



*“Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace”*

For 2022 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis calls us to “... walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. May more and more women and men strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, **TO BE ARTISANS OF PEACE.**”

[Click here](#) for Pope Francis’ full 2022 message

*“Moreover, this Child, Jesus, was born “to us”: an “us” without any borders, privileges or exclusions”*

*Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi 25.12.2020  
(Shared by Michael Brehl CSsR)*

**IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:**



**Loretto Sisters (IBVM)**

Mary, Mother of God  
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

**Basilian Fathers**

Basilian Founding Day (Jan. 02)

**Faithful Companions of Jesus**

FCJ Name Day (Jan. 03)

**Sisters of Charity of Halifax**

Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

**Congregation of Notre Dame**

Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)



**NO ROOM IN THE INN...**

**MONTHLY SHELTER ALLOWANCE  
ON ONTARIO WORKS SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Family Size	Maximum Shelter Allowance / Month
1	\$390
2	\$642
3	\$697
4	\$756
5	\$815
6 or more	\$844

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*We are here to pray for you!*



- o For gratitude to God for the acceptance of TERESA, companion KATHRYN TUCKER-SMITH, for KEYDY, ANDREY and AURA, companions MATTHEW WANG, LUKAS CASTA, NOEL BUSTILLOS, CSsR and TRICIA RANKIN, both as refugee claimants
- o For gratitude to God for WILLY, companions TINA NEVES, FMM and JEAN FRANCKY GUERRIER, SJ and SULIMAN, companion RAYMOND PIERCE, CSsR, both became Canadian Citizens.

MARY JANE LEONARD, CND AND  
FRANCES BRADY, OLM



In solidarity and hope, Frances and Mary Jane, companions and members of the BN Board of Directors, creatively, lovingly and patiently welcome

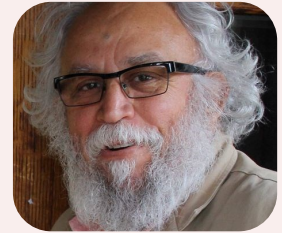
Presentation Manor residents and staff to receive the gift of donations for the body and the heart.

*In gratitude, Mary Jane and Frances ,  
for your total availability to the moment!*

LIVES LIVED: †FRANCISCO RICO MARTINEZ

[Beautiful and profound tribute](#) written by his compadre, JOE GUNN.

*In gratitude to Francisco for his persistent and passionate pursuit of God's justice for all!*



**BLESSED AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS**

JENN MCINTYRE, Director for the last seven years, will leave Romero House in January 2022. An activist and an advocate, Jenn collaborated in partnership with BN and other NGOs to help create vibrant communities of newcomers.



RODGER BOSCH/  
AFP VIA GETTY

*"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you ... are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."*

- †DESMOND TUTU

*(Shared by Roma de Robertis, SCIC)*

**CONGRATULATIONS, PADRY!**



Padry has accepted a sports scholarship to join Hastings College Football in Nebraska, USA.

**CELEBRATING EMMANUEL: "GOD WITH US"**

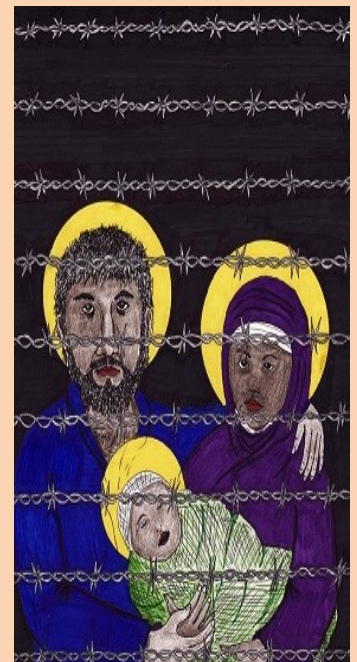


*"Into his world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited.*

*But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet must be in it, His place is with those others for whom there is no room.*

*His place is with those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, who are tortured, bombed- exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD."*

*-(Thomas Merton)*



# Recommended

## To be in solidarity

•With the **SISTERS OF SERVICE** on Aug. 15, 2022 celebrating 100 years of life and ministry.



•With the **CONGREGATION OF ST. BASIL** on Nov. 21, 2022 celebrating 200 years of life and ministry.

•With the **LORETTO SISTERS** on Sept. 16, 2022 celebrating 175 years of life and ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



## To View/Attend

### ENGAGING THE LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM

From 8-10am ET January 14, 2022

Messages from the Co-Presidents of the JPIC  
USG-UISG, NOELLE CORSCADDEN, IBVM and  
PAULUS BUDI KLEDEN, SVD

[Click here](#) for the flyer and [here](#) to register.

### BAND-AID ON A BULLET WOUND

work permits for employer-tied migrant workers  
facing workplace abuse.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

(Study financed by Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto).

### IMMIGRATION STORY EXHIBIT

Immigrant experience in words and pictures:  
40+ stories about members of our community who  
immigrated to Canada.

[Click here](#) to view all stories.

### SYRIAN REFUGEES WHO NOW CALL CANADA HOME LOOK TO HELP AFGHAN NEWCOMERS

[Click here](#) to read  
full article



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## To Read

### RON ROLHEISER'S TOP BOOKS FOR 2021

**"Dorothy Day, On Pilgrimage, The Sixties"**  
**ROBERT ELLSBERG**

"Chronicle of faith and action through  
a decade of protest, idealism, and change"

**"Elderhood, Redefining Aging, Transforming  
Medicine, Reimagining Life"** **LOUISE ARONSON**

"... challenges our health care system towards a  
deeper compassion and each of us towards  
a better understanding of aging."

**"Payback"** **MARY GORDON**

"... the cancer we call revenge and consequences  
we pay for confusing catharsis with closure."

**"Miss Garnet's Angel"** **SALLEY VICKERS**

"...miracles", not the kind where you walk on water,  
but the kind that is just as real, more meaningful,  
more hidden within our normal lives."

**SOCIAL JUSTICE  
RESOURCE CENTER**  
*"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied."*

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- ["Pope Francis urges attack on causes of migration"](#)
- ["The migrant worker floodgates have opened. It's a decision we might come to regret"](#)
- ["Migration and the 2030 Agenda: A Guide for Practitioners"](#)
- ["Who do we choose to be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership, Restoring Sanity"](#) Margaret Wheatley  
(Choice of Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ)
- ["Ten things Pope Francis and Catholic social teaching taught me about the economy"](#)

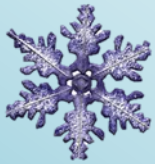
# 'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

*(Tips for a heart conversation with yourself and/or with a newcomer)*

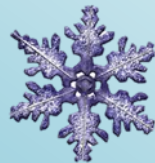


**Pause for Thought.** As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

**What are you most grateful for in 2021?** What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.



**Create a record.** Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.



**BLESSED**

**NEW**

**YEAR**



[Crossing Borders](#), a new podcast from HIAS, takes you inside the experience of being a refugee.

Let us make **2022** a time when our dreams for a more **JUST WORLD** are realized with our **PRAYER, PRESENCE AND SOLIDARITY.**

