



CELEBRATING WITH

St. Jean-Baptiste De la Salle–May 15  
BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

St. Felix of Cantalice – May 18  
FELICIAN SISTERS

Visitation of Mary – May 31  
CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME

Pentecost – June 05  
SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
SPIRITANS



PROTESTING SAFE THIRD COUNTRY AGREEMENT



Atunnan, Nida, Peter and Lois protesting the extension of The Safe Third Country Agreement and the closure of Roxham Road to refugees.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:



- o For MAICOL, 19 year-old student from Colombia studying in Toronto, who suffered a stroke and is slowly regaining his momentum. The FCJ Community accompany Maicol and his mother.
- o For the children of Ribal: Mohammed who will have a bone marrow transplant and for Yousef who will start chemotherapy. Family companion is MARY EILEEN DONOVAN.
- o For those still waiting for decisions of their hearings at the Refugee Court.



WE REMEMBER  
JOSEPHA BROWN, IBVM

who died Apr. 03, 2023  
was prayer partner with Elen.



WE REMEMBER  
JOHN MASTERSON, SJ

who died Apr. 05, 2023 was  
prayer partner with Esperanza.



WE REMEMBER  
CONRAD LAUBER, CSJ

who died Apr. 11, 2023  
for her supportive presence.



WE REMEMBER  
JANET SOMERVILLE

who died Apr. 16, 2023  
for her supportive presence.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Free online activity

### SIMULATION EXERCISE "A JOURNEY INTO EXILE"

In English: May 23 at 6 pm.

[Register now](#)

Activité en ligne gratuite

### EXERCICE DE SIMULATION "UN VOYAGE EN EXIL"

En Français: 16 mai à 18 H

[Inscrivez vous](#)



Laudato Si' is a **call to conversion and action**, an invitation to **change direction** by taking on the task of caring for **our common home**.



#### MAIN THEMES

1. the **relationship** between the poor and the fragility of the planet
2. the conviction that **everything in the world is connected**
3. the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology
4. the call to **seek other ways of understanding** the economy and progress
5. the value proper to **each creature**
6. the **human meaning** of ecology
7. the need for direct and honest **debate**
8. the serious responsibility of **international and local policy**
9. the throwaway culture and the proposal of a **new lifestyle**



## LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023

*MAY 21-28*

THEME: HOPE FOR THE EARTH.  
HOPE FOR HUMANITY

[Click here](#) to learn more .

[Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)



## INSPIRING MOMENTS OF TRANSITION

### MARK REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY!

Mark, member of the Presentation Manor Kitchen team, was reunited with his wife and daughter after five years of separation. Becoming Neighbours helped Mark welcome his family with furniture donations through the generosity of benefactors.



Blessings upon Mark and his family in this, their moment of transition!

### LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY

In the early Christian community prior to ordination there was the practice that the members of the Christian community would gather in Vigil: praying, fasting and being in solidarity with the one to be ordained. They called upon the Holy Spirit to be not only with the one to be ordained but also that with him and through him the Christian community would continue to be empowered by the Spirit.



MICHAEL EL-NACHEF, companion with Marie Anne will be ordained a priest June 16 Notre-Dame Cathedral, Ottawa.

SEAN JACOB, companion with Nehad will be ordained a priest May 13 St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto.



*Let us be in solidarity with Michael and Sean!*

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO



AGNES THOMAS, former Executive Director of Catholic Crosscultural Services was appointed the new Executive Director of Catholic Charities April 2023.

### JOINT ECOLOGICAL MINISTRY (JEM)

On May 15, there is a Teach-in Day on Zoom with topics: "*The Problem of Climate Change in the Context of Canadian Public Policy*" and "*Levers for faith communities*".

[Click here to register.](#)

### Congregation of Jesus— sisters reconciled

Communities of women religious inspired by charism of Mary Ward are coming together.

