



"A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace"

For 2021 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis calls for "a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance... The church's social doctrine can serve as a "grammar" of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, pursuit of the common good and concern for the protection of creation. It is a "compass" to overcome existing social inequalities.

[Click here](#) for Pope Francis' Annual Message

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



Loretto Sisters (IBVM)
Mary, Mother of God
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

Basilian Fathers
Basil Founding Day (Jan. 02)

Faithful Companions of Jesus
FCJ Name Day (Jan. 03)

Sisters of Charity of Halifax
Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

Congregation of Notre Dame
Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- o For Athanse, the father of Emmanuel who died December 13. Marion Normandin, OSU companion and Cabrini Fahlman, IBVM prayer partner and as well, for Dermot McLoughlin, Lay Spiritan, who died December 25.

*May the perpetual light of God be with
Dermot and Athanse.*

- o For the wellbeing of the CND Sisters and staff living with COVID-19 in their QC retirement centers and for all people living with COVID-19.
- o For all newcomers who have lost their jobs that they may find new employment guaranteeing just and decent wages.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



#StandUp4Migrants



On December 18, UN International Migrants Day, the UN Office of Human Rights launched [#StandUp4Migrants a campaign and online toolbox on how to change the way we speak about migrants and migration.](#)

"The [campaign](#) will illustrate ways in which one can contribute to narrative changes and elevate the voices of migrants, the communities that welcome them and those who defend their rights," state organizers on their website.

"The [toolbox](#) offers a step-by-step guide with information, practical activities and inspirational examples on how to shift harmful narratives on migration. UN Human Rights hopes that together, we will be able to encourage and empower more people to stand up for migrants' human rights with greater impact."

Recommended

To be in solidarity

To Read

- With the SISTERS OF SR. JOSEPH OF TORONTO celebrating 170 years of life and ministry



[Pope Francis proclaims a year dedicated to St. Joseph](#) (Patris Corde)

- The [Ad Vitam](#) webzine is unique in its offer of an integral and interactive experience featuring articles and audio-visual content. We strongly suggest that you read it online. This issue of Ad Vitam brings to light some reflections and outlooks on the experiences within consecrated life in the face of the pandemic. (Contributors Rebecca McKenna, CND, a member of the BN, Joint Apostolic Corporation & Toronto Jesuit Scholastics)

To View

- [Eight new homilies from Fr. Mark Miller CSsR](#)
- [8 winning ideas from Model UN students to help refugees](#)



(sent by Evanne Hunter, IBVM)

- [Will there be room at the inn this Christmas? Nativity Scene: \(Church of the Holy Trinity\)](#)
(shared by Inez Fernandes)
- [Five Takeaways from Fratelli Tutti](#)
- [Voices on the Wind](#), marking 70 years of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). *Voices on the Wind* is a virtual installation of film, audio and photography that shares different perspectives of the refugee experience



RON ROLHEISER'S TOP BOOKS FOR 2020

"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!"

"What Do You Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise" MICHAEL BUCKLEY

"Shines a light into your soul and shows where both the challenge and promise of Jesus lie."

"Jack" MARILYNNE ROBINSON

"Jack, will demand a little patience; Don't give up on it because the book will move you."

"The Four Things that Matter Most" Ira Byock

SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."



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- LUIS LOPEZ SFM shares :*"Keep the Honduran people and me in your prayers so that we can find a path forward in the midst of so much loss and suffering."* (see attached)
(Luis coordinated the BN Latino Men's Group)
- [The Family Virtues Guide](#): Simple Ways to Bring Out the Best in Our Children and Ourselves
(shared by Merle Stern)
- [Migration and the 2030 Agenda](#): A Guide for Practitioners
- [Were Jesus, Mary and Joseph refugees? Yes.](#)
(shared by Ursula Witkowska, IBVM)
- [The Psalms: A Doorway to Jewish-Catholic Dialogue](#) (shared by Lucy Thorson, NDS)



'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

(Tips for a heart conversation with yourself and/or with a newcomer)



Pause for Thought. As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

What are you most grateful for in 2020? What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.



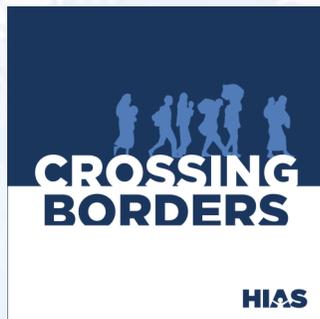
Create a record. Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.



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NEW

YEAR



[Crossing Borders](#), a new podcast from HIAS, takes you inside the experience of being a refugee.

Let us make **2021** a time when our dreams for a more **JUST WORLD** are realized with our **PRAYER, PRESENCE AND SOLIDARITY.**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BECOMING NEIGHBOURS, a JOINT APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Prayer, presentation, mingling together and celebrating our collaboration in responding to the unmet needs of immigrants and refugees marked the Becoming Neighbours Fourteenth Annual General Meeting held Tuesday, December 01, 2020 via Zoom in Toronto. As of December 01, 2020 there are now 298 newcomers matched with companions and 329 prayer partners matched with newcomers.

Presentation of "Reconnecting Initiative"

Jose Gonzalez, Elizabeth Sanchez and Emiliano Rodriguez joined with others to engage in telephone conversations reconnecting with approximately 75 newcomers, companions and prayer partners. This proved to be a beautiful, well-received, intergenerational, reconnecting experience for all involved!



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2020 MARGARET MYATT, CSJ RECOGNITION AWARD

FRANCES BRADY, OLM and
All [SISTERS OF OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES](#)
are the recipients of the 2020 Annual Margaret Myatt, CSJ Recognition Award.

