

Greetings dear friends of Becoming Neighbours,

**"OUR SISTER EARTH, ALONG WITH ALL THE ABANDONED OF OUR WORLD,
CRIES OUT AND PLEADS THAT WE TAKE ANOTHER COURSE" (LAUDATO SI' #53)**

With all of the natural disasters and destruction our earth is experiencing, the suffering throughout the global community, the unbridled political rhetoric creating and fostering a culture of fear towards refugees and the unwarranted and unexpected violence in our cities, many of us feel compelled to enter into a contemplative stance to discern what is happening in our own hearts and in our world. There is a growing consciousness that we are at a significant crossroads in which we are being called to witness and to share what it means to be communities of love, peace and inclusion, as some would say, "to be prophets of communion". This, too, is the founding vision of Becoming Neighbours, a Joint Apostolic Ministry where together with refugees, women and men religious and their associates and friends, we strive to collaborate to build and strengthen a community of love, peace and inclusion where the dignity of all is realized.

It has been our experience that sometimes when we find ourselves at significant crossroads, aids for discernment are helpful. It is in this spirit that we are pleased to offer to you:

○ Catholic Social Teaching and the 2021 Federal Election

Special thanks to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Toronto for preparing this rich aid for discernment. Each section is broken down into four parts: the issue, our social teaching tells us, facts and then questions for federal candidates. We especially want to highlight the section on "newcomers" and "the environment". Catholic Charities has indicated that you are more than welcome to share this resource with your own network of contacts. We hope that it will aid you in your discernment to vote for a candidate who will join with us to build and strengthen a Canadian community of love, peace and inclusion where the dignity of all is realized.



- Three religious congregations are meeting to determine how to best focus their spirituality and charism to address the questions that many Canadians are facing. We invite you to join with us to hold them in prayer during their assemblies:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR ASSEMBLIES/CHAPTERS

SPIRITANS SEPT. 13-17

REDEMPTORIST PROVINCE OCT. 04-08

URSULINES OF CHATHAM NOV. 01-06



May we give the Spirit room to transform us
so that together we may be instruments of God's **LOVE**, **PEACE**, and **INCLUSION**
with and for others and for our earth ---

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