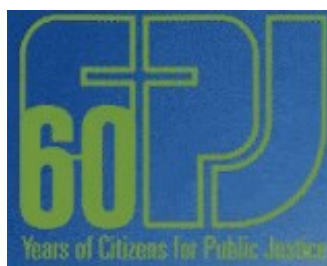


### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE CANADA

NORBERT PICHÉ, director of Jesuit Refugee Service - Canada has dedicated his life to accompanying refugees. He shares his heartwarming story of accompanying and being accompanied by refugees. Through mutual enrichment, he learns how to see God in each person. [Learn more](#)



### 60th Anniversary of the Citizens of Public Justice!

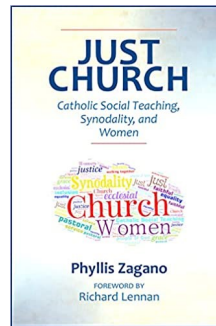


On 7:30pm June 1st, CPJ will host its 60th anniversary celebrations and AGM at the Church of the Holy Trinity. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## EXCELLECT RESOURCES

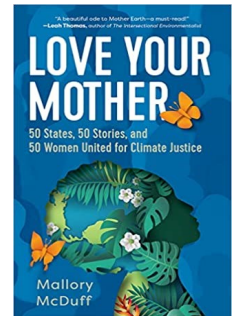
### Recommended Reading

- o ["To win the battle for newcomer talent employers need to engage early"](#)
- o ["Closing Roxham Road is out of step with Canada's humanitarian values"](#)
- o ["Dear immigrants: Coming to Canada? Here's what you're really in for"](#)
- o ["They fled a disaster in Turkey and headed to Canada. But their hopes came crashing down at Roxham Road"](#)
- o ["Why do Roma living in Europe flee to Canada? Is life that bad there?"](#)
- o ["Refugees, asylum seekers make up nearly a third of Toronto's shelter population"](#)
- o ["Temporary foreign worker program must have open work permits"](#)

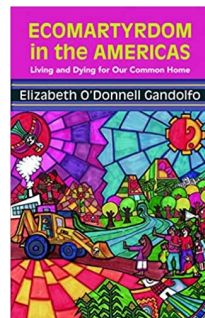


*"Engages readers in the synodal pathway to a "Just Church" that can and should reflect its social teaching."*

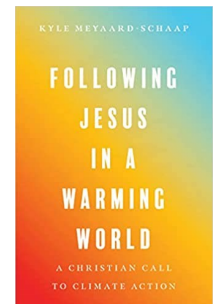
*"A roadmap to engage in climate justice by featuring women of diverse ages, backgrounds, and vocations."*



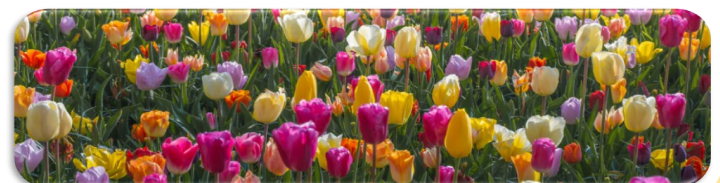
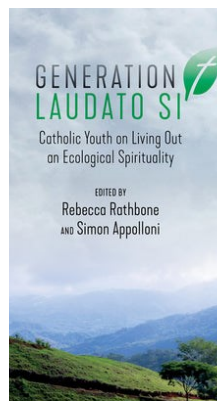
*"Explores the meaning of environmental defenders whose care for our common home has cost them their lives."*



*"The author believes that many young Christians are waking up to the realities of climate change. They want to help, but they're not sure how."*



*"Written entirely by youth, this book comprises the wisdom, and aspirations of a generation that wants to change how to run the economy, foster community, lead and govern, facilitate education, use and apply technology, and live among the rest of creation"*



### CSJ Ministry: Social Justice, Peace & Creation Care

SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH of TORONTO May 2023

**Journey for Justice**  
Listen! Learn! Act!  
From the Ministry for Social Justice, Peace, and Creation Care

Welcome to the May issue of *Journey for Justice*. In this edition, we explore the need for justice and compassion for migrants and refugees, from recent news to petitions, workshops, and our new podcast, *Essential but Disposable Labour: Migrant Workers Exploited in Canada*.

This issue also explores environmental racism, ongoing developments on care for our common home, and provides an update on our school programs.

We also have two reflections: Sister Divinia Pedro looks back on 12 years of working with Indigenous peoples. And in her column, Cécilia Meunier reflects on how our connection with Creation is integral to how we pursue justice.

We hope our newsletter will inspire your own journey for justice.

Leah Watkiss, Ministry Director

**In this issue...**

- Migrants and Refugees
- Open Work Permit Campaign
- Migrant Workers Podcast
- Do No Harm
- Environmental Racism
- Vocations and Integral Ecology
- Our Common Home
- Reconciliation
- Tread Softly

[Simple text version](#)

### WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2023

**MIGRANTS,  
REFUGEES,  
... and ...  
SOCIETIES**

[Click here](#) to read the full report.