

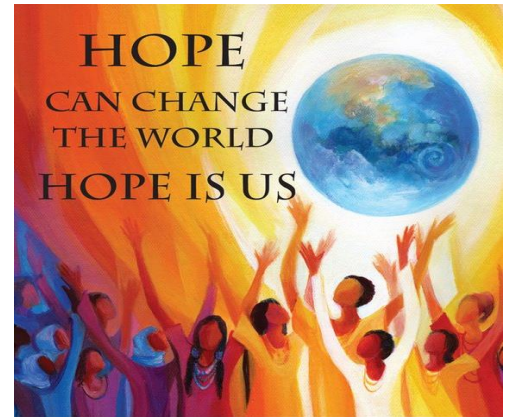


BECOMING NEIGHBOURS, a Joint Apostolic Ministry
"Together in Ministry for a better Toronto"

Greetings to all of our dear Becoming Neighbours friends,

Listening to and receiving the news of how the pandemic is being experienced throughout our world ... being numbed by the heart-wrenching images of what is happening with the people and the land of Ukraine and with it being a painful reminder that this has been and continues to be the reality of all uprooted people... facing the impact of floods, fires and famines throughout "our common home" ... and encountering more and more people just walking the streets feeling disconnected from any sense of community ...

JESUS LOOKS AT US; WE LOOK AT HIM.
WE HOLD THAT GAZE.
AND WE MAKE OUR RESPONSE IN LOVE.



As you know, for all of us connected with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours, the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus is constantly being witnessed in the lives of so many folks whom we accompany and who accompany us in our collective journey. Being witnesses to their strength, resiliency, and profound faith and of mutually accompanying one another, of praying for another, and of carrying one another along, we are grateful that the **Easter Triduum** presents the opportunity to us to express to you as well, our love and gratitude for your loving witness of **PRAYER**, **PRESENCE**, and **SOLIDARITY**.

Echoing the words of Jack Layton, "...love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."

We reaffirm that **"we are an Easter people in a Good Friday world."** (Mary Jo Leddy)

*And so, acutely and painfully aware that all uprooted people are the "Crucified" of today,
let us sit vigil with one another and engage in "remembering,"
making present the Christ who unites us beyond death to NEW LIFE.*

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