



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA,
pray for victims and survivors
of human trafficking and slavery

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**
Thursday February 02, 2023
(Prayer Service will be sent)



IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



SISTERS OF SION
Feast Day (January 20)
IBVM (Loretto Sisters)
Ven. Mary Ward (January 23)
[Click here](#) for livestream Mass
URSULINES OF CHATHAM
St. Angela (January 27)
SPIRITANS
Francis Libermann (February 02)

WARD OFF THE COLD INITIATIVE



LORETTO ABBEY students filled 30 backpacks with warm clothing (jackets, sweaters, pants, shirts, gloves, hats, and socks, foot warmers), and a hearty packed lunch. Individual messages of love were added to the bags to warm hearts.

Recognizing that close to 40% of residents of shelters in Toronto are refugees, Becoming Neighbours provided items for the backpacks.

(Shared by EVANNE HUNTER, IBVM)

TASTE OUR FOOD SAVOUR OUR DIVERSITY

Considerable collaborative energy has been spent creating our Becoming Neighbours cookbook of favourite recipes with the beautiful story behind the recipe of the members of the Arabic Speaking Women's Group Latina Women's Circle & African Women's Group. We look forward to offering you the opportunity to "taste our food and savour our diversity".



A beautiful Valentine's Day gift and only \$25!!

HURRY, ONLY 30 COPIES LEFT!!

Payment options (includes shipping):
E-transfer to finances@becomingneighbours.ca
OR cheque to Becoming Neighbours
130-61 Fairfax Crescent, Toronto, ON M1L 1Z7



International Day of Prayer and
Awareness Against Human Trafficking
A Light against Trafficking

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY
8th, 2023**

From **9,30am**
to **4,30pm**
(cet time zone)

Online Pilgrimage
of **Prayer**
and **Awareness**
Against **Human**
Trafficking

**JOURNEYING
IN DIGNITY**

livestreaming on
www.prayagainstrafficking.net

English
preghieracontrotratta.org/yt/en

#prayAgainstTrafficking

“The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking 2023 brings into the spotlight one of the main causes of human trafficking: the dominant economic model of our time, whose limits and contradictions are exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Human trafficking is an integral part of “this economy”. Victims of trafficking are as “commodities” falling into the mechanisms of a globalization ruled by financial speculation and competition spurred by below-cost pricing. Hence the need for a “structural and global” perspective of human trafficking so as to dismantle those wicked mechanisms that fuel the supply and demand of “people to exploit”, because the very heart of the economy is sick.” *(Red Franciscana Para Migrantes)*

[Click here](#) for more

Feb 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC

O God, you always hear the cry of your people
and have compassion
for the oppressed and the enslaved.
May they experience the liberation of the cross
and the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray to you for those suffering
the torment of human trafficking.

Transform us by the power of your Spirit,
to be sensitive to the pain of these,
our sisters and brothers.

Committed to overcoming this evil,
give us the courage
to stand up and work for the rights
of our sisters and brothers
who live in slavery and exploitation.

We ask this with the intercession
of St. Josephine Bakhita, in Christ our Lord. AMEN!

(Translated by RON MCDONNELL, SFM)



On Feb 08,
Let's turn on a light
against the trafficking
of persons

**TALITHA
KUM** 
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Click the image above

Join us in a day of prayer and fasting for victims of trafficking and for those who work to combat it.

SOLIDARITY

Recommended Reading



- o [“Canada’s immigration plan should involve more than just big numbers”](#)
- o [“Relax – higher immigration alarmism makes more noise than sense”](#)
- o [“Helping new Canadians succeed”](#)
- o [“Through Red Cross program, lonely and isolated adults connect on the other line”](#)

ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT

A virtual conversation on the Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality: Jan 31 6:30-8:00pm EST

Speakers: SANDY PRATHER, LINDA STAUDT & ARCHBISHOP PAUL-ANDRE DUROCHER

[Click here](#) to register or call 613-623-4242 ext. 21

(Shared by JACK LYNCH, SFM)



Afternoon Retreat for Women Religious

Lunch: 11:30-12:30pm Input: 12:30-4:00pm Feb. 25

Place: Catholic Pastoral Centre (1155 Yonge Street)

Theme: The Gifts of Joy and Laughter

How joy and sorrow are intimately woven together, and how, faced with God’s extravagant love, we are called to give a joyous response.

Facilitator: DOROTHY (DOTSY) SCHWEITZER, CSJ

REGISTER: LCORRIGANCND@YAHOO.CA

HAPPY CANADA FLAG DAY!



