



PRAYER REQUESTS



- o For the many, many refugee claimants still waiting for their hearings at the Refugee Court.
- o For newcomers who have completed school and are seeking jobs that will provide a just and decent wage to support their families.
- o For an increased awareness of the urgency of acting to save our mother earth.

Congratulations & Blessings!

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN CANADA appointed a new leadership team for four years:
 Congregation Leader: Margo Ritchie, CSJ
 Assistant Leader: Loretto Manzara, CSJ
 with Sheila Fortune, Helen Russell, Nancy Sullivan as CSJ councillors

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Announced by Pope Francis, it will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, closest to the Feast Day of the Grandparents of Jesus: Saints Joachim and Anne. This July 25 is



marked with the theme "I am with you always". It is a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and youth invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people have a mission of evangelization and prayer with youth.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR
 CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME
 GENERAL CHAPTER JULY 26-AUGUST 14
 "TOGETHER FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD"

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER
 JULY 17-23
 "LONG LOVING LOOK AT
 VISITATION PROVINCE"

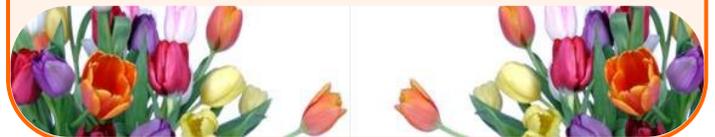


In Solidarity We Celebrate With:
JESUITS

Feast of Ignatius Loyola: July 31

REDEMPTORISTS

Feast of Alphonsus Liguori: August 01



WE REMEMBER
MARY WILLIAM
VERHOEVEN, CPS

who died June 25, 2021 for her supportive presence with Becoming Neighbours.

WE REMEMBER
ANNE O'BRIEN, GSIC

who died June 23, 2021. Anne was prayer partner with Minda and Augustine and Member of Board of Directors.



ENGAGING IN MUTUAL SHARING OF DIVERSITY

ESL MATCHINGS WITH NEWCOMERS:

Since January 2021, we have matched approximately 60 newcomers with 60 volunteers/companions via zoom. The purpose of the matchings is to help the newcomers strengthen their English skills.

A wonderful new community of over 120 people is emerging!

Considerable time has been invested in this venture. Each newcomer is contacted, each companion is contacted and then the initial matching meeting via Zoom with the newcomer, companion and staff person takes place. Once the ESL conversation is undertaken, emerging needs have come to the surface including: the need for affordable housing, dental care, mental health services, requests for furniture/household items,



returning to school, insurance and even more profoundly, news of the refusal of their application to become refugee claimants. In addition, many of the newcomers are essential workers and sadly, have tested positive for COVID-19. The gift of mutual accompaniment and wisdom flows!

"Ring the bells that can still ring, forget your perfect offering.

There is a crack in everything, that's how the LIGHT gets in." (Anthem, Leonard Cohen)

THE MOMENT PROJECT:

Revitalizing our three support groups: Latina Women's Circle, African Women's Group and Arabic Speaking Women's Group, has been a major priority as many newcomers face isolation and disconnection as a result of the pandemic. To do so, we created "The Moment Project". Our hope in doing so was three-fold: create a safe space where the members of each group could connect and share what is happening in their own lives, create a video in which the women of each group would have the opportunity to share their hopes, dreams and prayers for themselves, for their families and for the Earth and to create a recipe book not only with each member's favourite recipe but also with the story behind the recipe.

It truly is "*women meeting women, sister with sister*".

UPDATED CANADIAN OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

*"I swear (or affirm)
That I will be faithful
And bear true allegiance
To her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth the Second
Queen of Canada
Her Heirs and Successors
And that I will faithfully observe
The laws of Canada
Including the Constitution
Which recognizes and affirms
The Aboriginal and treaty rights of
First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples,
And fulfill my duties
As a Canadian Citizen."* (new additions in red)



(Shared by Vanda Zanini)

Recommended Reading



- o "[Canada rejected humanitarian bids to stay in the country at a much higher level during the pandemic. Critics want to know why](#)"
Toronto Star, July 13
- o "[20 years later, lessons on aging from the 'Nun Study' resonate today](#)"
Global Sisters Report, July 12
(Shared by Evanne Hunter, IBVM)
- o "[Luke Stocking: Church's role goes beyond providing aid](#)" Catholic Register, June 27
- o "[Revitalizing languages key to UNDRIP](#)"
Catholic Register, June 05
(Ron MacDonell, SFM is interviewed)

BLESSED AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS



ANN MCGOWAN will assume a newly created position as Assistant to Region Leadership with responsibility for IBVM Ministry. Ann, Founding Director of the Mary Ward Centre, will work with Loretto College Residence, Loretto House, Loretto Maryholme, Mary Ward Centre, the schools and other IBVM networks.

