



### Prayer for Afghanistan



For those who are fleeing: **SANCTUARY**

For those who are staying: **SAFETY**

For those who are fighting: **PEACE**

For those whose hearts are breaking: **COMFORT**

And for those who see no future: **HOPE**

(Poor Clares Galway)

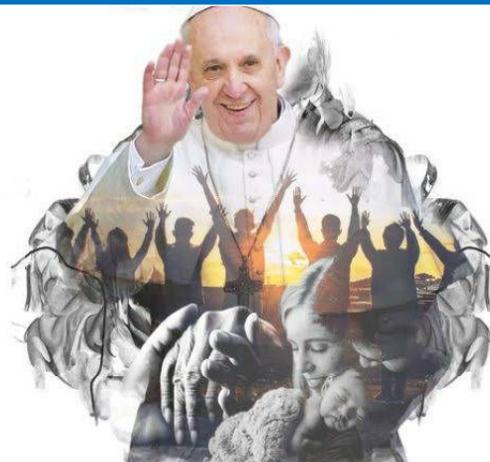
### Season of Creation Sept 01-Oct 04



Christians across denominations and around the world are invited to Pray and Care for Creation. It is a time to reflect on God's presence in all of creation and to renew our commitment to solidarity with earth and all creatures. Theme: **"Restoring our Common Home"**. Let us enter with the spirit of *Laudato Si'*: *"Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity"* (240).

#### RESOURCES:

- o [Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
- o ["What it means to live out Laudato Si'"](#)
- o [2021 Prayer Service](#)
- o ["A World of Gratitude"](#)
- o [2021 Celebration Guide](#)



107 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

**"Towards an ever wider we"**

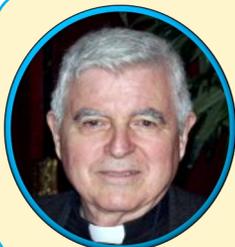
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**Welcoming, protecting, promoting and  
integrating internally displaced persons"**

### Congratulations & Blessings!

CONGREGATION OF NOTRE-DAME elected a new General Leadership Team for five years:  
Congregation Leader: Ona Bessette, CND  
Assistant Leader: Ercilia Ferrera Erazo, CND  
with Sophie Mbougoum, Yoko Ikeda and Marijke Gerretsen as CND councillors



WE REMEMBER  
VINCE HEFFERNAN, SFM

who died August 13, 2021.  
Vince was prayer partner  
with Isabel.

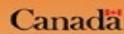


WE REMEMBER  
GERRY FITZGERALD, CSSp

who died September 04, 2021.  
Gerry was prayer partner  
with Deka.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



In June, the Canadian federal government passed legislation to mark September 30, 2021 as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to 'recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools.' Since 2013, Canadians observed September 30 as Orange Shirt Day to recognize the colonial legacy of residential schools and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. This date was chosen because it was the time of year when Indigenous children were removed from their families and forced to attend residential schools.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

TAKE ACTION: ON SEPT 21, PEACE DAY  
MAKE PLANS TO PRAY FOR PEACE



*“Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world”*

celebrating the 73rd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among nations.

*“It is time all nations and all people recognize the inherent dignity and equal inalienable rights of all members of the human race”*

U.N. Secretary General António Guterres:  
[United Nations International Day of Peace](#)

## CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION

For Heaven's Sake,  
**Vote!**

Your guide: Catholic Social Teaching  
and the Federal Election

CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
[Click Here](#)



Take this opportunity to make **PEACE** in your own relationships and impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind and to our Earth!

## WORLD CLEANUP DAY: SEPTEMBER 18



Volunteers worldwide gather to rid our planet of trash - cleaning up litter and mismanaged waste from our beaches, rivers, forests, and streets. A powerful 'green wave' of cleanups will start in New Zealand and end 36 hours later in Hawaii.

[Click here.](#)

Established in 1993, clean up the world weekend is a non-government apolitical event encouraging local communities to carry out activities to address local environmental issues.

What could you/we do? What will you/we do to help clean up the world?

# WITNESSING HUMAN DIGNITY

## † FRANCISCO RICO-MARTINEZ

It is with deep sadness yet believing in the resurrection that we share the news of the death of FRANCISCO RICO-MARTINEZ, co-director with Loly Rico of the FCJ Refugee Centre, on August 13.

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1)

Francisco's presence seemed to be like that of the prophet Moses, leading the uprooted people and urging people like you and I to join with him in this journey to the promise of a new land, a land where the dignity, safety and wellbeing of all would be realized.

With Francisco, the saying "you can take the man out of El Salvador, but you cannot take El Salvador out of the man" rings incredibly true.