National Flag of Canada Day on February 15 celebrates when the red-and-white Maple Leaf Flag was first raised in 1965 at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

JANUARY INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

For Educators

January 2023



We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. (Click on the picture to watch the video)



Ignatian Women for Dignity and Equal Voice

[Click here](#) to read more.

Pictured left to right: LAURENCE LOUBIÈRES, XMCI, ÉLODIE EKOBEA, MARCELLE DEFREITAS, AND JENNY CAFISO

“The top five U.S. Catholic newsmakers of 2022: From activist nun to Supreme Court justice”

NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ,
Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Rio Grande in Texas, has worked tirelessly to assist migrants at the US-Mexico border.



[Click here](#) to read more.

WELCOMING!

“My name is NIDA FE CHAVEZ, CSJ. I was born and grew up in Manila, Philippines. After going through challenges in applying to be an immigrant, I moved to Toronto in March 1988. I owe my acceptance through the sponsorship of distant relatives, who welcomed me into their home; accompanied and guided me in the process of resettling in Toronto. Most importantly, they introduced me to Filipino families and before I knew it, I met new friends. I worked in a bank and worked other part time jobs to sponsor my parents, three brothers, my sister and her husband and three young sons. Our family reunification brought so much gratitude and joy. In 1998, I felt God’s call to religious life and after mutual discernment with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, I entered as a candidate in October 2000. Since then, I have been blessed to be involved in different ministries such as Out of the Cold, drop-in shelter for women, women in a maximum security prison, transitional housing for women and various parish ministries. From June 2014 to June 2022, I was a member of the leadership team of our Congregation.



I heard Pope Francis’ message to religious women and men to serve people who are in the peripheries: refugees, the poor, victims of human trafficking. After prayerful discernment, I feel God is now calling me to serve newcomers at Becoming Neighbours. I surrender to God this new ministry knowing it will be God’s work in the end.”

NIDA WILL BE WITH US MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, SO KEEP HER BUSY!!

BECOMING NEIGHBOURS WELCOMES FIELD PLACEMENTS

MOIRA BANKS-BATTEN

I am currently in my final year at the University of Toronto, majoring in linguistics and religion, as well as minoring in Buddhist psychology and mental health. I hope to further my education at OISE in pursuit of becoming a psychotherapist. My dream is to have my own private practice, where I can incorporate Buddhist philosophy into psychotherapy. I am so excited to be working and learning with the Becoming Neighbours team, and I cannot wait to see what the next four months bring!



SIENA VON ROSEN

Hi! My name is Siena and I am a second year student at the University of Toronto where I major in both Psychology and the Study of Religion. I’ve been connected with Becoming Neighbours by UofT as part of a community-engaged learning class where part of our study is through partnerships with non-profits. I am very excited to engage with the amazing people that make up this group and look forward to the coming months!



PERSONAL CHALLENGE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20 IS FAMILY DAY!



Share with your
Becoming Neighbours
newcomer, members of
your family and your
friends how you deeply
believe in them and how
important each one of
them is to you.

Open Work Permits **NOW**

Discuss strategies and to keep pushing the
campaign forward.

February 21, 2023 at 2pm EST. [Click](#) to register.

5th Annual Scarboro Missions Lecture

**FRASER
CENTRE**
REGIS-ST MICHAEL'S FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Date: Feb. 9, 2023
Time: 7:30-9PM
Location: Regis College
(100 Wellesley Street West)

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife by Guido Reni (1631)



PROF. CYRIL ORJI

(University of Dayton)

**Microaggressions and Racial Subtleties in the
Story of Joseph and Potiphar's Wife (Gen. 39;
Surah 12): Resonances and Applications in a
Contemporary Racial Climate**

IN-PERSON LECTURE WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
ONLINE OPTION AVAILABLE

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

Refugee Claimants & Your Church:

Discovering
Transformative Ways
to Welcome

Sat
11
Feb

9:30am-12:30pm

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

An Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace and Harmony



The Mary Ward Centre | 70 St. Mary Street
Wednesday, February 01, 2023 @ 7pm

[Click here](#) to reserve your free ticket.

NEIGHBORS NOT STRANGERS



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"Neighbours NOT Strangers"

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 14 IS VALENTINE'S DAY!

Challenge yourself to do at least one act of love
in your life, your neighbourhood, your city, your
world. Visit members in the infirmary, write a
note of caring support to your Congregational
Leader, phone a newcomer and offer a listening
heart. Whatever it is, offer your heart to warm
the heart of someone else. Good chance your
own heart ends up singing! Embody hope and
carry healing into the world to one person, one
small action at a time.

BE GOD'S VALENTINE!

(Congregation of St. Joseph – USA)

