



Becoming Neighbours

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Fridge Notes
for Companions

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Celebrating Canada Day

Who is a Canadian? Are there telltale signs of "Canadian - ness"?

Is a Canadian someone ...

- ◇ Who practices social/physical distancing, but NOT distancing of the heart?
- ◇ Who thinks of no one as "them"? Who appreciates and lives cultural diversity?
- ◇ Who offers their seat on the TTC to a senior, pregnant woman, handicapped person?
- ◇ Who encourages others to be the best that they can be?
- ◇ Who rises up and takes a stand when they see others hurting?
- ◇ Who understands the global economy in terms of people, land, air and water?
- ◇ Who recognizes one another as neighbour by wearing a mask to protect and respect them?
- ◇ Whose favourite phrase is "Eh"?
- ◇ Who gives thanks to God every day for who they are and for the land of Canada?



These are, perhaps, some of the many telltale signs of what it means to be a Canadian.

In the words of Wade Davis: "The world in which you were born is just one model of reality.

OTHER CULTURES ARE NOT FAILED ATTEMPTS AT BEING YOU;
they are unique manifestations of the human spirit."



Canadians, as you know, are not a particular people from a particular place.

Canadians are the embodiment of the human spirit.

To continue Celebrating Canada Day, we invite you to listen to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiMeZgnkBb8&feature=related

To share your personal experiences that define being Canadian and see what others say:

www.tgam.ca/canada-stories



Prophetic Voice responding to Our Dear Neighbour

Maura McQueen, Executive Director of Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute stated that “safe injection sites are very Catholic in terms of protecting life from conception until natural death ... It's significant that safe injection sites do not provide the drugs themselves”.

GEORGETTE GREGORY, CSJ, who spent 18 years working as a nurse on the Health Bus Program, providing addiction counselling and drug harm reduction services including distributing clean needles and other materials in “safer injection kits” fostered an hands-on Gospel response to what our dear neighbour experiences. “I feel the safe injection sites are absolutely essential to keep people who are addicted with clean supplies to help keep them from becoming ill with dirty needles”.



(Sherbourne Health Center)

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(Georgette, CSJ Congregational Leader, is vice-chair of Becoming Neighbours.)

WOMEN'S CAFE

For Registration and more information, please contact Settlement Workers:

Tuesdays



3-4pm

Join us on Zoom to:

Learn new skills

Practice English

Meet women from different cultures

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All women are invited to participate!

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Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS)

[FCJ Refugee Centre Virtual Info Sessions](#)

Webinars: Thursdays from 10:30-11:30

focused on the Impact of COVID-19 on immigration issues, postponement of refugee hearings and resources available

To register, contact: cteves@fcjrefugeecentre.org

