

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO OUR BECOMING NEIGHBOURS FRIENDS!

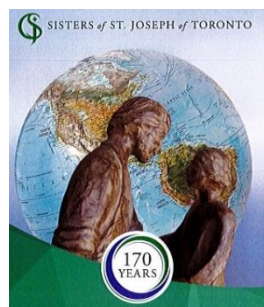


The ministry of Becoming Neighbours is moving in new and different pathways, pathways holding wonderful unforeseen moments of reconnecting with each one of you and with the refugees with whom we are privileged to minister.

We continue to be abundantly blessed with the discovery, over and over again, that there is no distinction between “our dear neighbour”, ourselves, our “common home” and our God.

In this spirit, three important additional moments to share with you:

Commemorating the 170th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto.



 SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH of TORONTO
Eucharistic Celebration
Sunday, October 10, 2021, 2 p.m.

Please click [here](#) to join online.

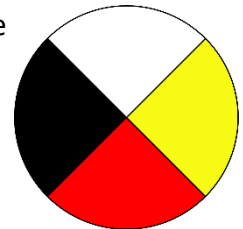
○ **Being in solidarity with the people and the land of Afghanistan**

CBC Reporter Susan Ormiston is presently in Afghanistan and sharing with us the stories of what is happening to its people and land. During these days where we are celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving, it is heart wrenching to receive their stories. Their stories make us even more conscious of what it means to be residents of Canada with our rights and our responsibilities.

[Afghanistan's anguish: Humanitarian crisis looms in wake of Taliban takeover | CBC News](#)

○ **Listening to Indigenous Voices**

We give thanks for the land upon which we walk, live and which we share as guests with all those who inhabit these lands and who have done so for countless millennia. This Thanksgiving we invite you to read the [94 Calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#). Read [Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships](#), Jesuit Forum Social Faith and Justice.



With these moments in mind and heart, we invite you to spend time with the “**Prayer of Thanksgiving**” accompanying this letter.

Together, giving thanks to God for the ABUNDANT blessings that we are receiving and sharing...

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