



LIVING THE EASTER TRIDUUM



Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA)

DAILY PROTEST OUTSIDE MINISTER MENDICINO'S OFFICE AGAINST STCA EXPANSION

Every weekday in April
12:00-1:00 pm

511 Lawrence Avenue West
(Bathurst and Lawrence)



Signup here:
<http://bit.ly/42QfbjY>

This **GOOD FRIDAY** we are urged to pray for ALL uprooted people. Like Mary near her Son at the foot of the cross we want to stand with them. No complaining, but just standing there, doing what we can – all we can, simply, humbly, living Mary's "ECCE ANCILLA," immersed in a mantle of oblation "an apron of service," living with our hearts IN SOLIDARITY!



NEW POSSIBILITIES BREAKING FORTH WITHIN US

"**EASTER** is the promise that God, who loves us beyond telling, can meet us in any situation in which we find ourselves, however dire, for example, a recent medical diagnosis, accompanying uprooted people, being with those who wait for results of their hearing at the Refugee Court, death of a loved one, or withering of the Earth. God meets us in these experiences and activates possibilities for transformation. It is the Easter promise that God's love knows no end, no limits in us and that even when all is dark and feels like we are at the end of our ropes, new possibilities can break forth. Let us remember those new possibilities that have broken out in our lives in the past. **Let us be aware of the possibilities breaking forth within us in the present moment.**" (Adapted from John Surette, SJ)





Earth Day® *Every Day*

Saturday, April 22, 2023 Earth Day



As you know, celebrated every year on April 22, **EARTH DAY** is the largest environmental event in the world. In the past, more than seven million Canadians including nearly every school-aged child, participated in an Earth Day activity in their communities. For all of us, Earth Day is a challenging invitation to foster and celebrate environmental respect, action and behavior that lessens our impact.

Theme: INVEST IN OUR PLANET

AS PEOPLE OF FAITH WE ARE CALLED TO URGENTLY ACT TO NOT ONLY PROTECT BUT ALSO RESTORE GOD'S BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF CREATION.

The TCDSB and the associated Loretto Schools celebrate:

175th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Loretto Sisters to Toronto

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm

St. Paul's Basilica

85 Power St., Toronto, M5A 3A8

RSVP at: <https://lorettoschools175.eventbrite.ca>

All Are Welcome— Students, Families, Alumnae,
TCDSB Community...

2:00 - 4:00 Presentations & Special Performances

Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall



Mary Ward,
Foundress of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin
Mary (IBVM), Loretto Sisters



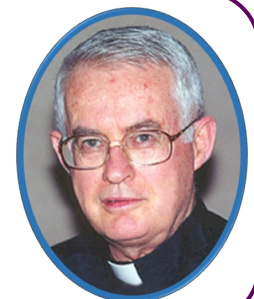
LAUDATO SI' [Reflective Resource](#)
Action Platform 

Celebrating In Solidarity with
FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS
April 06 HOLY THURSDAY—Founding Day



WE REMEMBER
RITA MARIE MCLEAN, CSJ

who died Mar. 18, 2023
and was prayer partner
with Alice.



WE REMEMBER
GERRY SHERRY, SFM

who died Mar. 22, 2023
and was prayer partner
with Liliana.

Federal Government Survey:

“An immigration system for Canada’s future”

Until the end of April 2023, The Government of Canada will be talking to people across the country to collaborate on a vision of the future of Canada’s immigration system.

[Click here](#) for the survey.

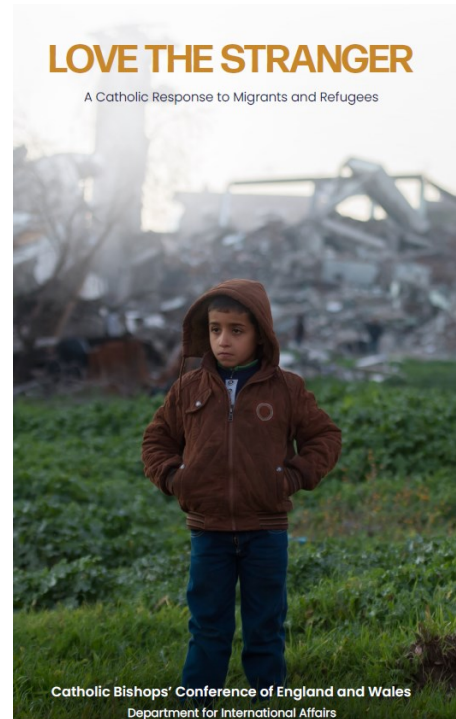


“In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters”.

