



Asylum seekers and refugees are left sleeping on Toronto streets

“Since June 1st, hundreds of vulnerable asylum-seekers have been forced to sleep on cardboard on this sidewalk after the City of Toronto and the Federal Government got to a funding impasse. The worldly possessions and bodies of our siblings are protected from thunderstorms by garbage bags and tarps. No relief from the high heat. Not enough food or water.



(Alex Lupul/CBC)

NOWHERE TO GO ...

PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE BEING CALLED TO THIS MOMENT ...

The greatness of our City’s soul will be measured by its capacity for compassion.

These are human beings who have survived persecution and are experiencing trauma and abandonment by the City. They are not to be treated as political pawns.” (ALEXA GILMOUR)

Shelter hotels have closed and the numbers of shelter beds overall is shrinking. Homeless shelters are reporting well over 30% of intakes are in fact refugee claimants and they are not being given indoor sleeping space or access to bathrooms and showers. And they’re not given correct information about making a refugee claim in Canada.

SO - WHAT CAN WE DO, TODAY?

WE CAN:

- Call or write [your MP](#) and [City Councillor](#). Ask that asylum seekers (refugee claimants) receive shelter and services and push for a resolution to that challenge, IMMEDIATELY.
- [Click here](#) to sign: “Petition: Tell Parliament to Fund Shelter Space for Refugees and Asylum Seekers”



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PRAYER REQUESTS



- o For the many, many refugee claimants still waiting for their hearings at the Refugee Court.
- o For newcomers who have completed school and are seeking jobs that will provide a just and decent wage to support their families.
- o For all those who continue to face barriers in employment, that doors will open to help them find a job that will help them realize their potential.
- o For an increased awareness of the urgency of acting to save our mother earth.

Cardinal Michael Czerny
Christian Barone

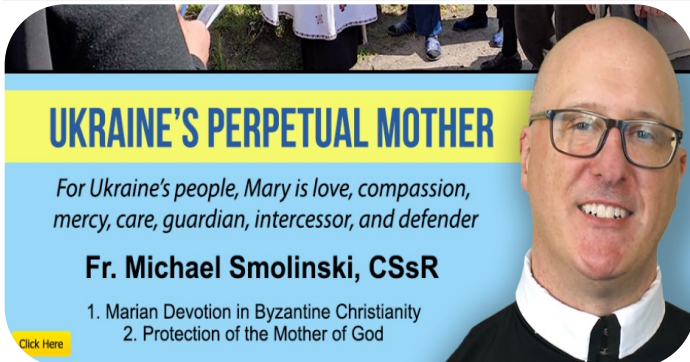
Siblings All, Sign of the Times

The Social Teaching of Pope Francis

FOREWORD BY POPE FRANCIS



An in-depth reading of Francis's themes, tracing them to the social teaching of Vatican II, highlights his contributions, especially in his letter "Fratelli Tutti" (Siblings All) in 2020 -- a "new dream" for humanity, a call to walk together, to join forces in building a more just and united world, and generate a better future for all. From this dialectic with the tradition, the truth of this document appears as a "sign of the times" for our age, and a way for the Church to proclaim and transmit the Gospel to the contemporary world. [Click here](#) to learn more.



UKRAINE'S PERPETUAL MOTHER

For Ukraine's people, Mary is love, compassion, mercy, care, guardian, intercessor, and defender

Fr. Michael Smolinski, CSsR

1. Marian Devotion in Byzantine Christianity
2. Protection of the Mother of God

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Michael is the newly appointed CSsR Provincial Superior of Canada and as such, member of the Becoming Neighbour Corporation.

