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Fridge Notes for Companions

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On September 17, BN joined MARCH FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY STATUS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS AND UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS.





SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF LAUDATO SI' IN 2015...

- We have not reacted strongly enough to the climate crisis (cf. LD 2).
- The world that welcomes us is crumbling (cf. LD 2).
- We see how the impact of climate change will harm the lives and families of many people (cf. LD 2).

THE SIGNS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE:

- Extreme phenomena, unusual heat, droughts (cf. LD 5)
- Heavy rainfall, floods (cf. LD 5).
- Unusual acceleration of warming (cf. LD 6).
- Acceleration of the increase of greenhouse gases (cf. LD 11).

HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?



Neither the human causes of climate change (cf. LD 11) nor its position in the technocratic paradigm can be doubted.



The human being believes himself to be limitless, "whose capacities and possibilities could be expanded to infinity thanks to technology" (cf. LD 21).



We believe that the world around us is an object of exploitation, of unbridled use, of **unlimited ambition** (cf. LD 25).



LACK OF EFFICIENCY, OPPORTUNITIES, AND LASTING PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES (cf. LD 34).

- There are no organizations with real authority to ensure non-renounceable objectives (cf. LD 35).
- Previous effective decision-making procedures were not sufficient (cf. LD 43).
- Prior Climate Conferences have had a low level of implementation (personal interests are privileged over the common good) (cf. LD 52).

What is the point of preserving a power that will be remembered for its inability to intervene (cf. LD 60)?



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The whole of the universe shows the inchaustible richness of God (cf. LD 63). Let us join this path of reconciliation with the world that shelters us (cf. LD 69). "There are no cultural changes without changes in people" (cf. LD 70). "Praise God": a human being who pretends to take his place becomes the worst danger to himself (cf. LD 73).

POPE FRANCIS



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- It should be a turning point to react and show that what has been done was worthwhile (cf. LD 54).
- It should help us to make a better energy transition (cf. LD 59).
- It should help us to get out of the logic of patchwork solutions in order to seek the common good and ensure the future of coming generations (cf. LD 58, 60).



Contact the Laudato Si' Movement and the Laudato Si' Action Platform at

www.LaudateDeum.org



"I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values." #69

Click here to read the full LAUDATE DEUM

This and That



Join us in your prayerful accompaniment

- o For an increased awareness of the urgency of acting to save our mother Earth.
- o For the ingenuity to build stronger and more inclusive communities for children living with autism and for all those who love and support them: Anthony, Aiden, Lauryn, Christopher, Moises Jr., Jonathan and Peter.
- o For jobs for those seeking employment which recognize their gifts and qualifications.



Around the world, people who defend the environment, water and land are often threatened, criminalized, imprisoned or even killed. Honduras is no exception and is one of the five most dangerous countries in the world in this respect. Click here to learn more.

<u>Click here</u> to watch a video for more information. <u>Click here</u> to sign the petition and be in solidarity.

PRAYER REQUEST: GENERAL CHAPTER SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE OF KINGSTON OCT. 30- NOV. 04



Recommended

- "It's not that we have too many people.
 It's that we have too few houses"
 The Globe and Mail, Sept. 12, 2023
- "What ISIS couldn't take: The place and faith Iraq's Christian refugees carried with them"
 America Media, Sept. 14, 2023
- o "Catholics cannot see immigrants as political pawns" America Media, Sept. 14, 2023
- "Archbishop Gomez challenges leaders on <u>immigration during Immigrants Mass</u>" Angelus News, Sept. 19, 2023
- "Ontario Investing to Find Long-term Housing for Asylum Claimants"
 Government of Ontario, Sept. 18, 2023

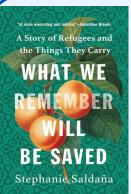
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

October 17 is an opportunity for us to join calls for vigorous/sustained action by the Federal Government to combat the causes of poverty. Many people living in extreme poverty work in the informal economy – unregistered, unrecognized and unprotected under labor legislation – and face difficult and dangerous conditions. The most excluded have no choice but to accept unacceptable situations.



Theme: Dignity For All in Practice

<u>Click here</u> for the Canadian campaign to take action and <u>here</u> for the official UN Webpage



The story of migration, the movement of peoples across continents and oceans, is perhaps the most important story of our generation. Her story starts in Qaraqosh, a city in Iraq "synonymous with a tragedy." Tens of thousands of people were forced to

flee when ISIS invaded in 2014, most of them Christian. In 2016, Stephanie traveled to Jordan to meet some of the refugees, along with the priest who ministered to them.

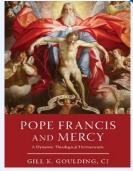
And it is there she discovered a dress, one that told the story of Qaraqosh and its people.
"I cannot tell you what even that glimpse felt like—for until then the room had been so heavy, and now into it had erupted this color."

Click here to learn more.

The University of Notre Dame
Press announces the
publication of "Pope Francis
and Mercy", a new book by
GILL GOULDING, CJ.

Gill is the BN prayer partner with Luis and his family.

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The stories presented here relate key facets of the history of Canadian civil society solidarity with Chile after the September 1973 military coup d'etat. It speaks to the significance of refugee and exile community contributions to Canada.

JOE GUNN is author of intro. to the first chapter.

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"Cannonball Moments: Testimonies of Conversion"



This new publication, available in English and Spanish, presents an anthology of conversion stories within the Jesuit social apostolate from the six Jesuit Conferences worldwide.

Click here to learn more.

BOOK LAUNCH: "WELCOME THE STRANGER"



Written by GRACE SAUVE, CSJ outlining the contributions of the Sisters of St. Joseph to Canada's growth in the 19th and 20th centuries. Grace is prayer partner with Patricia and Blanca and has worked tirelessly

behind the scenes to support the ministry of Becoming Neighbours.

New biopic of migrant worker turned-astronaut inspires possibility



<u>Click here</u> to learn more

(shared by NOREEN ALLOSSERY-WALSH, OSU)

"Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts of God to be received and shared." (Henri Nouwen)

Norma Pimentel, MJ shares her ministry with Migrants

7pm Thursday, November 02 @ Brennan Hall



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Click here to learn about Sr. Norma's ministry

More information will follow, stay tuned!

"Conflict, poverty and climate displace people around the world"





Click here to read more.

Congratulations & Blessings!



"On July 16, at General Chapter the Xavieres Sisters elected LAURENCE LOUBIERRES, XMCJ as their General Superior! Laurence has been in Toronto since 2007. She has been directing the Jesuit Province of Canada's

Communal Discernment Service since 2019.
We rejoice with your community, Laurence, and we wish you well as you and the Spirit take the driver's seat, putting your fine gifts at the service of the Xavieres. We hope that, tucked away somewhere in your luggage, you have included a Maple Leaf or a Blue Jay shirt to remind you of Toronto days where nothing is deemed impossible!"

(WOMEN RELIGIOUS OF TORONTO ARCHDIOCESE)

Religious women and men express hopes for co-responsibility during synod



Srs: Gill Goulding, CJ, Maria Cimpermam, RSCJ, Beatrice Faye, CIC and Christine Danel, XMCJ.

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UKRAINE'S PERPETUAL MOTHER

By Fr. Michael Smolinski, CSsR Provincial Superior, Redemptorists of Canada