He was a caring compassionate ally, friend, colleague, untiring advocate for justice for all, a champion, a cheerleader, a passionate public speaker, educator par excellence, disturber of the comfortable and comfort to those disturbed. He was an extraordinary celebrator of life, community builder, networker, mentor, all for the common good, locally, nationally and internationally. No task was too small or too mundane for Francisco to undertake if it meant the dignity of one more person could be realized.

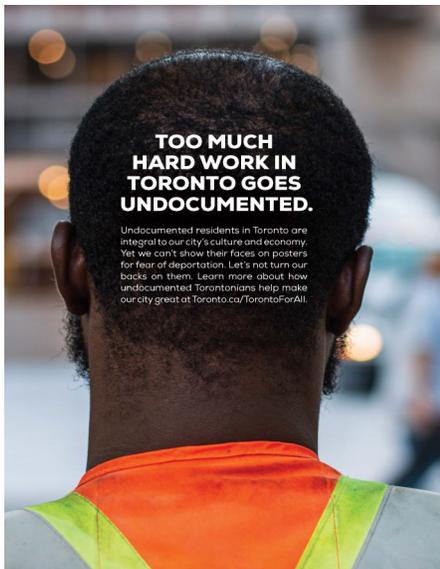
We mourn Francisco's death, we celebrate his life and we receive the torch of his heart.

Please hold Loly, his children, grandchildren, the whole FCJ Refugee Centre community and Sr. Lois and the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus, with whom Francisco and Loly are companions in your heart.

Can't you just see Francisco joining with Oscar Romero and timidly yet boldly announcing "**presente**".



## TORONTO FOR ALL: AUGUST 24 UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS DAY



Mayor of Toronto, John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, has proclaimed August 24, 2021 as Undocumented Residents Day in the City of Toronto. "Whereas thousands of undocumented residents living in Toronto make important contributions to our city, with many experiencing tremendous hardships while living in fear due to their lack of immigration status.

Undocumented residents are an important part of our city. While that reality is often unknown to us, these fellow residents are our neighbours, frontline workers and contribute to the cultural fabric of our city. As a result of their undocumented status, they often live in fear while being unseen, unheard and unrecognized.

Undocumented residents have language and identification barriers and lack access to safe and secure housing, health care, and education for themselves and their children. The pandemic has only intensified the vast challenges they continue to face."

The City of Toronto has partnered with FCJ Refugee Centre, and other key agencies, to help humanize undocumented citizens

[Click here](#) to learn more.

# POCKETS OF HOPE

## 2021 TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (TCDSB) ALUMNI AWARDS

An advocate for human rights, CHERYL PERERA is the Founder and President of OneChild, the first organization in the world empowering children and youth to combat the sexual exploitation of children through prevention education, advocacy and mobilization, survivor care, and survivor empowerment. Operating in 11 countries, OneChild has been named as one of the Top five Canadian Charities run by Young Professionals.



†DANIELLE MOORE, dedicated environmental advocate, was selected to represent Canada at the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) in Nairobi, Kenya



because of her “out of the box, innovative thinking and leadership”, as described by UN officials. On March 10, 2019, while travelling to UNEA, Danielle was one of the victims who perished on Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302.

## 2021 TCDSB SR. EVANNE HUNTER YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Given annually to exceptional female students in grade 8 or 12 in recognition of leadership qualities

MAKAYLA JOSEPH

(LORETTO COLLEGE SCHOOL)

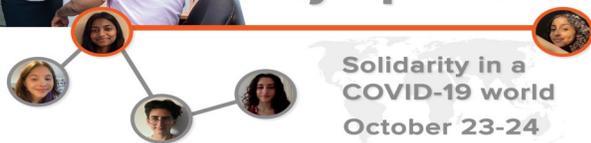
Makayla working with a team, planned and executed a grade nine camp experience and a program for peer tutoring and mentorship of grade nine students. As part of the Black Student Union, she created and implemented activities for Black History Month. She was “Leader of Leaders” for the annual School Board-wide Camp Olympia experience.



VICTORIA M

(ST. LUIGI CATHOLIC SCHOOL)

A committed student and community member, Victoria has led and participated in anti-bullying advocacy initiatives, fundraisers and had been an active member of the “We” Charity. As president of the Leadership Group, she spearheaded an awareness and education initiative about child labour practices around the world which included letter-writing campaigns. Victoria is now a student at St. Mary Catholic Academy.



Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) will hold an online advocacy symposium for secondary and post-secondary students. [Click here](#) to learn more.

(Courtesy of Evanne Hunter, IBVM)

In the struggle, rewards are few.

In fact, I know of only two.

**LOVING FRIENDS AND LIVING DREAMS.**

Such rewards are not so few, it seems.

(Attributed to Latin American liberation struggles)



Photo from the Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Immigrant Affairs Education Annual Report 2014