



WALKING TOGETHER

POPE FRANCIS CANADA
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JULY 18 NELSON MANDELA DAY

“It is easy to break down and destroy.
The heroes are those who make peace and build”
(NELSON MANDELA)



Women and Girls and Climate Change

Women often suffer the worst consequences of climate change as they comprise 80% of people displaced due to the changing climate, putting them at a greater risk of threats such as domestic violence, early or forced marriage, trafficking, and other forms of sexual violence.

“Unless we move from rhetoric to concrete action -- immediately -- the lives, safety and dignity of millions of women and girls will continue to hang in the balance.”

UN Human Rights Chief MICHELLE BACHELET

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WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Announced by Pope Francis, it will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, closest to Feast Day of Grandparents of Jesus: Saints Joachim and Anne.



Theme: *“In old age they will still*

bear fruit” is a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are youth invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people have a mission of evangelization and prayer with youth.



Click on the picture or [here](#) to watch.
(Shared by JACK LYNCH, SFM)

“When you are old, you are no longer in control of your body. One has to learn to choose what to do and what not to do. The vigour of the body fails and abandons us, even though our heart does not stop yearning. One must then learn to purify desire: be patient, choose what to ask of the body and of life. When we are old, we cannot do the same things we did when we were young: the body has another pace, and we must listen to the body and accept its limits. We all have them. I, too, have to use a walking stick now.” POPE FRANCIS

(Shared by LYNN CIRA, IBVM)

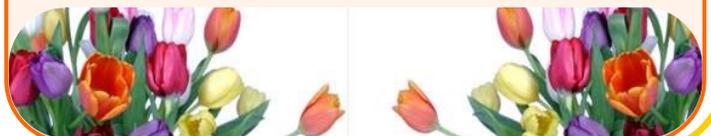
In Solidarity We Celebrate With:

JESUITS

Feast of Ignatius Loyola: July 31

REDEMPTORISTS

Feast of Alphonsus Liguori: August 01



POCKETS OF HOPE

Highly Recommended

- o [“Why ‘vote them off the island’ should be left to reality TV, not refugee policy”](#)
- o [“U.S. VP touts \\$3.2 bln investment aimed at stemming Central America migration”](#)
- o [“Bilingual book project explores the timely—and timeless—topics of migration, immigration, poverty and hope”](#)
- o [“Quebec’s Roxham Road on track to see record number of asylum seekers — but they face despair in post-pandemic Canada”](#)
 - o [“2022 Summer Reading Guide”](#)
- o [“Joe Biden will award Simone Campbell, the Presidential Medal of Freedom”](#)
- o [“A developer is using B.C. buildings slated for redevelopment to house refugee claimants — a program a Toronto advocate wants replicated here”](#)

Congratulations & Blessings!

“I recently started a position as a Family Support Worker at Good Shepherd in Hamilton. It's quite a feeling of having come full circle. My family and I arrived at a family shelter almost 11 years ago



and now I will be helping those newcomer families as well as families experiencing homelessness. I wanted to share this with you since Becoming Neighbours were such a big part of my family and I getting settled in Canada. I'm really happy to start helping people as I plan on doing a lot more in the future. This feels like the right next step of a lot more to come.”

ALEJANDRO VASQUEZ

(family prayer partner FLAVIE BEAUDET, SCJ (A))



BERNADETTE O'REILLY and MARGARET HUGHES of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion have been nominated to become members of the Order of Canada for their ministry with Indigenous Peoples in Winnipeg. The Order of Canada is Canada's highest civilian honour. It recognizes exemplary achievement and service to Canada. For over 40 years they were actively involved in Rossbrook House, a neighbourhood drop-in centre for children and youth. Bernadette served as Co-Director; Margaret (Margie) taught at its Indigenous Alternative Schools.



**“UNLESS YOU HAVE SUFFERED AND WEPT,
YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT COMPASSION IS,
NOR CAN YOU GIVE COMFORT TO SOMEONE WHO IS SUFFERING.
IF YOU HAVEN'T CRIED, YOU CAN'T DRY ANOTHER'S EYES.
UNLESS YOU'VE WALKED IN DARKNESS, YOU CAN'T HELP WANDERERS FIND THE WAY.
UNLESS YOU'VE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF MENACING DEATH
AND FELT ITS HOT BREATH, YOU CAN'T HELP ANOTHER RISE FROM THE DEAD
AND TASTE ANEW THE JOY OF BEING ALIVE.”**

TAKASHI NAGI (1908-1951), Japanese scientist and pioneer in radiology, contracted leukemia from exposure to radiation in 1945. As an apostle of peace and reconciliation, he worked in a Nagasaki hospital only a few hundred yards from ground zero of the nuclear bomb blast in 1945.

(Shared by DAVID SCHIMMEL)

“We should never forget that migrants are not just numbers, but our sisters and brothers who cannot be left behind.”

Addressing the 50th Session of the Human Rights Council, Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu expresses the Holy See’s concern over growing pushback practices in several countries. (Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, IBVM)



International REFUGEE DAY



Migration is a “source of prosperity, innovation and sustainable development in the globalized world, and that these positive impacts can be optimized by improving migration governance” (Global Compact for Migration, 2018).

- Globally, 70.8 million people have fled armed conflict and persecution.
- The number of refugees has topped 25.9 million.
- 85% of the world’s refugees are hosted in developing countries.
- 60% of refugees are children.
- Canada hosts 1,088,015 refugees. As of March 2022 23,870 had claimed refugee status, and 25,490 refugees were permanent residents.
- Migrants living in irregular situations are vulnerable to discrimination, marginalization and exploitation.

JULY 30 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Theme: “Use and Abuse of Technology”

There are many ways that you can help fight the horrific global problem of human trafficking, a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. An estimated 40.3 million people—primarily women and girls—are currently being trafficked and exploited for profit. As Pope Francis [urges](#), our aim should be “for every enslaved person to return to being a free agent of his or her own life and to take an active part in the construction of the common good.” Learn more [here](#). [Enough is enough](#)



WHAT CAN WE DO?



[Stay informed](#) and support organizations like [Talitha Kum](#), a worldwide network of consecrated religious committed against trafficking who have presented three "causes and vulnerabilities that contribute to human trafficking": **1)** unequal power structure in society, especially related to women, children, and indigenous; **2)** inadequate migration policies that leave people vulnerable in an increasingly interconnected world; **3)** an economic model that exploits human and environmental resources for the profit of the few in contrast with the exploitation of the many.

SUGGESTED STEPS OF ACTION:

- 1) **PRAY** without ceasing; [click here](#) **2) READ** "[Human Trafficking and COVID-19 in Marginalized Communities](#)" **3) ADVOCATE** for [missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls](#).
- 4) **RESOURCES** "2020 [Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#)" "[Teacher’s Guide to Human Trafficking](#)" "[Stop Trafficking– Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter](#)"