POPE FRANCIS, Laudato Si’, no. 158

Recommended Reading

- o [“Canada releases new numbers on asylum-seekers crossing from Northern NY”](#)
- o [“Why the US northern border is experiencing record migration”](#)
- o [“Canada’s immigration minister has a challenge. Brian Mulroney has some advice”](#)
- o [“Ontario 'scumbags' guilty of withholding passports face steeper fines, ministry says”](#)
- o [“The UN just released a landmark climate-change report. Here’s the grim timeline it gives us”](#)
- o [“Crisis? What crisis?”](#)
- o [“Canada extends welcome to Ukrainians fleeing war”](#)
- o [“Cold reception. Back-breaking work. Cruel comments: How a migrant worker learned to fight back”](#)



Q1. What is Migration versus Immigration?

Migration refers to the movement of people from one region to another, i.e. not necessarily another country; Immigration is the international movement of people to a destination country of which they are not native or where they do not possess citizenship in order to settle or live or to take up employment.

Q2. What are the three types of immigrants that come to Canada?

Canada welcomes immigrants under the following three classes: economic; family reunification; or refugee and humanitarian.

In 2022, Canada surpassed its target of welcoming 431,645 new permanent residents. In 2022, IRCC processed approximately 5.2 million applications for permanent residence, temporary residence and citizenship - double the number of applications processed in 2021.

Q3. What is the difference between immigrant, refugee and asylum seeker?

An immigrant is a person who chooses to settle permanently in another country whereas a refugee is forced to flee.

A refugee flees their home country, enters another country and applies for protection, i.e. the right to international protection. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group and falls under the definition of "refugee" according to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention or other refugee laws.

An asylum seeker is a person looking for protection because they fear persecution, or they have experienced violence or human rights violations. In Canada, we use the term refugee claimant which is the equivalent to an asylum seeker.



Q4. How does a person submit a refugee claim in Canada?

A person becomes a refugee claimant by making a formal application for the right to remain in another country and keeps that status until the application has been heard before the Immigration and Refugee Board. If the claim is accepted, the applicant is granted protection and becomes a Convention Refugee until granted permanent residence and finally citizenship. If refused, there is an opportunity to appeal the decision. If the decision is still negative, the refugee claimant must leave the country.

Q5. Do Ukrainians have a special status in Canada?

Ukrainians have been deemed displaced persons and have been given a special status to enter Canada: **Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel (CUAET)** measures are meant to help Ukrainians and their family members come to Canada as quickly as possible and to provide them with the ability to work and study while in Canada. They are NOT classified as refugees.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION 101 CONTINUED

Q6. What is the Safe Third Country Agreement?

A sudden extension: Without any warning, at 12:01am March 25, the Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) was extended to cover the entire 9,000 kilometer border between the US and Canada.

Deportation without any process: Under the STCA, any migrant caught crossing on foot or via waterway without a visa can be deported without any processing. Those via Roxham Road are being deported.

Refugee applicants caught within 14 days can be deported: Any refugee claimant in Canada who arrived from the US must now prove that they were in Canada for 14 consecutive days to be eligible to apply. If they can't, they will be deported without processing. There are a few [exceptions](#).

Migrants are in crisis now on the US side of the border: Migrants coming over to Canada on foot are now being arrested, and those that don't meet the exceptions are being handed over to US border officials who either jail them or are dropping them off in Plattsburgh New York. Most have nowhere to go to, having spent all their savings to come to the border. Despite what was sub-zero weather, many did not even have winter clothes. Click here to [TAKE ACTION!](#)

"Stunned faces and heartbreak for migrants heading to Roxham as they learn Canada will likely send them back"



(Carlos Osorio/Reuters)

"The temperature was -4 C and several of the migrants wore only hoodies. They shivered and looked at each other in disbelief, pleading with the drivers to take them to Roxham Road anyway. The drivers said a United States government directive had come down that they were not to drive them to the illegal crossing after midnight. ... it's awful. I have nowhere else to go," he said. [Click here](#) for full article.

DID YOU KNOW??

ASYLUM CLAIMANTS REFERRED TO IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD

2000 37,748	2008 36,856	2016 23,350
2001 44,640	2009 33,153	2017 47,425
2002 33,426	2010 23,130	2018 55,388
2003 31,872	2011 25,315	2019 58,378
2004 25,526	2012 20,472	2020 18,500
2005 19,748	2013 10,465	2021 24,127
2006 22,920	2014 13,800	2022 60,158
2007 28,496	2015 16,592	

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada
and Statistics Canada

DID YOU KNOW??

An overview of the Roxham Road issue from the [BBC](#): Why asylum seekers are choosing Canada in record numbers. Last year, nearly 40,000 migrants crossed into Canada at an unofficial border crossing at the end of a remote rural road in upstate New York - a record number—to seek asylum. Many are driven by the belief that the country is more welcoming than the US. But can Canada handle the influx?