

Greetings to all of our dear Becoming Neighbours friends,

With you, our hearts are saddened.

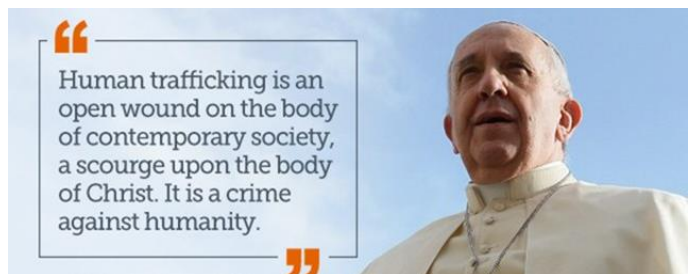
Perhaps at no recent time have we been so acutely and painfully aware of the fragility of life wounded by the nightmares of racism, climate change and now the threat of the Coronavirus. The challenges facing us seem to be overwhelming.

For many of us our hearts are apprehensive;
it just seems so hard to have courage to **HOPE**.

Yet, Sunday Feb. 02, as we celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*, we are presented with the invitation to remember stories with which we grew up --to rekindle in our lives the powerful stories of our faith and in the sharing of these stories, to join with others, to imagine and continue to create an alternative world, rooted in the gospel values of **Prayer, Presence and Solidarity**.

With this spirit of hope, we bring to your attention:

- that February 08, the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, is a **day of prayer and fasting for victims of trafficking and for those who work to combat it.**



It is through your commitment to and interest in the ministry of Becoming Neighbours that many refugees and newcomers and this includes you and us as well, embrace the strength, courage and hope to continue our journey of life, whatever it may be and wherever God may lead us.

It is in our mutual journey of **HOPE** that, as many of you have shared,
WE BECOME NEIGHBOURS WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH OUR EARTH.

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