

RESOURCES FOR YOUR JOURNEY OF LENT

- o [POPE FRANCIS LENTEN MESSAGE 2021](#)
- o ["Maryknoll Lenten Reflection Guide 2021"](#)
- o ["Ignation Solidarity Network Lent Reflections"](#)
- o ["Integral ecology and immigration"](#)
- o [Laudato Si' Lent: A journey of Hope](#)
- o [Stations of the Cross: Lent 2021](#)



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

- o For those still waiting for decisions of their hearings at the Refugee Court.
- o For those newcomers recently matched with BN volunteers to strengthen English skills.
- o For Florent Bunguba, the father of Sylvie. Sylvie, Willy and family are matched with TINA NEVES, FMM and LINDA GOLLIK and prayer partner ROSEMARIE DONOVAN, OLM.
- o For healing of Alice, mother of Zepure Askerjian, and Jose, brother of Loly Rico.
- o In gratitude to God for the safe arrival of the husband of Linda. Companion NORMA JOHNSON, RGS and JEANNINE LANDRY, FMM prayer partner SUSAN TOMENSON, IBVM (A).

Recommended Reading

- o ["Migrant workers and other essential travellers won't have to pay to quarantine"](#)
- o ["6 people charged with human trafficking 80 workers from Mexico, Ontario RCMP say"](#)
- o ["College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants comes into force"](#)
- o [Fratelli Tutti and the Plight of the Displaced](#)
- o [LCWR "Lenten Values: Springing to Action!"](#)



We Celebrate
in Solidarity with
Xaviere Sisters

Feb. 02, 2021 – 100 Years/Foundation

Sisters of St. Joseph

March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

Our Lady's Missionaries

March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



WE REMEMBER
TERESA KELLY, GSIC

who died Feb. 02, 2021
and was a strong supportive
presence with the ministry of
Becoming Neighbours

WE REMEMBER
ANNE SCHENCK, CSJ

who died Feb. 17, 2021
matched with Taira, Jaisimha
and Elen and member of BN
Advisory Group.



IMPORTANT MOMENTS

CELEBRATE EARTH HOUR "VIRTUAL SPOTLIGHT"

8:30 PM – 9:30 PM: SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021



Join millions of people and thousands of businesses by turning non-essential lights out for one hour March 27 from 8:30- 9:30 PM [Click here](#) for more information.



[Click here for more](#)

International Women's Day 2021- Women in Leadership

400 MINUTES LENTEN CHALLENGE

Looking to give up something for Lent? Give up 10 minutes every day and dedicate it to solidarity with refugees? [Click here](#) to learn more.

["‘Confidential:’ After months of calls for a public inquest into the COVID-19 deaths of migrant farm workers, Ontario coroner’s office has launched a secretive review"](#)



GOOD FRIDAY: Reflections on the Way to the Cross – with Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick C.S.Sp.

HOLY SATURDAY: The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary – with Fr. John Bertão

Holy Week Reflections

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UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION POLICY CHANGES

"The Biden Administration has used executive orders to reverse or modify a number of immigration-related policies of the previous administration. They focus on preserving DACA, halting border wall construction, reversing the so-called "Muslim" travel ban, reversing the exclusion of noncitizens for the census count, revoking the executive order that made all undocumented immigrants a priority for arrest, and ramping down the "remain in Mexico" program. [Learn more.](#)

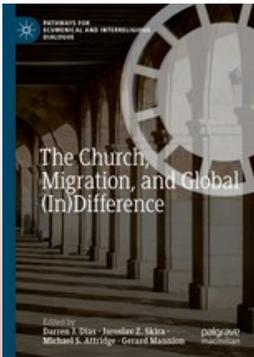


Comprehensive immigration reform legislation is being drafted that would provide pathways to citizenship for migrants currently in country (as of Jan 1), prioritize family unity, refine border security policies, and support efforts to address the root causes of forced migration. [Learn more.](#)

Additional executive actions, including those focused on reuniting children separated from parents and revising asylum restrictions and refugee admissions targets, are expected soon."

(SSND Shalom News North American February 2021)

CELEBRATING MOMENTS OF GRACE



THE CHURCH, MIGRATION, AND GLOBAL (IN)DIFFERENCE

Examines the global phenomenon of migration in its theological, historical, and socio-political dimensions.

