



LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



109th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

“Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay”

[Click Here to read the full message](#)

Mass: 12:00pm Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

Cathedral of the Transfiguration

10350 Victoria Square Blvd, Markham, ON

Celebrant: MONSIGNOR MAKARIOS WEHBI

Homilist: BISHOP JOHN BOISSONNEAU

PRAYER SERVICE TO FOLLOW



WE REMEMBER
ROSE CANEUILL, IBVM

who died July 15, 2023
for her supportive presence
with refugees.



WE REMEMBER
MARY SIBBALD, CSJ

who died August 24, 2023
for her supportive presence
with refugees.



WE REMEMBER
DONATA DEAN, IBVM

who died July 29, 2023
for her supportive presence
with refugees



WE REMEMBER
MARY JULIA LA TOUR, IBVM

who died August 29, 2023
for her supportive presence
with refugees.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Season of Creation Sept 01–Oct 04

“There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. . . we are one single human family. . . The poor and the earth are crying out.”

(POPE FRANCIS, LAUDATO SI)

RESOURCES:

- o [Official Season of Creation Website](#)
- o [“What it means to live out Laudato Si”](#)
- o [2023 Celebration Guide](#); [2023 Prayer Service](#)
- o [Catholic Climate Covenant](#)

Highly Recommended

- ◇ [“Migrant workers lose their jobs after complaining about monthly rent totalling over \\$2,500”](#)
- ◇ [“Three lessons from Toronto’s refugee crisis”](#)
- ◇ [“Olivia Chow asks Toronto residents to offer rental units for refugees as shelter spaces fill”](#)
- ◇ [“He was an undocumented immigrant. He became ‘Your Excellency.’”](#)
- ◇ [“‘Reach every victim’ and ‘leave no one behind’: Sisters combat human trafficking”](#)
- ◇ [“Why are African international students rejected so often for Canadian visas?”](#)
- ◇ [“Class-action targets defunct immigration policy + Trudeau’s lacklustre response to the housing crisis”](#)



INTEGRAL ECOLOGY IN RELIGIOUS LIFE AND MISSION

The Religious Sector of the Laudato Si' Action Platform in conjunction with John Mundell, the Director of the Platform invites Superiors General, all Major Superiors, and JPIC Promoters to this webinar to deepen the Laudato Si, the Laudato Si Goals, the Laudato Si' Action Platform and to learn how to develop action plans related to integral ecology for your mission today that you can implement to bring transformation.

12 September 2023
From 2pm to 4pm (Rome Time)

REGISTRATION LINK



Living the Season of Creation Nonviolently

Let Justice and Peace Flow



[Click here to learn more](#)

“WE CANNOT FORCE SOMEONE TO HEAR A MESSAGE THEY ARE NOT READY TO RECEIVE, BUT WE MUST NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PLANTING A SEED.”



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WORLD CLEANUP DAY: SEPTEMBER 16



Volunteers worldwide gather to rid our planet of trash - cleaning up litter and mismanaged waste from our beaches, rivers, forests, and streets. A powerful 'green wave' of cleanups will start in New Zealand and end 36 hours later in Hawaii. [Click here](#).

Established in 1993, clean up the world weekend is a non-government apolitical event encouraging local communities to carry out activities to address local environmental issues.

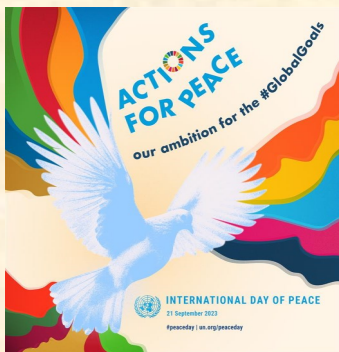
What could you/we do?
What will you/we do to help clean up the world?

TAKE ACTION: ON SEPT 21, PEACE DAY
MAKE PLANS TO PRAY FOR PEACE

“Actions for peace:

Our ambition for the #GlobalGoals” celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among nations.

“It is time all nations and all people recognize the inherent dignity and equal inalienable rights of all members of the human race”
(U.N.Secretary Gen. ANTONIO GUTERRES)



[United Nations](#)
[International Day](#)
[of Peace](#)

Course offered for Women Religious
in the Immigration field

The course, Sept 18-21 at Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, is limited to 45 participants, but also will be available to 300 online participants.

[Click here](#) to register and to secure your spot!

SEPTEMBER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

For people
living on
the margins

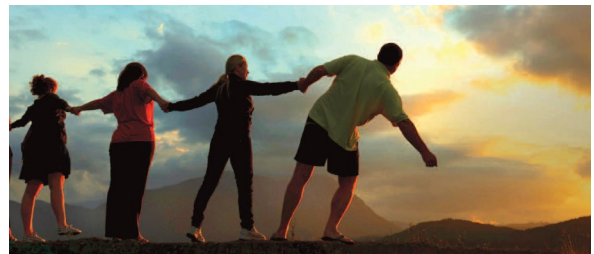
September 2023



In the struggle, rewards are few.
In fact, I know of only two.

LOVING FRIENDS AND LIVING DREAMS.

Such rewards are not so few, it seems.
(Attributed to Latin American liberation struggles)



(Immigrant Affairs Education Annual Report 2014)



Take this opportunity to make **PEACE** in your own relationships and impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind and to our Earth!



