



*"No one can be saved alone.
Combatting Covid-19 together,
embarking together on paths of peace "*

For 2023 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis states
*"... The scandal of entire peoples starving remains
an open wound. We also need to develop suitable
policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and
those whom our societies discard."*

We are to be artisans of peace!

[Click here](#) for Pope Francis' full 2023 message

*"Moreover, this Child, Jesus, was born "to us": an
"us" without any borders, privileges or exclusions"*

Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi 25.12.2020
(Shared by MICHAEL BREHL CSsR)

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



Loretto Sisters (IBVM)

Mary, Mother of God
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

Basilian Fathers

Basilian Founding Day (Jan. 02)

Faithful Companions of Jesus

FCJ Name Day (Jan. 03)

Sisters of Charity of Halifax

Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

Congregation of Notre Dame

Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)



Blessings on you and your new home!

In January 2023, the MULEBA family will move to their new home in Gatineau. On November 25, 2017, after nine years apart from his family, they were finally able to join Willy in Canada. Since that time, all four children have graduated high school and are attending university.

Special thanks to the LORETTO SISTERS for offering initial short-term emergency accommodations and to family companions TINA NEVES, FMM, JEAN- FRANCKY GUERRIER, SJ and LINDA GOLLICK. Prayer partners ROSEMARIE DONOVAN, OLM and MARILYN VON ZUBEN, CND.

'Christ Child of the Year' should be the world's refugee children

In 2017, and still today, RON ROLHEISER, OMI poignantly and provocatively challenges us and the world:



"The real Christ is forever seeking a home in a world within which there's no room for him. The Christ-Child can be seen most clearly today in the countless refugee children who, with their families, are being driven from their homes by violence, war, starvation, ethnic cleansing, poverty, tribalism, racism, and religious persecution. They, and their families, best fit the picture of Joseph and Mary, searching for a room, outsiders, powerless, uninvited, no home, no one to take them in, on the periphery, strangers labeled as "aliens".

But they are the present-day Holy Family and their children are the Christ-Child for us and our world."

[Click Here](#) to read the full reflection.



"Catholic nun taught inmates to find freedom through Zen meditation"

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ELAINE MACINNES was a woman of hope and peace and offered this path to others (Citation of Order of Canada).

Elaine who died Nov. 29 was

DEBORAH BAIC/
THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Becoming Neighbours prayer partner with Jeny.

"For Fullan, the vulnerable come first"

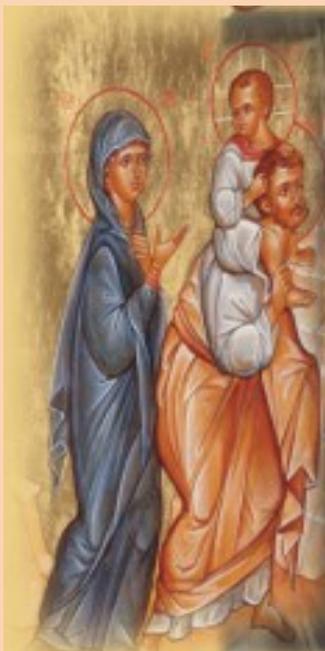
MICHAEL FULLEN has retired as Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto after 29 years of service. His crystal clear focus was on the most vulnerable and marginalized.



We, join with others, in giving thanks to God for Michael's compassionate, caring presence.

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CELEBRATING EMMANUEL: "GOD WITH US"



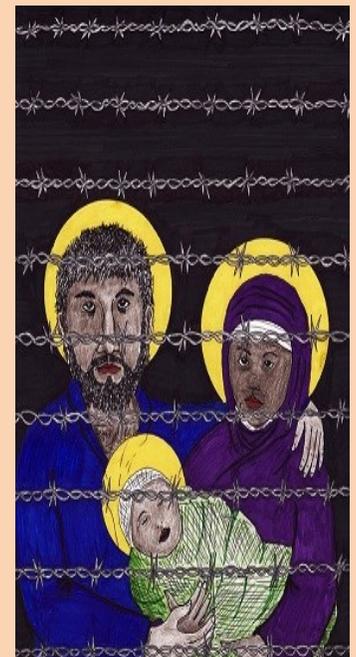
"Into his world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited.

But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, yet must be in it, His place is with those others for whom there is no room.

His place is with those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, who are tortured, bombed- exterminated.

With those for whom there is no room, CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD."

(THOMAS MERTON)



Recommended

To be in solidarity

With the **SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE** celebrating 100 years of life and ministry on May 28, 2023.



With the **REDEMPTORIST PROVINCE OF CANADA**: their Provincial Chapter Jan. 16-20, 2023.

To View/To Be With

CARDINAL CZERNY: CHURCH'S PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR POOR IS NOT IDEOLOGY

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(NETFLIX)

[“The Swimmers’ is a true story of refugee sisters—with more than one hero”](#)

LETTER FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

CHRIST OUR LORD IS BORN TODAY:

BORN INTO A FAMILY, BORN INTO A COMMUNITY.

Fr. MICHAEL MCGOURTY, Pastor, St. Peter's Church

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UNFOLDING INTO A NEW WAY OF BEING

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(By PAULINE LALLY, SP)

Stuck at the border,
migrants find a little Christmas cheer



(Source: AP News)

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To Read

RON ROLHEISER'S TOP BOOKS FOR 2022

“At Play in the Lion’s Den, A Biography of Daniel Berrigan” JIM FOREST

“Chronicle of faith and action through a decade of protest, idealism, and change”

“The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run, Blessed Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma”

MARIA RUIZ SCAPERLANDA

“... path to becoming a prophet and a martyr for the poor.”

“The Book of Hope, A Survival Guide for Trying Times” JANE GOODALL & DOUGLAS ABRAMS

“Fresh Water for Flowers” VALERIE PERRIN

“American Dirt” JEANINE CUMMINS

“...a mother and her young son facing death in Central America and fleeing for the USA border.”



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- [“Darkening of the Light: Witnessing End of an Era” LLEWELLYN VAUGHAN-LEE](#) Transitioning to a new era; emerging global consciousness of “oneness and spiritual ecology”.
(Shared by AUDREY DOETZEL, NDS)
 - [Christmas gift of music](#)
(Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, IBVM)

'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

(Tips for a heart conversation with yourself and/or with a newcomer)



Pause for Thought. As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

What are you most grateful for in 2022? What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.



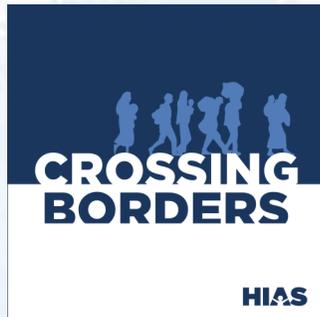
Create a record. Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.



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NEW

YEAR



[Crossing Borders](#), a new podcast from HIAS, takes you inside the experience of being a refugee.

Let us make **2023** a time when our dreams for a more **JUST WORLD** are realized with our **PRAYER, PRESENCE AND SOLIDARITY.**

