



"Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion"

For the 2020 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis reminds us: "Ecological conversion for which we are appealing will lead us to a new way of looking at life, as we consider the generosity of the Creator who has given us the earth and called us to a share it in joy and moderation. This conversion ... [is] a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life. For Christians, it requires "effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them".

[Full Pope Francis' Annual Message](#)

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



Loretto Sisters (IBVM)

Mary, Mother of God
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

Basilian Fathers

CSB Founding Day (Jan. 02)

Faithful Companions of Jesus

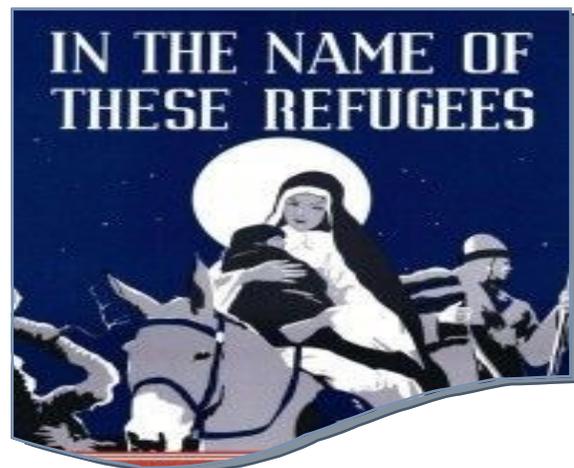
FCJ Founding Day (Jan. 03)

Sisters of Charity of Halifax

Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

Congregation of Notre Dame

Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)



Time Magazine's 2019 Person of the Year: GRETA THUNBERG

"The politics of climate action are as entrenched and complex as the phenomenon itself, and Thunberg has no magic solution. But she has succeeded in creating a global attitudinal shift, transforming millions of vague, middle-of-the-night anxieties into a worldwide movement calling for urgent change. She has offered a moral clarion call to those who are willing to act, and hurled shame on those who are not."

[Click here to read more.](#)



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

EUCCHARIST

Presider: TBD

3:00pm - Sunday, Feb 02, 2020

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.



WE REMEMBER MARY BURNS

who died December 18, 2019.

Mary was a friend, confidant and mentor to the members of the African Women's Group.



Thoughts on the Safe Third Country Agreement:

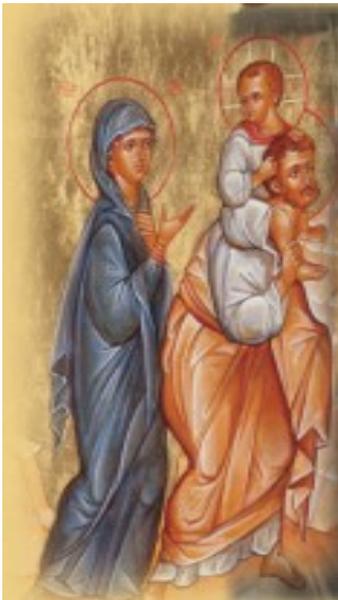
Asylum-seekers have often sought out the United States and Canada as safe havens. Both countries have entered a joint policy known as the Safe Third Country Agreement. The agreement states any person seeking refugee protection must make a claim in the first country they arrive in, unless they qualify for an exception to the Agreement. The request must be made at official ports of entry, otherwise they will be turned away. Under the Trump administration, the United States has changed policy towards asylum-seekers.



Refugees now must make a claim in a country along their journey before making a claim in the U.S.—or they will be barred from making the claim. Asylum-seekers began trying to enter Canada at unofficial ports of entry. These refugees were then processed for asylum. Word quickly spread among asylum-seekers that a “loophole” was available at the Canadian border. To date, more than 50,000 asylum-seekers have been arrested at the border for crossing at unofficial entry points.