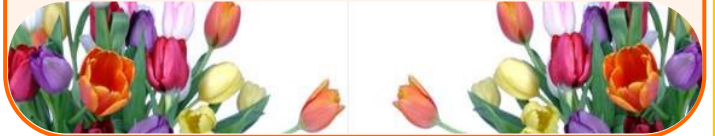
In Solidarity We Celebrate With:

JESUITS

Feast of Ignatius Loyola: July 31

REDEMPTORISTS

Feast of Alphonsus Liguori: August 01



WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Announced by Pope Francis, it will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, closest to the Feast Day of the Grandparents of Jesus: Saints Joachim and Anne. This July 23 theme



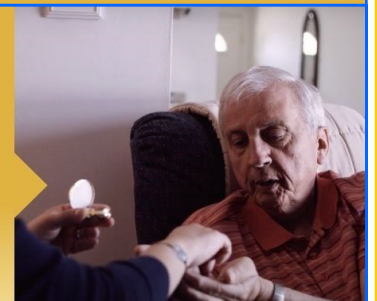
"His mercy is from age to age" highlights the importance of dialogue between generations, which is fundamental for perceiving and contemplating God's merciful action on behalf of human beings. [Click here](#) to read the full letter by Pope Francis.

["The Restaurant of Mistaken Orders"](#)

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

For a Eucharistic life

July 2023 [CLICK HERE](#)



Canada launches pathway to reunite families and support Ukrainians

Starting Oct. 2023, this pathway will provide permanent residence to those who have fled Russia and want to stay in Canada. To qualify, Ukrainian nationals must be in Canada with temporary resident status and have one or more family members in Canada. [Click here](#).

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Laudato Si'

Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement (MLSM)– Canada is a nation-wide network of hundreds of Canadians focused on raising awareness about Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home.

Date: WED. SEPT. 27TH at 7– 9 pm AT; 6– 8 pm ET; 3 – 5 pm PT via Zoom

Facilitators: AGNES RICHARD, KATHY MURTHA & KAREN VAN LOON



Click here for more [information and to register](#).

While we were all working out of Scarboro Missions, KATHY and KAREN provided an ongoing supportive presence to the ministry of Becoming Neighbours and continue to do so.

JULY 30 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Theme: "Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind"

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](#).



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) **ADVOCATE** for [missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls](#).
- 3) **READ** "[Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#)" "[Smuggling of Migrants](#)"

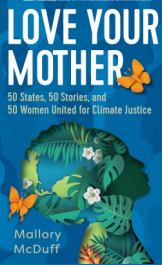
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10 years later, Pope Francis' Lampedusa 'cry' offers renewed call to welcome migrants



(CNS/Tullio Puglia, pool)

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Provides a roadmap to engage in climate justice by featuring women of diverse ages, backgrounds, and vocations.

[Click here](#) to read some excerpts.

Raging conflicts all over the world drive migration and displacement, say experts



(OSV News photo/CNS file, Manuel Rueda)

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Recommended Reading



- o [“Challenging the refugee “crisis””](#)
- o [“Olivia Chow made building more housing in Toronto a priority, but she’ll face significant hurdles”](#)
- o [“‘It’s just a question of opening our eyes’: The not-so-secret recipes to helping newcomers thrive in small-town Canada”](#)
- o [“Closing Roxham road will do more damage than good”](#) (Written by ALEJANDRO VASQUEZ)
- o [“Canada is getting bigger. Are we setting the country and new citizens up for success?”](#)

Blessed and a blessing for others!

LAURENCE LOUBIERES, XMCJ
has been elected as the
Xaviere General Superior!



All Xaviere sisters beginning with
Annette Collado and Marie-Noëlle

Chaumette with Blandine Couplet and Sonal
Castelino at our recent 2023 Celebrating Canada
Day have been incredibly supportive of the
newcomers connected with Becoming Neighbours.

THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 02, 2023

Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ Ministry with Migrants

Sr. Norma is a Sister with the Missionaries of Jesus and the executive Director of Catholic Charities in Rio Grande Valley, Texas. She has been instrumental in quickly organizing community resources to respond to the surge of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States, especially migrant children and setting up Humanitarian Respite Centers in McAllen, Texas.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