"LOVERS OF TRUTH, DOERS OF JUSTICE"

SARAH RUDOLPH, IBVM will assume the position of Director of Mary Ward Centre. There Sarah will collaborate with KATHY MURTHA to ensure that the Centre remains in the forefront of the quest for *"Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation, raising awareness that leads to action and empowering agents of change"*.



Sarah is the Becoming Neighbours prayer partner with Christina.



On Nov. 28, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Father IVAN CAMILLERI Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop Camilleri, with responsibility for the Western Region, which includes 72 parishes in the western part of the City of Toronto and the Peel-Dufferin Municipality will also be the Vicar for Religious and Liaison for Liturgy.



NIKITA AND KEN VAZ

ONE OF THE FINEST, KEN, AND NOW TWO OF THE BEST, NIKITA AND KEN made their life commitment to each other and to God on May 29, 2021. As you may remember, Ken worked with us for eight years, then as office manager with Canadian Jesuits International and now works in administration with Metrolinx. Nikita is a nurse with Toronto Public Health. Footprints of Ken's spirit continue to mark the ministry of Becoming Neighbours. Nikita and Ken, we pray that the joy of your wedding day will mark your hearts every day in your life together.

INVITATION: WEEKLY MORNING SMILES



Every week Redemptorist Story-teller Br. Raymond Pierce sends Family Friendly humorous stories to 583 people in 14 Countries. These stories may well bring some Joy and Laughter to your day.

If you would like to receive weekly morning smiles, email Raymond at raymondcssr@gmail.com

GRATITUDE TO MONICA LAMBTON

Members of the CND Visitation Province expressed gratitude to Monica for her 15 years of commitment and inspirational leadership as coordinator of their JPIC Ministry. So too do all of networks including ourselves express gratitude to Monica.



... "to be" is "to be with." ... Since being is existence towards another, being is relational and exists for the sake of giving for it is in giving that I am myself ... Being is first a "we" before it can become an "I."

(Ilia Delio, The Unbearable Wholeness of Being, p. 45)

REFUGEE TEAM TO COMPETE IN TOKYO OLYMPICS



29 athletes, 19 men and 10 women (pictured), will make up the Refugee Olympic Team that will compete in Tokyo under the flag of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

It is "a message of hope" to the world, said IOC President Thomas Bach, and a way to "raise awareness through sport of the plight of over 80 million displaced people worldwide." The athletes were selected from a group of 56 young men and women from 13 different countries, who could train thanks to the scholarships provided under the "Olympic Solidarity" program in 12 different disciplines: athletics, badminton, boxing, canoeing, cycling, judo, karate, taekwondo, shooting, swimming, weightlifting, and wrestling.

[Click here](#) to read more.

JULY 30 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Theme: "Victims' Voices Lead the Way"

There are many ways that you can help fight the horrific global problem of human trafficking, a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. An [estimated](#) 40.3 million people—primarily women and girls—are currently being trafficked and exploited for profit. As Pope Francis [urges](#), our aim should be "for every enslaved person to return to being a free agent of his or her own life and to take an active part in the construction of the common good." Learn more [here](#).



WHAT CAN WE DO?



[Stay informed](#) and support organizations like [Talitha Kum](#), a worldwide network of consecrated religious committed against trafficking who have presented three "causes and vulnerabilities that contribute to human trafficking": **1)** unequal power structure in society, especially related to women, children, and indigenous; **2)** inadequate migration policies that leave people vulnerable in an increasingly interconnected world;

3) an economic model that exploits human and environmental resources for the profit of the few in contrast with the exploitation of the many.

SUGGESTED STEPS OF ACTION:

- 1) PRAY** without ceasing; [click here](#) **2) READ** "[Human Trafficking and COVID-19 in Marginalized Communities](#)" and [click here](#) for efforts being made to prevent human trafficking from worsening during the pandemic **3) ADVOCATE** for [missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls](#).
- 4) RESOURCES** "[Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#)" "[Smuggling of Migrants](#)"