



“What would an ethical recovery look like?”

JOE GUNN, *The Hill Times*

“... If faith communities are places where adherents go to have their moral and ethical batteries re-charged, what advice is currently being offering to a Canadian public under lockdown, slowly emerging into a future masked with uncertainty?” [Click here](#)



MAPPING OUR MEMORIES

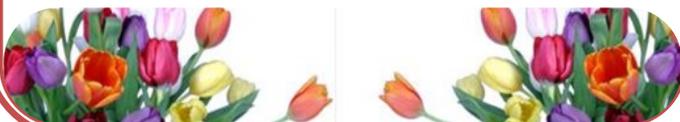
Conversation with Seniors over the phone:
Chat with a volunteer and share your memories.
Initial project will be sharing memories of
favourite foods during your childhood.
If interested, contact (647) 313-1654 or
info@backlanestudios.ca. [Click here for more](#)
For more info: Fr. Peter at 416 267-4817 or at
jam@becomingneighbours.ca

In Solidarity We Celebrate With

**REDEMPTORISTS
SISTERS OF SERVICE**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - June 27

**MISSIONARIES SISTERS
OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD** - July 1



Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year

May 24, 2020 – May 24, 2021

As you may remember, on May 24, 2015, Pope Francis signed *Laudato Si'* calling the world's attention to the "increasingly precarious state of our common home". His prophetic words continue to ring in our ears: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, whose children are now growing up?" [Click here](#)

As we read in LS 49, we cannot remain indifferent any longer to the increasingly desperate "cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor". This special year will "precede with initiatives, realized in partnership emphasizing "ecological conversion" in "action".

[Click here for Interview with
Stephen Scharper and Sue Wilson, CSJ](#)

CARE FOR THE EARTH, CARE FOR THE POOR



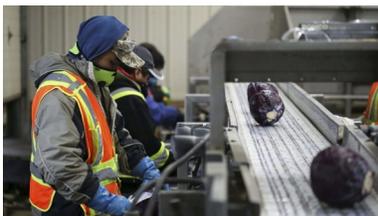
Giving thanks to God for the presence of LOIS ANNE BORDOWITZ, FCJ with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours. Normally, Lois is at the Detention Centre on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays finds her with us and Thursdays at the FCJ Refugee Centre.

Highly Recommended

- o ["Bishop Dorsonville: It takes #AllofUS working together to prevail over Covid-19"](#)
America Magazine May 21, 2020
- o ["Virus zeroes in on migrant workers"](#)
Toronto Star May 09, 2020
- o ["Canada lifts restrictions on foreign workers, including migrant farm labourers"](#)
CBC March 21, 2020
- o ["How will we look at each other when we meet again?"](#) Vatican News May 18, 2020
(Shared by Ursula Witkowska, IBVM)

Migrant workers' rights in spotlight

"The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a light on a previously hidden population of



workers in Canada: Shannon VanRaes / Reuters Files temporary migrants. Temporary migrants come to Canada to work in industries such as agriculture, food services, hospitality and care-giving, in jobs that are often characterized by low wages and difficult working conditions. They are jobs that Canadians are not willing to do. (...) In the current pandemic, the essential nature of the work done by temporary migrants has been brought into sharp focus." [Click Here](#)

LCWR: "CHALLENGE BEFORE HUMANITY: FACING THE CLIMATE CRISES"



[Click here](#) (Shared by Georgette Gregory, CSJ)



Spiritual Resources for COVID-19

- o "Click [here](#) for resources that the Earth and Spirit Center created for cultivating mindfulness, equanimity, and compassion during the pandemic." (Passionist Network)
- o "Webinar for Caring for Yourself when you Care for Others" MICHELLE O'ROURKE
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time)
[Click here to register](#)
(Shared by Jim Casper, SCJ)
- o Webinar for Seniors
Gifts/challenges of the Unprecedented Times
JANET SCHAEFFLER, OP
Date: Saturday, June 6, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m-12:00 p.m (Eastern time)
[Click here to register](#)
- o "We have the Power to Resurrect"
[Caroline Myss](#) (Shared by Virginia Varley, CSJ)

SPECIAL LINKS FOR YOUR HEART

- o [If we hold on Together—FCJ Sisters](#)
- o [Lean on Me—ArtistsCAN](#)
- o [Call: "Lament: A day to mourn"](#)
[Jim Wallis, Sojourners](#)
- o [LCWR: 'To Live with the Spirit'](#)



Pax Christi USA: Take the Pledge to Protect
Pax Christi USA pledge is a commitment each of us can make to act responsibly and compassionately during this pandemic. Our action contributes to people joining together in solidarity to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of all. [Click Here](#)

Pockets of Hope

"Pope's right-hand man works bureaucratic miracle for refugees"



Paulina Guzik

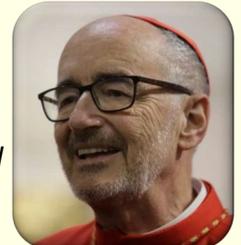
"Bureaucratic miracles are his specialty, and on Monday he finalized one: Polish Cardinal KONRAD KRAJEWSKI, papal almoner oversaw a contract offering a lifeline for thousands of refugees ... The deal is simple - every parish to be able to register migrants and refugees living under their roof. Unable to get a legal job due to lack of documents kept them from getting proper housing. Together we restored the human dignity of those people."

