God is not to be speculated about but to be praised, with gratitude and amazed joy.

Think of a time in your life when you have been surprised by joy, transformed by God's creative Spirit.

Remember, relive, give thanks.

How does that moment speak to you today?"

(Excerpt from presentation of Donna Geernaert, SC)



### SUMMER SOCIAL FOR RELIGIOUS

4:00pm – MASS

5:00 pm – DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018**

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

RSVP: mmacleod@archtoronto.org by AUG. 10



### WE REMEMBER MARGUERITE WALTERS, CSJ

who died July 03, 2018.

Marguerite was prayer partner with Jesus Rojas

### Asylum Seekers in Canada: A look at the issues and facts



(*The Globe and Mail*, Tavia Grant, August 02, 2018)  
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Addition Recommended Reading can be found on page 3

### IN SOLIDARITY WE CELEBRATE WITH

### SISTERS OF SERVICE

AUGUST 15: FOUNDATION DAY



**"Now Nova Scotia Gaelic is keeping a dying Amazon language alive"**

RON MACDONNELL, SFM  
with two Makushi people of Brazil

*"The Chronic Herald"* July 31/18

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We were blessed to experience Ron's heart and spirit aligned with refugees while he was here in Toronto and for this we give thanks to God recognizing that he will continue to be in solidarity with us and we with him in his work with the Makushi people in Brazil.



### WE REMEMBER MARY MACORETTA, CSJ

who died August 02, 2018.

Mary was a tireless worker with and for refugees.

# September Happenings

## During the Season of Creation Sept 01-Oct 04

Christians across denominations and around the world are invited to Pray and Care for Creation. Sept 01 was first proclaimed as a World Day of Prayer for Creation by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox community in 1989 and embraced by other European churches in 2001. In 2015, Pope Francis declared it a **DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION** for Catholic Church.

For Season of Creation Planning Toolkit [Click Here](#)



See Global Catholic Climate Movement

<http://bit.ly/2f3VWwW>

TAKE ACTION: ON SEPT 21,  
PEACE DAY MAKE PLANS  
TO PRAY FOR PEACE

**“The Right to Peace”**  
celebrating the 70 anniversary of  
the Universal Declaration of  
Human Rights is a day devoted to  
strengthening the ideals of peace,  
both within and among nations.

U.N. Secretary General ANTÓNIO GUTERRES holds

“It is time all nations and all people recognize  
the inherent dignity and equal inalienable rights  
of all members of the human race”

RESOURCES

[“Building Blocks for Peace”](#)  
<http://peacedaypray.tumblr.com/>

United Nations International Day of Peace:  
<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>



Annual holiday celebrated worldwide from efforts of the labour union movement to celebrate economic and social achievements of workers. It has its origins in the eight hour day movement: eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, eight hours for rest.

MON, SEPT. 05 LABOUR DAY PARADE

Massive celebration of arts/culture



TORONTO LIBRARY partners with Culture Days/Neighbourhood Arts Network: 40 FREE programs.

Date: Fri, Sept. 28, Sat, Sept. 29, Sun, Sept. 30.

Place: select Library branches across Toronto.

For more information, please [Click Here](#).

“Canadian ecumenical document embraces Christian concern for environment”

“America” Aug. 02, 2018  
<https://bit.ly/2vqAxX0>

However Long the Night  
Making Meaning in a Time of Crisis

explains how the LCWR worked through a difficult situation, and provides spiritual grounding, useful information, as well as inspiration and hope to anyone in a situation of conflict, polarization, or even impasse in one's own personal, family, professional, , community, neighborhood, or organizational settings. Available: Amazon at <https://tinyurl.com/y9mp9mmm>  
Print edition: \$14.99(US)

# Recommended Reading

"Border agents using DNA testing in efforts to deport detainees"

"BBC", July 31, 2018

<https://bit.ly/2vJU2cn>

"Enough is enough.  
I'm not a criminal'  
says five-year  
immigration detainee"  
"Toronto Star" July 25,18

[Click Here](#)



"VENEZUELA:  
Breakdown and  
Collapse..."  
*Ignation*" Aug 01/18

[Click Here](#)



"Canadians wary of Ottawa's handling of asylum seekers, new poll shows"

"Toronto Star" Aug 03/18

[Click Here](#)



## FORMATION PROGRAM ON NONVIOLENCE, HARVESTING PEACE

"8-week Justfaith Ministries program focussing on nonviolence from a Christian perspective"

[Click Here](#)



## THE GOOD SAMARITAN'S DILEMMA

"What light does Catholic Social Teaching cast on the moral issues surrounding mass migration? Mass immigration is the great moral issue of our age.

A political philosopher looks at what light Catholic Social Teaching can cast on the difficult choices governments are facing."

( *The Tablet* 23 June, 2018 Adrian Pabst) [Click Here](#)

(Recommended by Jim Casper, SCJ)

Migrants and refugees are  
not pawns on the  
chessboard of humanity.

Pope Francis

"Seven facts to understanding the rising number of asylum requests by Central American migrants"  
"Washington Office on Latin America" Feb., 2018

<https://bit.ly/2vJU2cn>

"Canada to resettle dozens of White Helmets and their families from Syria"  
"Toronto Star" July 22/18

[Click Here](#)



"No spike in asylum seekers using 'anchor relatives' to make refugee claims, data show"  
"Globe and Mail" Aug 04/18

[Click Here](#)



"Audit of immigration detention review system reveals culture that favours incarceration"  
"Toronto Star" July 20/18

[Click Here](#)



"LCWR new president SHARLET WAGNER CSC sees herself as 'citizen of the world', an immigration lawyer who has lived as an immigrant in four countries."

"Global Sisters Report" Aug. 06/18 [Click Here](#)

