



Prayer of Thanksgiving - Oct. 08 (See Attached)



CITIZENSHIP WEEK OCT 08 -14 [Click Here](#)



"NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOME"

launching the global [Share the Journey](#) Campaign initiated by Pope Francis to raise awareness on forced migration around the world and to call on the Canadian government to do more to address the root causes that force people to flee their homes.

Every minute, 31 people are displaced by conflict, persecution, extreme poverty, climate change, the exploitation of natural resources and large-scale development projects.

"There are currently 68.5 million people in the world who are refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced - that is nearly twice the population of Canada. Until fundamental human rights are respected, and inclusive and participatory democracies take root, forced migration will only increase," Canadians are urged to send a message to Prime Minister Trudeau asking government commit to:

- Supporting grassroots organizations working for peace, democracy, human rights;
- Investing more in diplomatic and peaceful solutions to armed conflicts

"Here in Canada, we all have a story of migration, including First Nations peoples, who were pushed off their territories. We must show our SOLIDARITY with those facing harsh realities today. At a time when fear is dominating over compassion in many societies, we hope this CAMPAIGN contributes towards a CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER, understanding and friendship with migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers." (Serge Langlois Development and Peace)

SHARE THE JOURNEY WITH:



Aysha,

From Syria to Lebanon

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Patience

From Bue-Leh to Bori, Nigeria

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Hossein family

From Burma to Bangladesh

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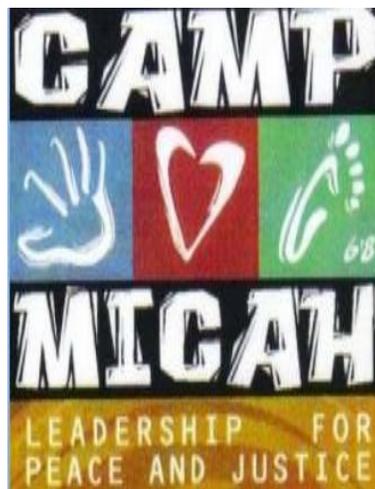
CAMP MICAH is a leadership camp for social justice and peace held every Aug. for one week near beautiful Bancroft.

“Founded in 2009, the camp is led by a staff of young adults, teachers, ministers, school chaplains and peace educators with many years of experience working with youth and development leadership programs.

Coming from different Christian tradition (including Catholic, Mennonite and United Church), Camp Micah welcomes an inclusive community that values and celebrates the beautiful diversity of the human family.”

WITH YOUR HELP

Becoming Neighbours co-sponsored four youth at Camp Micah. Read the reflections of these youths.



“I would like to the take the time to thank Becoming Neighbours for sponsoring me. It was a great experience! I got to learn about social justice, leadership, creativity. It’s an experience I will never forget and it truly has made an impact in my life.” **Nicolas**

“Camp Micah never fails to surprise me. Focusing on Indigenous people, their history, current struggles, and how we can be proper allies to them, LEAP Earth was extremely eye-opening and insightful as not only did we learn about it through our leaders but also through an Indigenous chief in the comfort of her home ” **Juan**

“Camp Micah was amazing! I loved the nightly bonfires. Whether it be sitting around a fire singing songs or chatting with friends, it rekindled me back to my childlike self and made me realize the most important things in life. Camp Micah has really opened my eyes to injustice ” **Gheorghe**

“Camp Micah taught me a lot of new things, it made me feel welcomed. I realized that I don’t have to be shy, others will be friendly and won’t judge you depending on race/opinions. One way I will make a difference in this world is that I will stand up for what’s not right. If I see someone being mistreated or bullied; I will speak up” **Brandon**

This and That



Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis "Who Is My Neighbour In A Climate - Threatened World?"

Catholic Climate Covenant, with a FREE educational program, helps your faith community explore how to better care for creation and the poor. It focuses on the interconnections between immigration, refugees, and climate change. See link: <https://bit.ly/2xGg95n>



Inspiring short film to bring you
Gratitude and **JOY**
this **Thanksgiving**: "The Present"



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Gratitude flows from the recognition that who are and what we have are gifts of God to be received and shared."
(Henri Nouwen)

Celebrating the Canonization of Monsignor Oscar Romero Local Events • Autumn 2018



"If they kill me,---I will rise again in the people of El Salvador"

TORONTO EVENTS: [Click Here](#)

PRAYER RESOURCES: <https://bit.ly/2zs2cJC>

**STAND UP
SPEAK OUT**
AGAINST POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

*Building a Sustainable Future:
Coming together to end poverty and discrimination
promotes awareness of the need to eradicate
poverty and destitution in all countries.*

This **October 17** is an opportunity for us to join:
Calls for vigorous/sustained action by the federal
government to combat structural cause of poverty.

- o We want a federal plan for poverty elimination that complements provincial/territorial plans.
- o We want a federal anti-poverty Act that ensures federal commitment/accountability for results.
- o And, we want sufficient deferral investment in social security for all Canadians.

Together, we can eliminate poverty in Canada!

Info: www.dignityforall.ca