THIS AND THAT

A man with great hope for Haiti:
JEAN FRANCKY GUERRIER, SJ

“Wants everyone to know that despite all the hardships in his native Haiti, there are still great signs of progress and hope in the work the Jesuits are doing there.”



[Click here](#) to learn more.

Jean Francky is family companion with Willy, Sylvie and family.

“Leaders in Canada reflect on ‘long journey’ of reconciliation a year after Pope’s apology”



(Vatican Media/Reuters)

[Click here](#) to read more.

The University of St. Michael’s College Purchases Institutional Rights to Loretto College Residence

“The Loretto Sisters have had a presence on the St. Michael’s campus for more than 100 years as professors, administrators, and as mentors ... we are confident that selling institutional rights to the University of St. Michael’s College is the most logical way forward. [This is] a move which also allows St. Mike’s the opportunity to offer the option of a women’s-only residence.”

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Srs. Mary Mallany, Jane McDonnell and Evanne Hunter are active members of the BN Ministry.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th



Canada

SUPPORT OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

2023 RIDE FOR REFUGE FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

Saturday September 23, 2023
at 443 Arlington Avenue
(Cedarvale Park)

[Click here](#) to learn more.



2023 WATERFRONT MARATHON ROMERO HOUSE

Sunday October 15, 2023
at the Toronto Waterfront

[Click here](#) to learn more.



THIS AND THAT

Pope Francis and his Ten-Year Journey with Displaced People

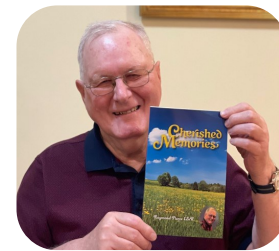


(Jesuit Refugee Service)

[Click here](#) to read more

"CHERISHED MEMORIES"

RAYMOND PIERCE, CSsR launched his new book "Cherished Memories" on July 13, 2023. His book contains 64 personal light-hearted stories and 60 are about growing up in Saint



John, NB. **Cost: \$20** If interested, contact Raymond at raymondcssr@gmail.com.

Raymond is companion with Elmer and has been with Geraldo, Ted, Suliman and Justin .

Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

[MARC MILLER](#) was first elected in 2015 as the Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Sœurs in Montréal. He has previously served as Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and as Minister of Indigenous Services. Before entering politics, he was a practising lawyer specializing in mergers and acquisitions, with a focus on international and commercial law, and worked in Montréal, Stockholm, and New York City. Previously, he served as an infantry soldier in the Canadian Armed Forces. Minister Miller made history in 2017 when he delivered a statement in the House of Commons entirely in Mohawk, marking the first time the language had been spoken in either the House of Commons or Senate since Confederation. He has also been a forceful advocate for increased federal investment in affordable housing, public transit, and the Canada Child Benefit.



"INTEGRAL ECOLOGY FOR A NEW HUMANITY"



(Christi Marcheschi/Unsplash)

CARDINAL MICHAEL CZERNY, SJ

[Click here](#) to read more.

(Shared by TOM ROSICA, CSB)

"Is Canada Really so Immigrant-Friendly?"



(Lars Hagberg/AFP Via Getty Images)

(Shared by JEAN ANN LEDWELL, OSU)

"If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today!"

- Pope Francis



CAMP MICAH is a leadership camp for social justice and peace held every Aug. for one week near beautiful Bancroft.

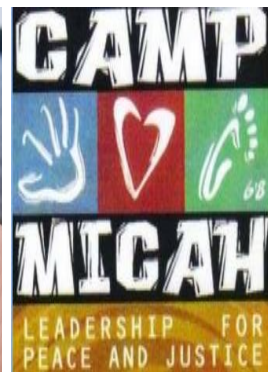
“Founded in 2009, the camp is led by a staff of young adults, teachers, ministers, school chaplains and peace educators with many years of experience working with youth and development leadership programs.

Coming from different Christian traditions (including Catholic, Mennonite and United Church), Camp Micah welcomes an inclusive community that values and celebrates the beautiful diversity of the human family.”

WITH YOUR HELP

Becoming Neighbours co-sponsored **five** youth at Camp Micah!

Read the reflections of these youths.



“What I appreciate the most about the Micah camp is the experiences that I had, all the new people that I met and the activities that I did such as climbing walls, swimming in the WALO, which is a competition that they do there. One thing I learned from the camp is to be open to the different ways of thinking that people have, as the camp teaches us, and that would make a change in the world so that there would be no discrimination. Another thing I learned is that in a short time one can appreciate people a lot because at the camp I met new people and in that short time they became important in my life.” **Melissa**

“The most beautiful thing about the camp was that it gave me the opportunity to meet many people, get the most out of my potential and also learn and discover many things. Everything in the camp is perfect, the people are very friendly and their activities were a lot of fun. I discovered a lot about myself, both good and bad, it made me reflect on many aspects about myself and change my mentality.” **Doryca**

“I really appreciated sharing experiences with other people and making new friends. An action that I will undertake is to enjoy nature more and to take simple actions to help our Earth. One thing that I learned about myself is that I need to be more outgoing to meet new people rather than just being comfortable with my own friend group.” **Sofia**

“I loved participating a lot in the camp. It was one of the best experiences I have had in my life. I’m very grateful for the opportunity. One action that I will undertake after attending Camp Micah is being more loving to my neighbour and more respectful to all. I will make a difference in the world by continuing to learn, to love, to work as a team and not be selfish.” **Laura**