(Shared by Evanne Hunter, IBVM) [Click Here](#)

"Cardinal Czerny:

Immigrants are essential, pandemic shows"

"The Coronavirus emergency has made the situation of many vulnerable people even more precarious; it has also highlighted that immigrants are essential to the fabric of our society ... Who are the orderlies, cleaning people? Who are taking care of the elderly or the challenged? Many are immigrants!" [Click here](#)



Pablo Esparza/CNA

UN WORLD REFUGEE DAY JUNE 20

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, we commemorate their strength, courage and perseverance. [PRAYER SERVICE TO FOLLOW.](#)

"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."

— Henri Matisse

Faces, Places and Spaces of Hope Rising

106 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Theme: "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee"

Experience of Jesus Christ and his parents as displaced persons and refugees.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020.

The [Migrants and Refugees Section](#) has planned a preparatory journey starting from the [Message of the Holy Father](#) emphasizing the reality experience of **internally displaced people**. "Jesus is present in each of them, who are forced, as in Herod's time, to flee to save their life. In their faces, we are called to recognise the face of Christ."

Reflections centre on **six pairs of verbs**:



to know in order to understand, to draw near so as to serve, to listen in order to reconcile, to share and thus to grow, to involve in order to promote, to collaborate and therefore to build.

Watch the first video **"to know in order to understand"** offering the **real-life testimony** of a displaced person.

LIVING SOLIDARITY, CREATIVITY AND HOPE

ANNA matched with JOANN ROSSITTER, CND (A) shares:

"I'm doing good, thank you for asking. I am a health care provider (PSW). It is hard, I will say especially now with the virus. I try to do my best by using the right PPE but the FEAR of getting it is killing me daily. For now I am fine because I have had the test done twice already. I continue, after seven years to hear for my hearing at the Refugee Court. Please, keep me in your prayers."

(As a result of current COVID-19 restrictions, the Immigration and Refugee Board has cancelled all refugee hearings until further notice. As you can imagine, this prolongs the waiting period and escalates the anxiety many of our newcomers experience.)



EMMANUEL matched with companion MARION NORMANDIN, OSU, prayer partner CABRINI FAHLMAN, IBVM reconnected and shares:

"Our eldest son David, God grant him grace, is in third year at York University studying Computer Sciences specializing in Animated Motion and Cinema. Our youngest, Mathis Peter, living with autism, is the joy of our family. Although he does not speak, he attends two schools every other day. Our children are confined with us at home and everything is going as it should be. My wife Therese, having completed her training as a nurse is presently working with a City of Toronto Long Term Care Residence in Scarborough. As for myself, I too am fine by divine grace, I am and continue to remain optimistic! Despite the fact that I didn't have the opportunity to find a job in my area of expertise (medical), I am convinced that everything will be done in God's time and everything will be alright. In the meantime, I'm working at Rogers Customer Care Call Centre. Please pray for my mother who died on March 08 due to a heart attack. My heart is heavy as I didn't have chance nor opportunity to travel back home and bury my mother because of the closed borders due to COVID-19."

PATRICIA matched with companion KAREN VOLPE, CND (A), prayer partner GRACE SAUVE, CSJ shares:

"I am sooo glad to hear from you. Maybe you already know but we are now Canadian Citizens. In August 2016, I graduated as an Early Childhood Educator. I have had different jobs since then. I am currently working as the supervisor of a daycare in a Catholic Private School. I give a Circle Time to my little toddlers and preschoolers online everyday. Stephanie (prayer partner JOANN DAVIES, CSJ (A)) is studying Mechanical Engineering at U of T and has just finished her first year. Julian (prayer partner MARY HUAN, CSJ (A)) is very tall and is now in grade nine and he is at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. He plays the trumpet in the band. He has a lot of friends and is very happy. My children, as you can see in the picture, are so big.....much taller than me now. For now we are all just at home working and studying and trying to go outside now that the delights of the summer weather."



(With Karen, Patricia has always generously offered her gifts of music ministry to the BN community and for Patricia and Karen and their beautiful relationship, we are grateful!)