

To all of our dear friends, we encircle you with God's love and peace ---



As we enter into the spirit of this Second Sunday of Advent, we are being invited to intentionally prepare for the coming of the Christ Child: a child born on the road in a town in which there was no room for him at the inn. Beautiful sentiments, eh!

Last week, these sentiments took on human faces when we welcomed Andrea and Rodrigo to our new workspace at Presentation Manor. After 17 years in Canada, they had been detained by Canada Immigration. They phoned hunting for suitcases. Thanks to the generous donations from our companions, they ended up having 30 to choose from. Leaving our office with suitcases in tow, they asked our companions to continue to pray for them and their family, and to remember them. Now, they wait.....

Prior to this, Noreen Allossery-Walsh OSU whom many of you fondly remember, sent us this poignant drawing of the Holy Family by Mickey McGrath, OSFS. When we received the drawing, thoughts immediately were triggered of the migrant caravan travelling thousands of miles only to be turned away in a very de-humanizing way at the United States-Mexican border. Now, the despair in the faces of Andrea and Rodrigo are indelibly implanted in our hearts. Hospitality for the migrant forms the fabric of our faith. We are left with the question: what is God asking of us?

We are called to be a light in the darkness, to be signs of God's hope wherever we find ourselves, and to stand with today's prophets "crying out in the wilderness."



On our pilgrimage of Advent let us continue to be

"Women and Men of Communion revealing the Compassion of God"

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