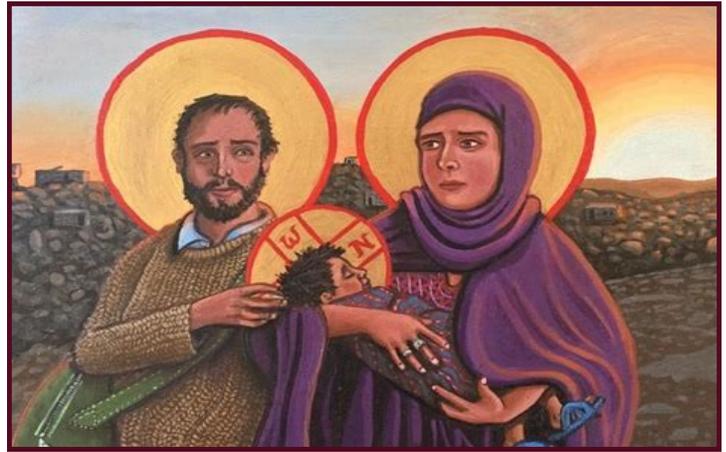




Catholic Climate Covenant

- 1) **Create a Reverse Advent Calendar:**  
Each day of Advent identify a personal belonging to give away. See more [here](#).
- 2) **Commit a time each day to pray:**  
Connect the weekly Scriptures with the cries of the earth and of the poor, using resources [here](#).
- 3) **Give to a Charity on someone's behalf**
- 4) **Practise the Advent pause:**  
Through [contemplative practice](#) be aware of the internal energy to have more than necessary.
- 5) **Give a Gift Packed with Meaning**
- 6) **Give the Gift of Time**
- 7) **Opt for "Less is More" Decorations:**  
Use natural greenery from local evergreens
- 8) **Save Paper:** by reusing different types of paper.
- 9) **Prepare Sustainable Meals:** Use seasonal locally grown and organic foods as possible.

[Click here](#) for more.



HARRISON, student at Upper Canada College (UCC), aided by staff TRICIA RANKIN (Loretto Associate), chose Becoming Neighbours as the site of his personal project to

bake and sell nutritious and delicious baked goods at the UCC Festive Marketplace. It was an opportunity for folks to enjoy homemade croissants, be a UCC community builder and be co-responsible with all.

Thanks, Harrison, for being a light in the darkness!



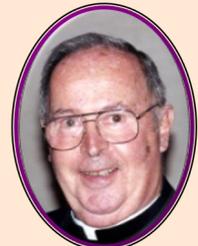
**WE REMEMBER**  
MARY IRENE RAJCA, CSSF  
who died Nov. 21, 2022  
was prayer partner with Anton.

**POSADAS 2022 December 16-24**  
**Holy Families on the Journey of Hope**  
A daily virtual experience of music, art, prayer, reflection, and action as we journey with the Holy Family and migrants around the world. [Click here](#)



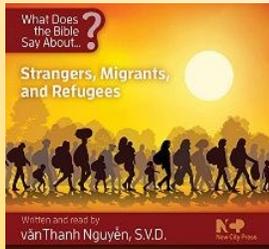
**WE REMEMBER**  
ELAINE MACINNES, OLM  
who died Nov. 29, 2022  
was prayer partner with Jeny.

**WE REMEMBER**  
TOM O'TOOLE, SFM  
who died Nov. 18, 2022  
for his supportive presence  
with refugees



## SEE, JUDGE, ACT

### Chicago Theological Union Spring Course: *Strangers, Migrants, and Refugees* Professor **vănThanh Nguyễn, SVD**



Strangers, Migrants and Refugees in Scripture and with effective pastoral responses.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Recommended Reading



- o [“Pope: ‘Every time a woman comes in to do a job in the Vatican, things get better’”](#)
- o [“Sisters urge leaders at UN summits to listen to the margins amid climate crisis”](#)
- o [“Ontario needs to get out of the immigration detention business”](#)



Tale of immigrants who became irreplaceable players in pop culture’s mainstream and found in Christmas the perfect holiday in which to imagine a better world and, for at least one day a year, made us believe in it.