Editors: Darren Dias, OP, Jaroslav Skira, Michael Attridge and Gerard Mannion

[Click here](#) to learn more

HISTORIC MOMENT: OPENING A NEW DOOR



Nathalie BECQUART, XMCJ has been appointed by Pope Francis as one of two new undersecretaries to the Synod of Bishops. As such, she will have the right to vote in the Synod. Nathalie is a member of the Xaviere Sisters whose sisters here in Toronto, especially Marie-Noelle Chaumette, XMCJ matched with Winnie, are a vibrant and vital part of the ministry of Becoming Neighbours. Many of you will also remember Annette Collado, XMCJ who was a staff member with us. [Click here](#) to read more.

TO OUR FRIENDS AT BECOMING NEIGHBOURS,



In 2015, Elvia, Carlos and Adriana were deported back to Columbia. On their way they were imprisoned by the US immigration services.

Continuing to be a part of the BN community, we recently received this email: *"We thank you for all the support received while we lived in Canada, it was a time where we learned many things and got the opportunity to learn many things from such amazing persons like you all are. We know that you are still praying for us, thank you! We are very thankful for all your love, generosity and collaboration. Each of you left a special mark on us. Wishing all of you had an amazing Christmas surrounded by the love of friends and family."* Luis Lopez, SFM was the family's companion, Micheline Karvonen companion with Elvia and Anne Marie Marrin, CSJ prayer partner for Carlos and Elvia and Ann McGill, FCJ with Adrianna.

Joy and Hope from "Ragnall MacDhòmhnaillé"/Ron MacDonell, SFM

'In November, I completed three years of mission service in Brazil, and on Dec. 01, I began a sabbatical year. I feel a need to rest, read and pray. God willing, I will travel to Toronto in Feb., and in the summer spend time in Nova Scotia. Working with a dozen Makushi language teachers, we published our book ["A Pedagogical Grammar of the Makushi Language."](#)

20,000 copies have been printed and funded by benefactors of Scarboro Missions and Misereor, a German Catholic charity. Natanael, our driver,

trucked 3,000 km to the Atlantic Coast, traveled by boat for 9 days, and then with a team of 14 people worked hours to unload the books at the office of Organization of Indigenous Teachers of Roraima.'



We have missed you, Ron, and look forward to welcoming you home!

(Ron has been a strong supportive presence with the Becoming Neighbours community)

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

After NINE years of persistently calling on the Federal Govt. to implement a National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, it FINALLY received a unanimous vote in the House of Commons!

People such as Maria Lanthier, IBVM, Thérèse Meunier, CSJ, Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ, Ann McGowan, Pat Grant, IBVM, Leah Watkiss, Varka Kalaydzhieva joined with many others to build awareness and to educate folks about the reality of human trafficking as well as to help put in place ways to accompany victims and survivors.

For all of this we give thanks to God!!

SPECIAL THANKS!!

Do you believe it!? Thanks to the hard work, generosity of time and energy, our workspace has taken on a new configuration. Special thanks to Frances Brady, OLM and Mary Jane Leonard, CND who joined with Rosie Williamson, OLM, Bremen Balasubramaniam and Mary Deighan, OLM to offer our treasures to folks of Presentation Manor, refugee families and to residents of Eliza House.

LOVERS OF TRUTH DOERS OF JUSTICE

MARY MALLANY, IBVM shared: In May, in the midst of the pandemic, Loretto House welcomed Eva and Marcela, visitors from Columbia who subsequently applied for refugee status and are now studying and waiting for their court date. They are now integrated members of the community. Eva and Marcela shared: *"Arriving in Canada 2 weeks before the declaration of quarantine for COVID-19, brought for us a time of uncertainty. Being here has brought us security and great support to us. We have a home that offers us a community life, which in our case, has become our family. Being able to support the life of the community with specific tasks and being able to learn from the life of Canada, the garden, the possibilities around the City, has been possible thanks to the guidance that the sisters have given us as part of this community."*

GIFTS FOR THE MIND AND HEART

[Meditation: American Psychosis-Chris Hedges](#)

(Shared by Paul Hansen, CSsR)

[A celebration of Canada's Winter traditions](#)

(Shared by Noreen Allossery-Walsh, OSU)

[Spiritual Strength in Turbulent Times](#)

SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS 3pm March 02, 2021

["Always take your camera with you"](#)

(Shared by Jack Lynch, SFM)

[Imagining "Us" in Creation Theology](#)

ELIZABETH JOHNSON, CSJ 3pm March 14, 2021

