



Prayer for Peace for Ukraine

*O Prince of Peace,  
Once more we hear the guns of war,  
Once more we see the faces  
Of frightened children.*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
That they may be granted peace;  
We pray for the people of Russia,  
That they may demand peace;  
We pray for our country,  
That we may be a positive part  
Of peacemaking in this world.*

*O Prince of Peace,  
Lead us from this dark time  
To a deeper understanding  
Of the global human family,  
So all may break bread together  
In the secure embrace of peace. Amen.*

*(Jane Deren "Education for Justice")*

Ukrainian Now

John McCutcheon and Tom Paxton

[Click here](#) to listen

Congratulations & Blessings!



Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto have elected:

GEORGETTE GREGORY, CSJ

as congregational leader with council members:

MARY ANNE MCCARTHY, ANNE MARIE MARRIN

AND PAT BOUCHER.



Becoming Neighbours presents

**TASTE OUR FOOD  
SAVOUR OUR DIVERSITY  
COOKBOOK**

Favourite recipes of members of our  
African Women's Circle, Arabic Speaking  
Women's Group and Latina Women's Circle

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finances@becomingneighbours.ca or via cheque to  
130-61 Fairfax Crescent, Toronto, ON M1J 1Z7

Cookbook will be mailed out as soon as payment is received



**2022 TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD AWARD OF MERIT**

ANNE SCHENK, CSJ held many roles as  
an educator throughout her twenty-  
year career, including Principal at St.  
Joseph Morrow Park. As well, Anne  
incorporated the Furniture Bank in  
1998 to help furnish apartments for  
newcomers. Anne, BN companion with Taira,  
Jaisimha, Olga and prayer partner with Elen,  
was a member of the initial core volunteers.



POSSIBLE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

IF INTERESTED, HAVE YOUTH (AGES 14-18)  
CONTACT THE BECOMING NEIGHBOURS OFFICE

**CAMP MICAH LEADERSHIP FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE**

August 21 – 26 | [Click here](#) to learn more.



Where the sun and kids shine!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### CELEBRATING WITH

St. Jean-Baptiste De la Salle–May 15  
BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

St. Felix of Cantalice – May 18  
FELICIAN SISTERS

Visitation of Mary – May 31  
CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME

Pentecost – June 05  
SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
SPIRITANS



### VIDEO OF MARY WARD FAMILIA



(Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, IBVM  
and HELEN CAMERON, IBVM)

### VOICES FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

THEME: Blessed are the Peacemakers  
7pm Tuesday May 24, 2022 via Zoom

In this time of war, injustice and  
much unrest, this Conference is  
very relevant to all persons of  
faith and beyond.

[Click here](#) to register.

(Shared by MARY-ELLEN FRANCOEUR, SOS)



### CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE (CPJ) BUDGET REPORT 2022

[Budget 2022](#) Prioritizes the Status Quo.

In Canada and across the world we are living with rising costs of living, social and political unrest, and an ever-accelerating climate crisis, all in the midst of an ongoing pandemic. CPJ urged the government to respond to the critical need for well-funded measures to address the structural barriers that divide our society and invest in policies that honour the human rights of millions in Canada.

### UN WORLD REFUGEE DAY JUNE 20

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, we commemorate their strength, courage and perseverance. [PRAYER SERVICE TO FOLLOW.](#)

### LAUDATO SI' WEEK: MAY 22-29

THEME: LISTENING AND JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Seventh anniversary for all of us to unite and to rejoice in the progress that we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life and to commit to further prayer/action for our Common Home. We are called to tackle the climate crisis and to join together in prayer for ecological justice.

Learn more and explore opportunities for engagement here. [Click here](#) to learn more .



Click the image for a video on Laudato Si' week.

SSND Laudato Si' Resources [1&2](#)

[Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### WORLD MIGRATION REPORT 2022

“Reveals a dramatic increase in internal displacement due to disasters, conflict and violence at a time when global mobility ground to a halt due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.”

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



### *CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE (CPJ) SEEKING JUSTICE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS*

May 25-27, 2022 (online)

This virtual conference will create a space for people who share CPJ's vision of a just/sustainable society to engage in brave, respectful, and impactful listening and learning about how we can seek justice within our institutions to honour the rights and dignity of all people, and promote the flourishing of all creation.



[Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

### DO NO HARM

VARKA KALAYDZHIEVA & LEAH WATKISS

Every Thursday from 2-3pm (ET)  
May 5—June 9, 2022

“To understand and address human trafficking, we must use our critical analysis tools to look past these simplistic approaches and break away from this simple story narrative.”

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.



SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH of TORONTO

### *WAITING TO EXHALE: ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE FOR THE EARTH'S LUNGS*



Canadian  
Jesuits  
International

May 17, 2022

12pm-1:30pm (ET)

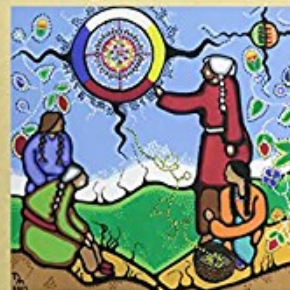
“The Amazon, the Congo Basin, and the Boreal Forest are often described as the planet's lungs -- these regions absorb enormous amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and breathe out oxygen. Their protection is crucial in mitigating climate change.”

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

## Recommended Reading

- o [“The rare convergence of Ramadan, Passover and Easter recalls a shared religious journey”](#)  
(Shared by BARBARA POPEL)
- o [“American hearts bleed for Ukrainians. But Latin Americans? Meh.”](#)
- o [“Loretto College Ukraine donation aims to make a difference”](#)

## Listening to Indigenous Voices



A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships

JESUIT FORUM FOR SOCIAL FAITH AND JUSTICE

All who are committed to the healing and strengthening of relations and the pursuit of a just and peaceful society will benefit from this guide for constructive dialogue.  
—Attractione Doreen B. Bouché, Archdiocese of Regina, Saskatchewan

Explores Indigenous worldviews, examines the history of colonization, and concludes with sessions on righting relationships, decolonization, and indigenization.

[Click here](#) to order

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BECOMING NEIGHBOURS, a JOINT APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Prayer, presentations, mingling together via Zoom and celebrating our collaboration in responding to the unmet needs of refugees marked the Becoming Neighbours Fifteenth Annual General Meeting held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 via Zoom in Toronto. As of February 01, 2022 there are now 290 newcomers matched with companions and 249 prayer partners matched with newcomers.

### Presentations of Field Placement Experiences

Raghida Mallah, Mahmoud Alkoud, Angelica Lozada and Kayla Klanreungsang joined us to share their experience of being engaged with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours.



### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2022-2023):

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### 2022 MARGARET MYATT, CSJ RECOGNITION AWARD

MARY JANE LEONARD, CND, MARK MILLER, CSsR and FRANCES BRADY, OLM, are the recipients of the 2022 Annual Margaret Myatt, CSJ Recognition Award.