[Click here](#) to watch the trailer and [click here](#) to watch the full film.

(Shared by TOM ROSICA, CSB)



- o [Catholic Legal Immigration Network \(CLINIC\) Advent Reflection Guide 2022](#)
- o [Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Advent Guide 2022: Living Gospel Nonviolence](#)
- o [Pax Christi USA Online Advent Retreat “Birthing the Peace of Christ “](#)
- o [“Global Sisters Report Call To Renewal 2022 Advent E-Book”](#)

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FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

Visit at G-21 (Saint Paul University)  
223 Main Street, Ottawa or contact Genevieve  
at [ggallant@socecojustice.org](mailto:ggallant@socecojustice.org).



*“Centering Immigrants in our Christian Response to Migration.”*

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## PETITIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

### TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS



JPIC Office Sisters of St. Joseph Toronto invite you to [sign the petition](#) which demands that migrant workers should be able to change employers, just as all other workers in Canada are free to do.



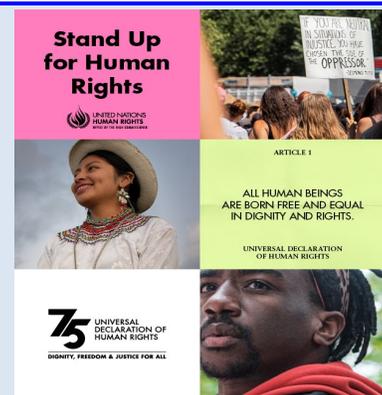
Support a program through which all undocumented people can apply for permanent residency.

Add your name to [www.StatusForAll.ca](http://www.StatusForAll.ca), an email will be sent to all Cabinet Ministers.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022: Human Rights Day

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)* will be celebrated on December 10, 2023. Starting on this year's Human Rights Day, December 10, 2022, the UN will launch a year-long campaign to showcase the UDHR by focusing on its legacy, relevance, and activism. According to UN personnel, "we need all hands-on deck" in order to achieve dignity, justice and freedom for all. [Learn more](#), [get inspired](#), [take action](#).

Also consider participating in Amnesty International's [Write for Rights campaign](#).



*"Teach us ... to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light"* (Laudato Si' 246)

## Sunday December 18, 2022: International Migrants Day



Since 2000, the United Nations has recognized December 18 as International Migrants Day. It is a day to uphold our brothers and sisters who choose or are forced to migrate due to economic, environmental or social strife. There are an estimated 281 million, or 3.6% of the global population, living in a country other than their country of birth. See the [2022 UN's interactive migration report](#).

During the Advent Season, we remember that the Holy Family was a migrant family – on the move to Bethlehem and then to Egypt to escape Herod's threat to kill the newborn Jesus. What are our attitudes towards strangers seeking to live among us? As Christians, we are called to welcome the stranger, and when we do so, we welcome God in person. In doing this, we will be made richer through their gifts of culture, skill, energy, and faith.

Like migrants around the world, we too, are on a journey with God. Let us accompany one another, like the biblical innkeeper who assisted the Holy Family, offering help and refuge to those in need.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUAL/COMMUNITY REFLECTION TO FOLLOW

*"There are many ways by which states can regulate the migration process; but only one way to treat migrants: and that is with decency"*  
(Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Teodoro L. Locsin Jr.)

## SHINE A BLUE LIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Many Canadian landmarks will shine bright **BLUE** across Canada on December 10, 2022 to celebrate International Human Rights Day. [Click here](#) for a Prayer about Human Rights.



**JOIN IN SOLIDARITY,  
WEAR BLUE TODAY!**

## INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY



**DECEMBER 20, 2022**