Legal Experts share their thoughts: [Click Here](#)

CELEBRATING EMMANUEL: “GOD WITH US”

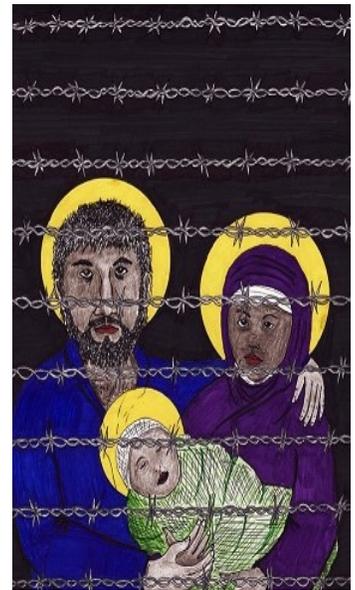


“Into his world, this demented inn,
in which there is absolutely no room for
him at all, Christ has come uninvited.

But because he cannot be at home in it,
because he is out of place in it, and
yet must be in it, His place is with those
others for whom there is no room.

His place is with those who are discredited,
who are denied the status of persons,
who are tortured, bombed- exterminated.
With those for whom there is no room,
CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD.”

-(Thomas Merton)



Presentation Manor Monthly Thursday Speakers Series

“Reading with the Heart: The Construction of a Literate Christianity in Origen's Psalm Homilies”

JOHN SOLHEID 2:00 PM Thursday January 16, 2020

“From Rome to Home: Bishop Carter and Synodality in the Diocese of London”

BRIAN THORNTON 2:00 PM Thursday February 13, 2020

“Mission to Jews: D’Costa, Kessler/Pawlikowski Exchange/Unresolved Questions in “Gifts and Calling”

MIA THEOCARIS 2:00 PM Thursday March 05, 2020

“Liturgical Participation and the Sacred Art Movement”

EMMAUS O’HERLIHY OSB, 2:00 PM Thursday April (TBD), 2020

Meet our Unsung Heroes

BRIDGET NAZARETH, IBVM



'Attendant spirit or guardian' best depicts Bridget to a 'T'. Her unstinting availability parallels Mary's "ecce ancilla". Her gentle presence and compassionate heart to what is required marks every encounter, especially with those most suffering.

Bridget is not only prayer partner with Maria Claudia Riano but also facilitated a workshop on "ESL tips for companions accompanying newcomers".

*In gratitude Bridget,
for your total availability to the moment!*

ROSIE WILLIAMSON, OLM



A woman on a mission. This is our Rosie: feisty, persistent, practical, no-nonsense, all intermixed with a delightful sense of humour. Empowerment and being an agent of peace forms the fabric of Rosie's DNA.

Rosie is/has been companion with Toussaint Claudy, Soline Kuderhwa, Uyi Osadebamwen, Dilia Ramirez and Nura Saeed.

*In gratitude Rosie,
for your persistent pursuit of God's justice for all!*

Congratulations & Blessings!

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop WAYNE KIRKPATRICK as the new bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish. As Episcopal Vicar for Religious Institutes of Men and Women he was noted among us for his hospitality, bridge-building and "down-to earth" presence.

BISHOP WAYNE, YOU WILL BE MISSED!



Members of the Latina Women's Circle gathered to celebrate birth of Jesus: Emmanuel: God with us. Listening, laughing, learning, leaning on each other and loving each other into new possibilities mark the spirit of the Latina Women's Circle and especially this celebration of Christmas. A special festive meal was shared; gifts were exchanged all interwoven with the JOY of the moment.

**Thanks: Angelica, Dora Luz and Isabel,
the co-facilitators of the circle, whose creative energy organizes these gatherings.**

'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

(Tips for a heart conversation with yourself and/or with a newcomer)



Pause for Thought. As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

What are you most grateful for in 2019? What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.

Create a record. Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.

Forget regrets: Give yourself permission to let go. Learn from mistakes.

Give THANKS to yourself, to others and to God



BLESSED NEW YEAR

Thank God we are here,
we are safe':
Syrian refugee family
become Canadian Citizens
[Click here to read the
full article](#)

Let us make **2020**
a time when our dreams
for a more **JUST WORLD**
are realized with our
**PRAYER, PRESENCE
AND SOLIDARITY.**

