



Prayer of Thanksgiving - Oct. 14 (See Attached)

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)*

Synod on the Amazon

The Vatican has invited the bishops from all dioceses in the world to travel to Rome in order to discuss the Amazon and its people. This gathering, or synod, is officially titled "[The Amazon: New Paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology](#)." This is the first synod in which integral ecology will be applied to a specific place in creation. That's a landmark for the Church! The Synod, Oct. 06-27, will have the week of Oct. 13 dedicated to integral ecology.



(Remo Casilli/Reuters)

Angels Unawares

"Different states of mind and emotions of refugees"

Unveiled by Pope Francis on
World Day of Refugees 2019

Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz wrote he wanted *"to reflect the different states of mind and emotion involved in a migrant's journey. Some of the figures are absolutely joyful that they are heading to a new beginning, others are weeping because they have left their loved ones behind."* He set out to depict *"refugees from all cultural and racial background across all of history. Within this diverse crowd of people, angel wings are visible in the center, suggesting that within the migrant ... is the SACRED."*

[Click here to read more](#)

Migrant's cross for new Jesuit cardinal

The personalized coat of arms, motto and pectoral cross of the newly consecrated MICHAEL CZERNY, S.J., who received a red hat at the consistory for cardinals on Oct. 05 in Rome, demonstrates his commitment to care for creation and the protection of migrants and refugees.

The cross is made from a piece of a wooden boat used by migrants to cross the Mediterranean to the island of Lampedusa.



[Click here to read more](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Join us in your prayerful accompaniment

- o For ANNE SCHENCK, CSJ, companion with Taira Kaddu, Jaisimha Nakka and prayer partner with Elen Muchiri and a member of initial advisory group.
- o For JENNY NASELLO, CND prayer partner with Menyi Sona
- o For HELEN FRECHETTE, CND companion and prayer partner with Elise Mulungo.
- o For JOHN WALSH, SFM ongoing supportive presence with Becoming Neighbours.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Theme: "Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity"



This **October 17** is an opportunity for us to join:
Calls for vigorous/sustained action by the federal government to combat the structural cause of poverty.
We want a federal plan for poverty elimination that complements provincial/territorial plans.
Together, we can eliminate poverty in Canada!
Info: www.dignityforall.ca and [Click Here](#)



September meeting of Latina Women's Circle

For Heaven's Sake, **Vote!** Your guide: Catholic Social Teaching and the Federal Election
Catholic Charities and Novalis
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As you know, "Canada has been enriched by successive waves of immigrants, migrants and refugees. They have come here to start a new and better life, bringing with them skills and other gifts that improve everyone's quality of life. Many of them live a precarious existence.

- o Many **immigrants** find that the cost of living is higher than they expected. Most must take jobs that offer no long-term security.
- o **Migrants workers** are particularly vulnerable, because legislation favours employers and those who arranged the workers' travel and their stay in Canada. They are here on a temporary basis, have fewer rights than other workers, limited access to services. They are economically exploited and dependent on employers for housing and healthcare.
- o **Refugees** are forced to flee their country because of conflict, natural disasters or other crises, and cannot return home. Refugees face many obstacles: mental health issues arising from trauma especially for women and girls, language barriers that prevent even qualified people from getting jobs and lack of child care keeping women from jobs. **CPJ 2019 Election Bulletin:** [Further resource for your consideration](#)

Our vote can help ensure that the government considers their needs so they are less vulnerable."



September meeting of African Women's Group

Recommended Reading

- o "What we leave behind" CBC, [Click Here](#)
- o Estoril Conferences 2017 [Click Here](#)
- o "Just 0.3% of irregular migrants in Canada found to have serious criminal past", Global News [Click Here](#)

VIVAT International: ECO LIFE and ACTION

VIVAT spirituality of creation provides concrete proposals for environmental conversion, raising awareness and encouraging environmental advocacy. [Click Here](#)

SUPPORT ROMERO HOUSE RUNNERS AT THE TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON



On Oct. 20 a team of Romero House folk will be out on the streets of Toronto running and walking to raise funds and support the important work in welcoming refugees.

Please walk or [support a runner](#).

"The Challenges and Hope of Jewish-Christian Dialogue"

Presenter: DR. MARCIE LENK
7:00-9:00 PM Thursday, November 14
Mary Ward Center, 70 St. Mary Street
For more information contact [click here](#)
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WELL DESERVED!

PAUL HANSEN, CSSR
honoured with the Pax Christi
Teacher of Peace Award.



Tom Sagar, a spokesperson for Pax Christi, "said that when they select a recipient for the Teacher of Peace award, they look for someone who is living the Christian message in an inspiring way that moves people to follow them. I see these Teachers of Peace as living saints." [Click here to read more](#)

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A Benefit Concert for Canadian Jesuits International
www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca

RETREAT AFTERNOON FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Facilitator: PATRICIA MACAULAY, CSJ

Theme: "passion and compassion: You may call God love, you may call God goodness. But the best name for God is compassion." – Meister Eckhart

Time: 11:30am Feb.29, 2019 (More to follow)

PRAYER REQUEST FOR GENERAL CHAPTER
FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS OCT. 04-31



The slogan and the motif of upright and inverted houses suggest that both, the North and the South, are interconnected and share a common home — the Earth.

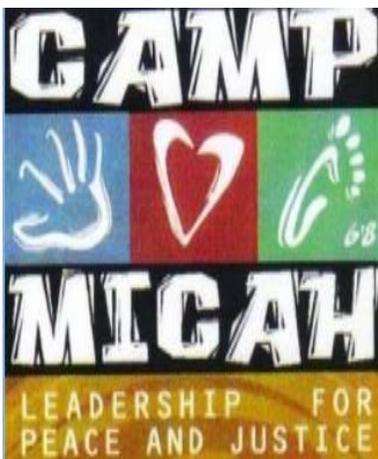
CAMP MICAH is a leadership camp for social justice and peace held every Aug. for one week near beautiful Bancroft.

“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 traditions (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.



“Camp Micah made me feel very included and welcomed. Whenever I needed help they would always be there. I really loved how at camp they taught us about First Nations. I learned it is important to acknowledge them because we are on their land and we owe it to them. Not only will I research more about them but I will try to inform others as well.” **Alicia**

“The thing that I appreciated most about Camp Micah was how inclusive everybody was. I will promote inclusivity in my school district by joining clubs and participating in their activities.” **Gideon**

“I learned how to tenderly love the indigenous peoples, how to walk humbly and finally how to act justly towards everyone. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Camp Micah.” **Emmanuel**

“What I appreciated most about my experience at Camp Micah was the opportunity I had to make memories with others. I also learned more about social justice and how to make the world a better/ safer place for others. One way I will make a difference in and for the world will be by using social media to bring more awareness to ongoing issues like the environmental crisis that will affect us in the future. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Camp Micah.” **Valeria**

