



# MINISTRY WITH MIGRANTS

AN EVENING WITH  
SR. NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ



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Sister Norma, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville, Texas, has helped organize a local response to the 2014 surge of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States.

Pope Francis has recognized and thanked Sr. Norma for her work with refugees.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 2023**

7-8:30 PM | Welcome, Presentation, Q&A  
Charbonnel Lounge | 81 St. Mary Street  
Toronto ON M5S 1J4

Cost: Free will offering  
Registration recommended:  
[bit.ly/SrNormaTO](http://bit.ly/SrNormaTO)





Letter of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God

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

*"Synod calls for bishops' personal accompaniment of migrants"*

*"Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to be neighbours to all the wayfarers of our time, to save their lives, to heal their wounds and to soothe their pain," Pope Francis said, calling for everyone to be involved in making the road safer for migrants, addressing both critical issues and also opportunities to grow "more inclusive, more beautiful and more peaceful societies."*

*"Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating: this is the work we must carry out," Pope Francis said.*

[Click here](#) to read more.

Women's voices being heard at Vatican's big meeting on church's future, nun says



[Click here](#) to read the full article.  
(Shared by EVANNE HUNTER, IBVM)  
(CNS/Lola Gomez)

Francis wants the synod in every parish. Here's how to bring it to yours.

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

(CNS/Vatican Media)



(Remo Casilli/Reuters)

**At synod prayer service, pope calls for immigration reform with a heart**

*"The [Oct. 19] evening prayer took place around "Angels Unawares," a sculpture by Canadian TIMOTHY SCHMALZ, that has stood in St. Peter's Square since 2019. The bronze boat is filled with 140 figures depicting migrants from various historical periods and various nations.*

*The Prayer Service "effectively symbolized walking together with the some of the most vulnerable people on our planet, namely, those who are fleeing, those who are forced to be on the move, those whom we call migrants and refugees," said Cardinal CZERNY, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development."* [Click here](#) for the full article.

**JOIN US ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

3:30 pm BC | 4:30 pm AB | 5:30 pm SK/MB | 6:30 pm ON/QB | 7:30 pm NS/NB/PEI | 8 pm NL

**CANADIANS FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**

A virtual panel conversation on what emerged from the Synod on Synodality



Speakers: ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL MILLER, CSB; ELIZABETH DAVIS, RSM and CATHERINE CLIFFORD.

[Click here](#) to register



# This and That

## Recommended Reading



- o “[Growing in Faith, Called to Listen in Humility](#)” TED PENTON, SJ  
“Canonball Moments” Pg. 83 (Companion with Daniel and member of BN BOD)
- o “[Ottawa extends measure for hiring low-wage temporary foreign workers](#)”
- o “[Immigration minister announces new rules to curb international student fraud](#)”
  - o “[Sister Norma Pimentel: To eradicate hate, radicalize kindness](#)”

## CRC JPIC Ontario Gathering

Dec. 13 (9:30—11:30 a.m. ET) Via Zoom

Contact: [info@crc-canada.org](mailto:info@crc-canada.org)



## IN SOLIDARITY WE CELEBRATE WITH

Nov. 09 – **REDEMPTORISTS** – Founding Day  
Nov. 21 – **BASILIANs** – Presentation of Mary  
Nov. 21 – **FELICIANs** – Founding Day  
Nov. 25 – **URSULINES OF CHATHAM** – Founding Day



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR NOV. 19



“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)  
Pope Francis’ Message: [World Day of the Poor](#)

Encountering the Poor as a Way of Life



CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE 

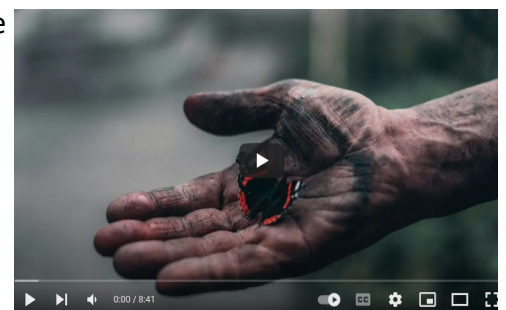
## POVERTY TRENDS 2023

## Reimagining a Rights-Based Social Safety Net

Check out CPJ’s [2023 Poverty Trends Update](#) with the latest data on poverty in Canada.

