



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/>

"When we speak of Advent or preparing for Christmas, we're not talking about waiting for a little baby to be born. We're in fact welcoming the universal, cosmic Christ—the Christ that is forever being born in the human soul and history." (Richard Rohr, OFM)



PRAYER REQUESTS

- o For MARY BURNS/ANNE SCHENCK CSJ, struggling with health concerns.
- o For all newcomers celebrating the Christmas season in a new country, away from friends and family.
- o For all those searching for employment, for those who are underemployed and for those who have just lost their jobs.
- o For all those still waiting for the decisions of their hearings at the Refugee Court.
- o For Carolyn, the daughter of MARY OLENICK, who recently died in Winnipeg. Mary was the family companion with Hannah Githuku and with members of the Mulongo Family.



**WE REMEMBER**  
**ANNE MARIE CAREY, CSJ**  
who died November 18, 2019  
and was prayer partner  
with Emma Nasawali.



**WE REMEMBER**  
**JENNY NASELLO, CND**  
who died November 6, 2019  
and was prayer partner with  
Menyi Sona

# Pockets of Hope

## CONGRATULATIONS

EVA JANNING, CPS family companion with FAITH OMOROGIEVA and children wrote:

*"It was hard for FAITH to have no real identity papers other than a birth certificate and of course her permanent residence card these past years. Now she belongs. It is hard for us to imagine what it is like to have no national identity. I am so glad for them.*

*Grateful to Becoming Neighbours for "my Family" of five wonderful people."*

Family Prayer Partners are: MARIA LANG, and MARY MARTIN PITTI, CPS



PICTURED (left to right) ARE: SONIA, DANIEL, FAITH, the mom, AND KELVIN

## New minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

CONGRATULATIONS MARCO MENDICINO!



"Since entering Parliament in 2015 as minister for Eglinton-Lawrence, Mendicino had served as the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and was involved in advancing government green infrastructure and social infrastructure in Toronto and across Canada. Mendicino has replaced Ahmed Hussen as minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)"

[Click here for more information](#)

## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE



With gratitude to God for the presence, creativity and solidarity with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours as expressed in the Presentation Manor **CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** lovingly organized by CATHERINE and CAROL VON ZUBAN.

(Pictured: Frances Brady, OLM, Becoming Neighbours chairperson, Anna McNally, SOS with Carol and Catherine)

# Recommended Reading

- o "Migrants bring gifts, not burdens," The Tablet, July 2019 [Click Here](#) (Sent by Evanne Hunter, IBVM)
- o "The Danger of a Single Story", Ted Talk [Click Here](#)
- o "They came here as immigrants. Now, they're giving back by leasing a huge property to the city to house refugees", Toronto Star, Nov 2019 [Click Here](#)



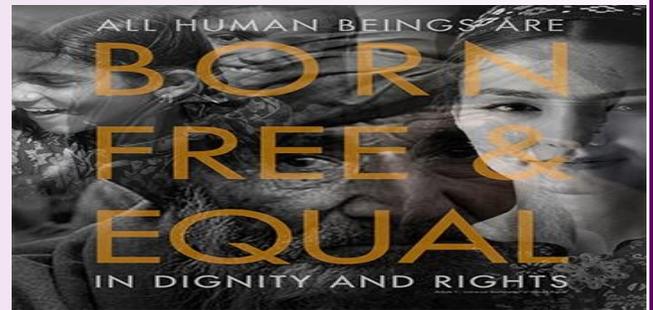
o Ignatian Spirituality 2019 Advent Resources, [Click Here](#)

o Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns 2019 Advent Resources, [Click Here](#)

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2019: Human Rights Day

This year, **Human Rights Day** concludes the year-long campaign to mark the 71st 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](#)



*"Teach us ... to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light"* (Laudato Si' 246)

## "Wednesday December 18, 2019: 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 improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination.

The UN General Assembly adopted: the [New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants](#).

*One of every ten migrants is under the age of 15.* [Click Here for more](#)

*"There are many ways by which states can regulate the migration process; but only one way to treat migrants: and that is with decency"*

*(Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Teodoro L. Locsin Jr.)*



# Together We Pray



Every Day  
is  
Human Rights  
Day



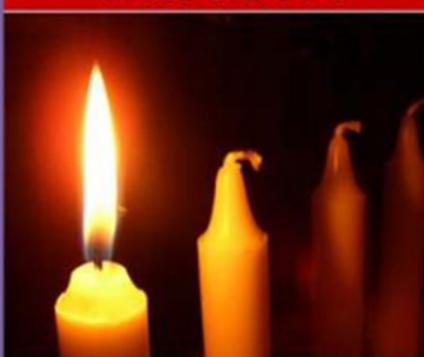
Advent Prayer on **CONSUMERISM**

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.

## 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

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



## "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>

