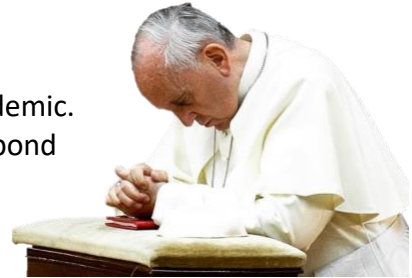




Joining with Muslim leaders,  
Pope Francis calls for an inter-religious Day of Prayer on May 14

All believers of different religious traditions are invited to  
**PRAY, FAST AND DO WORKS OF CHARITY**  
to implore God to help humanity overcome the Coronavirus pandemic.  
Pope Francis is also encouraging international cooperation to respond  
to the crisis so that essential technologies be made universally  
available so that every affected person be able to receive the  
required medical care.



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**LIVING SOLIDARITY, CREATIVITY AND HOPE**



As you may remember, EMILIANO and ZAYRA MARTINEZ, matched with family companions JOHN MALO, CSB and MARLENE DAFOE, prayer partner BONNIE O'BRIEN, IBVM (A) struggled to find their niche here in Toronto and eventually returned to Mexico. Emiliano shared in a recent email: *"situation in Mexico has become quite serious. We had already not been working for almost a month with our small business closed. Right now, the most important thing is that our family is in good health and that we are united. We are doing a small project to prepare and give away 50 meals a day to vulnerable people in our neighbourhood. It is our small way to help. Mexico is a very poor country and there are many unprotected people who live day-to-day. Unfortunately, Mexico was not prepared for a crisis of this size, both health wise and economically, as some other First World countries such as Canada. But if we all do our part, I am confident that we will succeed."*



**WE REMEMBER**  
**MICHAEL HAWKINS, SJ**  
who died April 30, 2020.  
Michael was prayer partner  
with Alma Gallegos.



Pictured are Khalil and Noor, the children  
of Abir matched with MARGARET SMITH.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### CELEBRATING WITH

St. Jean-Baptiste De la Salle—May 15  
BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

St. Felix of Cantalice – May 18  
FELICIAN SISTERS

Visitation of Mary – May 31  
CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME

Pentecost – June 09  
SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
SPIRITANS



## Catholics United for Climate Action

Current COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to come to terms with the inequality and inhumanity of our political-economic system which promotes unlimited growth and economic gain without any care for Creation. We are asking all Catholics in Canada - individuals, parishes, and Congregations - to sign the attached letter BY **MAY 22** to urge the Canadian government to take swift and concrete steps to address the climate emergency. Letter and signatories will be delivered to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on May 24 to mark the anniversary of Laudato Si'.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN](#)

### REFUGEES, MIGRANTS, AND COVID-19



*we are one family under God*

Much has been done to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must receive support.

Groups from Central America, Mexico, United States and Canada have issued a statement: "framework for action to protect migrants/refugees and help ... survive this crisis and rebuild with justice and equity."

[Learn more, read statement.](#)

PLEASE READ: "[WE MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY, LIVES ARE AT RISK](#)"

*LAUDATO SI' WEEK: MAY 16-24*



May 24 marks the five-year anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Pope Francis this year calls us to reflect on this question: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?" Motivated by this question, he invites us to participate in [Laudato Si' Week](#). [Learn more.](#)

How will you respond to this invitation?  
[Invitation from Pope Francis](#)

## RESOURCES

### Highly Recommended

- [“Canadian border officers get new powers to turn back illegal crossers”](#)
- [“Quebec relies on of asylum seekers”](#)
- [“Status for All – for a Just Recovery from COVID-19”](#)
- [One Human Family, Food for All](#)  
(Shared by Ursula Witkowska, IBVM)
- [This Pandemic Is about Human Rights:](#)  
Alex Neve of Amnesty International
- [COVID-19 and Immigration Uncertainty](#)  
Francisco Rico-Martinez  
Co-director of FCJ Refugee Centre


### [Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced Persons](#)

“The virus does not distinguish between those who are important and those who are invisible, those who are settled and those who are displaced.” Everyone is vulnerable and each infection is a danger to everyone. Document offers guidelines for parishes, religious congregations and civil society groups to respond to the plight of internally displaced persons.



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PRESIDER: OBINNA IFEANYI CSSp

[HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:](#)  
[GIFT OF CHOCOLATE](#)   
(Shared by Evanne Hunter, IBVM)



[The Most Beautiful Flower Garden in the World has no Visitors for the First Time in 71 Years and I got to Capture it](#)

Shared by Cabrini Fahlman, IBVM