

**Feb 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC**

O God, you always hear the cry of your people  
and have compassion  
for the oppressed and the enslaved.  
May they experience the liberation of the cross  
and the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray to you for those suffering  
the torment of human trafficking.

Transform us by the power of your Spirit,  
to be sensitive to the pain of these,  
our sisters and brothers.

Committed to overcoming this evil,  
give us the courage  
to stand up and work for the rights  
of our sisters and brothers  
who live in slavery and exploitation.  
We ask this with the intercession  
of St. Josephine Bakhita, in Christ our Lord.

AMEN!

# Windows on Theology

**Understanding Sacred Space:  
Exploring Western Religious Architecture**

Presenter: ROBERTO CHIOTTI  
Begins Wed, Jan 15, 2020 at Regis College  
Jan 15, 22, 29/ Feb 05,12, 19  
All sessions are held 6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Register at [regiscollege.ca/WOT](http://regiscollege.ca/WOT)

**Ecological Wisdom:  
Righting our Relationships with Each Other/Earth**

Presenter: MARK HATHAWAY  
Begins Wed, Jan 15, 2020 at Regis College  
Feb 26/ Mar 4,11,18,25/ Apr 1  
All sessions are held 11:00 am—1:00 pm  
Register at [regiscollege.ca/WOT](http://regiscollege.ca/WOT)

**IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:**

SISTERS OF SION  
Feast Day (January 20)

IBVM (Loretto Sisters)  
Mary Ward (January 23)

URSULINES OF CHATHAM  
St. Angela (January 27)

SPIRITANS  
Francis Libermann (February 02)



*“Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget  
falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will,  
comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.” (Aeschylus)*

- Robert Kennedy in announcement of assassination of Martin Luther King Jr now honoured Jan. 20

# Recommended

## To be in solidarity

***"Pact of the Catacombs for the Common Home:  
For a Church with an Amazonian face, poor and  
servant, prophetic and Samaritan"***

INVITATION: Please read and pray with the document signed by 40 Bishops attending the Amazon Synod and 150 leaders of male religious congregations. [Click Here](#)



Notre Dame de Sion  
IN SION FIRMATA SUM

*"Joining our voices with all people of goodwill who are denouncing the violent attacks against Jewish individuals and institutions. We will continue to work to root out anti-Semitism and to foster mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between Jews and Christians." (Full letter attached)*

## To Follow

- ⇒ ***"What's next for Canadian refugee policies"***  
Rachel Browne "Global News". Dec. 31, 2019  
[Click Here](#)
- ⇒ ***"Parent and grandparent reunification program reopening postponed as Liberals look at new system"*** Catharine Tunney  
"CBC News" Dec. 30, 2019 [Click here](#)
- ⇒ ***"London's Syrian refugees adapting well four years after arrival"***  
Jonathan Juha "The London Free Press" [Click Here](#)
- ⇒ ***"Federal government commits to waiving citizenship application fees"*** Maan Alhmidi  
"The Globe and Mail" Dec. 23, 2019 [Click Here](#)

## To Attend

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

EUCCHARIST

Presider: To be confirmed

**3:00pm - Sunday, Feb 02, 2020**

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St.



## To Read

### RON ROLHEISER'S TOP BOOKS FOR 2019

- ⇒ ***"How Far to Follow?"***  
***The Martyrs of Atlas"*** BERNARDO OLIVERA  
"This book helps tell the inside story of the Trappist monks who were martyred by Islamic extremists in Algeria in 1996."
- ⇒ ***"Late Migrations, A Natural History of Love and Loss"*** MARGARET RENKL  
"A unique kind of book, a poetics of sorts on love, nature, adoration, family life, death, dying, and human resiliency. A PIECE OF ART!"
- ⇒ ***"Why Are We Here, Meditation on Canada."*** MARY JO LEDDY  
"Every country has its "original sin", some primal fault in its origins that now taints its present. For Canada, she argues, it was how it treated its indigenous peoples as it formed itself into a nation. A MUST READ!"
- ⇒ ***"Love Prevails, One Couple's Story of Faith/Survival in Rwandan Genocide"***  
JEAN BOSCO RUTAGENGWA  
Parallels the Diary of Anne Frank but written inside the horrors of the Rwandan Genocide
- ⇒ ***"The Universal Christ"*** RICHARD ROHR  
"Sound scriptural theology challenges mainline theology in its popular conception of both the intent and the scope of the incarnation."

## To View



REDEMPTORISTS CHRISTMAS CARD

[CLICK HERE](#)

# Congratulations and Blessings

## APPOINTMENT TO ORDER OF CANADA:



### SUE MOSTELLER, CSJ

*"For her dedication to improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, and for her decades of work as a leader of L'Arche".*

"[Sue], ... learning of her appointment [said it] was a "shock" and as an introvert, she considered whether it was possible to turn the distinction down. "One of the beatitudes says 'Blessed are the poor,' and it doesn't say 'Blessed are those who care for the poor,' " she noted. But the thought of how much she was given by those with disabilities convinced her to accept. "That came to me quickly and it was really in the name of all these people that I was moved to say yes to this."

(*The Globe and Mail*, Dec. 27) [Click here for full list](#)

*Thankful, Grateful, Blessed*

## NEW CANADIAN CITIZEN!



On Dec. 30, **LORIE NUNEZ, OLM** became a Canadian citizen. Lorie is companion with Esmeralda Gonzales and has been a strong supporter of the ministry of Becoming Neighbours.

## NEW GIFT OF LIFE!



### GABRIEL JOSEF-JOHN KLAAS

was born December 12, 2019 to Matt and Sarah Klaas.

Sarah has had a checkered career as an occupational therapist, assistant manager COSTI and executive director of Romero House; Matt is the Project officer with Catholic Crosscultural Services. Gabriel joins big sister Rose!

## NEW GIFT OF ETERNAL LIVES!



### WE REMEMBER MARILYN STATA, CSSF

who died December 30, 2019 and was prayer partner with Betty Thomas and Olga Bermudez.

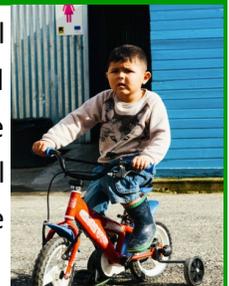
### WE REMEMBER CECILE TURNER, OLM

who died January 07, 2020 and was prayer partner with Salvador Novoa.



## Bold, innovative measures for refugees and their hosts sought, at first ever Global Forum

As refugees numbers approach 26 million, on December 17/18, the first ever Global Refugee Forum took place in Geneva, Switzerland. It was the first time that the international community had gathered to announce concrete steps towards the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. This was a unique opportunity to enhance international cooperation and solidarity and to galvanize support for more equitable and predictable burden and responsibility sharing in refugee situations. [Click here for more.](#)



UNHCR/Achilleas Zavallis

*"Pope Francis [urges us] to step down from ... "pedestals of our pride... so that the coming year will be a journey of hope and peace, not with words, but with everyday gestures of dialogue, reconciliation and the care of creation." [Click Here](#)*