



Global Catholic Climate Movement

1) Create a Reverse Advent Calendar:

Each day of Advent identify a personal belonging to give away. See more [here](#).

2) Commit a time each day to pray:

Connect the weekly Scriptures with the cries of the earth and of the poor, using resources [here](#).

3) Give to a Charity on someone's behalf

4) Practise the Advent pause:

Through [contemplative practice](#) be aware of the internal energy to have more than necessary.

5) Give a Gift Packed with Meaning

6) Give the Gift of Time

7) Opt for "Less is More" Decorations:

Use natural greenery from local evergreens

8) Save Paper: by reusing different types of paper.

9) Prepare Sustainable Meals: Use seasonal locally grown and organic foods as possible.

10) See ideas to simplify the holidays [here](#).

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/advent/>



Painting by MICKEY MCGRATH, OSFS
(sent by Noreen Allossery-Walsh, OSU)

Nov. 12 Workshop for Companions:
"Migrant Caravan: facts and myths"

FRANCISCO RICO MARTINEZ of FCJ Refugee Centre shared with 30 people his experience of the "migrant caravan." Francisco said that this EXODUS has been driven by poverty, violence, desperation. Most of its people are from Honduras, Guatemala, which have a history similar to that of El Salvador and with it make up the so-called Northern Triangle, a region currently considered one of the deadliest in the world.



ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR.

invites us to slow down and discover the quiet moments of Advent hope. [Click here](#)



Advent 2018 Resources

Videos, Scripture reflections, prayers

Click the above link.



Pockets of Hope

CONGRATULATIONS

Christine who, after many years of waiting, had her application for Permanent Residency granted on Humanitarian and Compassionate Grounds! COMPANION: ANN MCGILL, FCJ
PRAYER PARTNER: MARILYN GRACE

CONGRATULATIONS

ELIZABETH DAVIS, RSM,
Wisdom figure and resource person of many members of our religious congregations, defended her thesis for her Doctor of Theology (Biblical)



CONGRATULATIONS

*"Everything is fragile—
yet look! New life!"*

MARY ELLEN FRANCOEUR, SOS
FALL 2018 CRC BULLETIN



CONGRATULATIONS

Maria, a former student at Regis College Toronto, was recently hired as a house assistant for L'Arche community Ottawa
Companion: MECHTILDE O'MARA, CSJ



With gratitude to God, on Nov. 17 **BECOMING NEIGHBOURS LATINA WOMEN'S CIRCLE** reconvened. What amazing women! They have supported and celebrated each other in the mysteries of life, from birth to death, and all the "stuff in-between".

WE REMEMBER

BERNICE MARY ANSTETT, SOS

who died November 1, 2018
and was prayer partner
with Silvia Toscano.



WE REMEMBER

DOROTHY DWYER, CSJ

who died November 9, 2018
was prayer partner with
Liliana Ballesteros



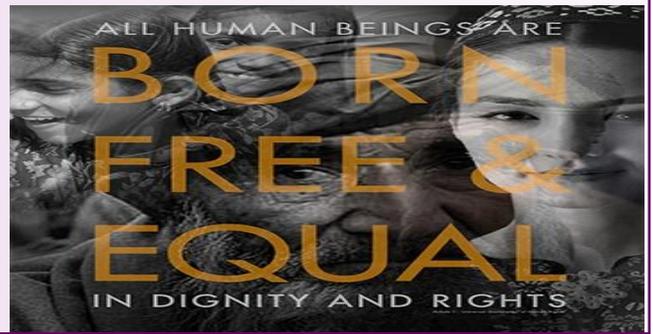
Recommended Reading

- o Interfaith Immigration Coalition's Holy Days and Holidays committee has developed a series of eight prayers, **Walking Toward Hope**: <https://bit.ly/2Sr0wqr> (Sent by Jack Lynch, SFM)
- o **"Stop the Assault on Asylum Seekers"** America James Martin, SJ: <https://bit.ly/2ra3sw5>
- o Simple, delightful, inspirational 80 second video: <https://bit.ly/2E1JSKc>
- o **ADVENT Reflections on Migration by VIVAT International Ireland**: [VIVAT Liturgy Book 2015](#)

TODAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018: Human Rights Day

This year, **Human Rights Day** concludes the year-long campaign to mark the 70th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political opinion, national, social origin, property, birth, other status.

[Click here for the U.N. site, in English](#)



"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family" (Laudato Si' 52)

"Thursday, December 20, 2018: International Migrants Day"



Migration has been a courageous expression of one's will to live a better life. Globalization has increased the number of people who have the desire and the capacity to move to other places. This era has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world.

It underscores the linkage between migration and development, as well as the opportunities it provides for co-development the concerted improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination. The UN General Assembly adopted:

the [New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants](#). It reaffirms importance of international protection regime and represents a commitment by Member States to strengthen and enhance mechanisms to protect people on the move. *One of every ten migrants is under the age of 15.*

"I call on the international community to act on the global compact on safe, regular, orderly migration as an important contribution building a world of peace, prosperity, dignity and opportunity for all." (UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon)



Together We Pray



Every Day
is
Human Rights
Day



Advent Prayer on **CONSUMERISM**

Slow us down LORD, this Advent,
so we may understand
the darkness we are in,
the darkness of fear
that comes with wanting more,
and the fear of having less.

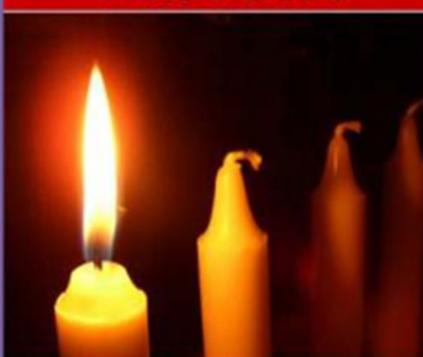
Grant us the light of transformation,
as we wait for your true abundance,
the love of the Incarnation,
a love that brings us
true dignity and security,
a love that embraces all,
that enriches all,
that calls us all to share justly
and celebrate joyfully.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and brother, AMEN

LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY

On December 10 we celebrate **Human Rights Day**, the day on which the United Nations affirmed the Declaration on Human Rights. On this day we pray for all global citizens who have been denied their rights. See the "Litany for International Human Rights Day" <http://tinyurl.com/j82rf4g>

Advent



Prepare a way for the Lord



"Help Us to See You" A Christmas Prayer

In the Christmas season, we hope in Jesus.
Holy Family, pray for our renewed commitment
to respond to the signs of our times.
Child Jesus, help us to comfort you
in the forgotten children of God,
and especially the discriminated minorities and migrants.
Forgive us our trespasses against the Earth,
And lead us to embrace climate refugees.
Your power and will be done through the peacemakers.
Help us to accompany our brothers and sisters
burdened with the struggle of a world in crisis.
And help us to be BEACONS of HOPE. AMEN

Dianna Ortiz, OSU's prayer: <http://tinyurl.com/jbgn7px>

