

WE REMEMBER

HERMAN SEIFERLING, IBVM

who died April 23
and was prayer partner
with Patrick Munyakazi



Bishop Testifies About Border and Immigration

Bishop Seitz, El Paso [testified before Congress](#) on behalf of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. Testimony included recommendations: addressing smuggling and trafficking networks, regional approaches to address root causes of migration, improving border processing policies, alternatives to detention, programming for families and ensuring efficient due process for those seeking asylum. [Read full testimony here.](#)

Welcoming New Companions!

- o Norma Johnson RGS with Mohamed Mustafa
- o Margaret Smith with Abir Fadel
- o Henry Simmons with Kadi Muleba
- o Elvira Dizon, FMM with Perla Villalobos
- o JOHN MALO, CSB with Emiliano Martinez
- o ROSEMARY WILLIAMSON, OLM with Huda
- o Doris McDonnell, OLM with Kadi Muleba
- o Marlene Dafoe with Zayra Carillo
- o Marilyn von Zuben, CND with Prince Muleba



Provincial Budget 2019: Have your say!

On April 11, the Provincial Govt. with Premier Ford released their first budget. The committee process at Queen's Park is essential to the passage of Bills and, as a resident of Ontario, you are entitled to participate in the process. Until May 08, you can submit a written statement to the Financial Affairs Committee. You may address healthcare, housing, education or any other any part of the budget.

You can email written submissions to:
comm-financeaffairs@ola.org

WELCOME TO CANADA AND TO BECOMING NEIGHBOURS

On May 01, Emiliano, Zayra and their son Emiliano Jr. moved to their new home. Two trips with two vans, one car and the move was complete! Thanks to: Hung Dinh, SCJ; John Malo, CSB; Mark Miller CSsR; Marlane Dafoe, Brian Farrell with his donation of furniture and staff: Atunna and Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ. John is companion with Emiliano; Marlane with Zayra and Mark, a member of the Becoming Neighbours Board of Directors.

ABUNDANT blessings to the Martinez Family!



CELEBRATING WITH

St. Jean-Baptiste De la Salle—May 15
BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

St. Felix of Cantalice – May 18
FELICIAN SISTERS

VISITATION OF MARY – May 31
CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME

PENTECOST – June 09
SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE
SPIRITANS



"Why are we Here?" Meditation on Canada

Speaker: Mary Jo Leddy

Thursday May 16 7:00PM-9:00 PM

St Bonaventure's Parish 1300 Leslie St.

Today Canadians face multiple challenges: socially and environmentally within democratic institutions. At times it is difficult to hold fruitful dialogues with our neighbours and family when we may not share the same vision for Canada.

Contact: MAUREEN MCDONNELL
416-447-5571 ext.550

Highly Recommended

- o "Syrian refugees open Aleppo Kebab restaurant in Scarborough" Located at 1960 Lawrence Ave. E and operated by the family of Huda, companion with Rosie Williamson, OLM [Click Here](#)
- o "Faces of freedom, documentary showcases N.L.'s newcomers" [Click Here](#)
- o "Announcing the winner of the 2019 Anne Frank Essay Competition: 'If Not Now, When?'" [Click Here](#) (Sent by Rosemary Fry, CSJ)
- o "St. Rita Parish celebrates its 101 new citizens" [Click Here](#) (Sent by Jim and Barb Doyle)
- o "Proposed federal tool to 'blacklist a country,' stop visa processing alarms immigration lawyers" [Click Here](#)



SUNDAY MAY 05 – TUESDAY JUNE 04

Time of spiritual reflection, improvement and increased devotion and worship. Muslims are expected to put more effort into following the teachings of Islam. The fast (sawm) begins at dawn and ends at sunset.

Presentation Manor welcomes KAIROS Blanket Exercise

2:00–4:00 PM, Tuesday May 28. ALL ARE WELCOME!



With joy and gratitude to God,

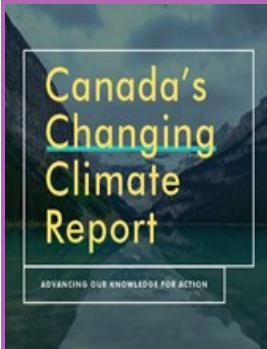
Becoming Neighbours Latina Women's Circle

continues to meet at 3PM, every third Saturday of the month with amazing members who support and call forth the best in each other. We express our heartfelt gratitude to DORA LUZ CARMONA, ISABEL GARCIA and ANGELICA LOPEZ for their gift of co-facilitation.

May 24 marks the 4th anniversary of “LAUDATO SI” in which Pope Francis challenges us that “There has been a tragic rise in migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. . . . We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family...

the poor and the earth are crying out.”

Canada warming at twice the global rate, climate report finds



Released this week, Canada's Changing Climate Report provides the first in-depth, stand-alone assessment of how and why Canada's climate has changed, and what changes are projected for the future. Effects of widespread warming are already evident in many parts of Canada and are projected to intensify in the near future.

Canada is experiencing increases in precipitation, extreme fire weather, water supply shortages and a heightened risk of coastal flooding. CBC Canada: [Click Here](#)

PBS Digital: What's the Big Deal With a Few Degrees? [Click Here](#)

“Answer the call of the Pope’s encyclical Laudato si’. Come and hear the FACTS about climate change and the carbon tax.”

Presenter: CHRISTINE TU

7:30 PM Thursday, May 23

Neumann Hall St. Patrick’s, 131 McCaul Street

“Getting to Zero: Carbon or Taxes? The debate on how to address the climate crisis in Ontario”

Hosted by Pax Christi Toronto and St. Patrick’s Justice and Service Commission

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Decolonization and Climate Change

First Day: 7:00 PM—9:00 PM Wed. May 22

Second day: 9 AM-3:30 PM Thurs. May 23

The Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary Street

“High levels [per capita] of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada can be understood as a long-term impact of the settler-worldview with its focus on exploitation for profit. Can the transforming and unsettling process of decolonisation draw us, as individuals and as a society, into a new worldview, new relationships with land, water and each other.” [Click here](#)

Felician Sisters’ tips to make a concrete difference:

- o Start your own garden, or create a community garden in your neighborhood.
- o Stop buying bottled water and fill your own containers with tap water. Install a faucet filter .
- o Spend more time walking outside and biking, which keeps you more connected to your community and the environment. Leave electronics at home.
- o Pick up litter when you see it.
- o Take an online carbon footprint test. There’s plenty available with a Google search.
- o REDUCE, REFUSE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE.
- o Pray for those working for the environment and contact elected officials to advocate for creation.