## MUSIC THAT INSPIRES

This is a piece of music (sung by the Orpheus Choir of Toronto) that Chorus Niagara will



be singing as part of its 60th Anniversary Concert on Nov. 04. It was chosen long before Oct.07 and performed before the War in Ukraine -  
“The Houses Stand Not Far Apart”  
(SHARED BY URSULA WITKOWSKA, IBVM)



Red Poppies for Remembrance  
White Poppies for a Peaceful Future  
NOVEMBER 11, 2023



# This and That



St Basil's Catholic Parish  
50 St Joseph St, Toronto  
5:00 pm Mass  
followed by reception

IBVM Canada Leadership  
invite you to the

Please RSVP by November 27  
Julie Denovan [ibvmadm@rogers.com](mailto:ibvmadm@rogers.com) or 416-483-2238

Final Profession of Vows of  
Sarah Krista Catherine Rudolph  
Saturday December 9, 2023

Sarah is the BN prayer  
partner with Christina.



LORETTO CANADA | SINCE 1847

*Mission is at the heart of who we are,  
and love is the driving force that urges us on.*

## OPEN LETTER to Federal Government to support asylum seekers arriving in Toronto by:

- o Opening the armouries immediately
- o Increasing spaces in other shelter programs for refugee/asylum claimants
- o Establishing a Reception Centre at Pearson Airport for asylum claimants
- o Work with City and Province to adequately fund refugee shelter program

[Click here](#) to read and sign the petition

Please note the letter needs to be signed by Oct. 31!

## "Synod Report: A Church that involves everyone and is close to world's wounds"

### MIGRANTS

*"... "many of whom bear the wounds of uprooting, war and violence". They "often become a source of renewal and enrichment for the communities that welcome them and an opportunity to establish direct links with geographically distant churches." Faced with increasingly hostile attitudes towards them, the General Assembly says, "We are called to practice an open welcome, to accompany them in the construction of a new life and to build a true intercultural communion among peoples". Fundamental in this sense is "respect for the liturgical traditions and religious practices of migrants"*

[Click here](#) for the full report (in Italian);  
Waiting for the English translation to be published.  
(Shared by TOM ROSICA, CSB)

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR GENERAL CHAPTER

- o SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE KINGSTON  
OCT. 30—NOV. 04



## Refugees by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those  
who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

**(NOW READ FROM BOTTOM TO TOP)**

(Shared by DIAN WILLIAMS, IBVM (A))

NOVEMBER 13 FEAST DAY OF MOTHER FRANCES CABRINI, MSC  
PATRON SAINT OF IMMIGRANTS AND MIGRANTS

*Prayer for Immigrants and Migrants*

Jesus, together with Mary and Joseph, you were forced to flee the persecution of Herod. You continue to unite yourself with all those forced to flee their homes and live in exile. Today, we entrust to your loving care all women, children and men who live as migrants.

Grant us the grace to welcome them with HOSPITALITY,  
so that these sisters and brothers of ours  
may experience SOLIDARITY and HOPE.

TEACH US TO RECOGNIZE YOU

in the migrant who labours to bring food to our tables,  
in the refugee fleeing from violent conflict, persecution, and famine,  
in the woman and child who are victims of human trafficking,  
in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents.

May all those who are far from their place of birth  
find in us a home where all are welcomed.

With your grace, may we involve ourselves without reserve  
for the coming of a new humanity in Jesus Christ.

United with Mother Cabrini, we ask this in your name, Jesus. Amen.

**Witness of Catholic Social Teaching**

Mother Cabrini and her sisters showed a special care for the least, and a **preferential option for the poor**. They also took care to recognize the **dignity of the human person** by welcoming and accompanying refugees and migrants.



Resources: *Becoming Neighbours and Education for Justice*.