



WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2024

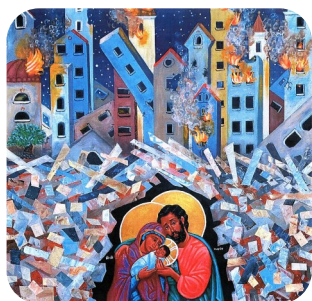


*"You shall love the Lord
your God ... and your
neighbour as yourself"*
(Luke 10:27)



Jan 18, 2024 – Jan 25, 2024

Pray for **PEACE** and the End of **VIOLENCE**



"Conflict between Ukraine and Russia begins its third year. Israelis and Hamas have been fighting for over 100 days. NEITHER show signs of stopping. Retaliation keeps the missiles coming and the

(Shared by JACK LYNCH, SFM) destruction continuing.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY THESE WORDS:

***"Let us hope that the passion for unity blazes up in us with more ardor than the passion for destruction that is ranged against us."* -TEILHARD DE CHARDIN**

Please make time to sit in contemplative prayer and pray the Zoom prayer for peace whenever it is convenient for you.



If you can pray on Wednesdays at noon, know you will be joining many others as we continue the focused energy of our communal prayer."

Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue

(Shared by NANCY BROWN, SC)

MARY WARD WEEK



Celebrating Life & Mission of Mary Ward
Eucharist from Loretto Abbey Chapel

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Lector: CARMEL SWORDS, IBVM
Congregational Leader

Presider: CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS

[Click here](#) to watch

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

10:30 am Sat. February 03, 2024

St. Michael's Cathedral
Light luncheon in Parish Hall (66 Bond St.)
(Prayer Service will be sent)



**FRASER
CENTRE**
For Practical Theology



SIXTH ANNUAL
Scarboro Missions Lecture

ONE GOD, TWO RELIGIONS

Ressourcement in
Catholic-Muslim Dialogue

Presenter: Professor Christian Krokus (University of Scranton)

Feb. 15, 2024 | 7 pm | Regis College

with a reception to follow



Red Franciscana para Migrantes

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



SISTERS OF SION
Feast Day (January 20)

IBVM (Loretto Sisters)
Mary Ward (January 23)

URSULINES OF CHATHAM
St. Angela (January 27)

SPIRITANS
Francis Libermann (February 02)

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Journeying In Dignity: Listen, Dream, Act

February 8th, 2024

February 08, is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese nun, who as a child had the traumatic experience of being a victim of human trafficking. The Unions of Superiors and Superiors General of Religious Institutes have organized the Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. We encourage those who work helping the men, women and children who are enslaved, exploited, abused as instruments of work or pleasure, who are often tortured and mutilated. It is our hope that government leaders may work decisively to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge, it is a scourge unworthy of society. May each one of us feel committed to being a voice for our brothers and sisters, who have been humiliated in their dignity. Let us all pray...

[Click here](#) for more

Feb 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC

O God, you always hear the cry of your people and have compassion for the oppressed and the enslaved. May they experience the liberation of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray to you for those suffering the torment of human trafficking.

Transform us by the power of your Spirit, to be sensitive to the pain of these, our sisters and brothers.

Committed to overcoming this evil, give us the courage to stand up and work for the rights of our sisters and brothers who live in slavery and exploitation.

We ask this with the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita, in Christ our Lord. AMEN!

(Translated by RON MACDONELL, SFM)



On Feb 08,
Let's turn on a light
against the trafficking
of persons

Click [here](#) for
additional resources

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END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Click the image above

Join us in a day of prayer and fasting for victims of trafficking and for those who work to combat it.

NEWS & THINGS

ARBOR AWARD RECIPIENT MARY ANNE MCCARTHY, CSJ



This award is the highest honour granted to volunteers by the University of Toronto.

“Mary Anne has served as a representative of the Sisters of

St. Joseph on the St. Michael’s Collegium and has brought her decades of experience in leadership and mission work to the St. Michael’s strategic planning process. Her input on St. Michael’s new Mission, Vision, and Values, which were approved in 2021, has helped steer St. Michael’s sponsored University of Toronto programs towards sustainability and the common good. Mary Anne has been an emblematic part of the living legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph at the University.”

(Mary Anne is closely aligned with the ministry of Becoming Neighbours)

SCARBORO MISSIONS ENTRUSTS ITS ARCHIVES WITH KELLY LIBRARY

“We are delighted that our archives now have a permanent home and are happy to know that the library will take excellent care of our archives in its Special Collections section. We are even happier to know that our history will be available to researchers and that our photos will be displayed periodically to the public.”



Pictured left to right: JOHN CARTEN, SFM, DAVID WARREN, SFM, JANET AINSLIE, NADINE PALMER and RON MACDONELL, SFM

[Click here](#) for full article

(All are companions, prayer partners and supporters of Becoming Neighbours)

EXTORTING SEX FOR WATER

Experts say that every day, tens of thousands of women and girls are forced into sex for a few litres of water. Now, brave women's rights groups in Kenya are pushing for a law to end this abuse and THEY'VE ASKED FOR OUR HELP.

[Click here](#) to sign petition and to show your support.



(Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, IBVM)

LITTLE FREE PANTRIES PROJECT

Give what you can. Take what you need.
Working together for a better future!

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Thresholds of Transformation

Personal, Communal, Systemic Transformation

Contributing to an evolving new world order of integral ecology
as prophetically articulated in Laudato Si

[Click here](#) to learn more

Open Work Permits NOW

[The Call for Open Work Permits Now
is Gaining Wider Support!](#)

SOLIDARITY

Recommended Reading



- o ["Along the trans-Saharan path, African migrants weigh the risks and rewards of heading to Europe"](#)
- o ["Canadian schools are accepting international students by the thousands — but nearly half aren't being allowed into the country"](#)
- o ["Ottawa's inaction is fraying the consensus on immigration"](#)
- o ["What we need most is money"](#)

HAPPY CANADA FLAG DAY!



National Flag of Canada Day on February 15 celebrates when the red-and-white Maple Leaf Flag was first raised in 1965 at Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Afternoon Retreat for Women Religious

Lunch: 11:30-12:30pm Input: 12:30-4:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

Place: Catholic Pastoral Centre (1155 Yonge Street)

Theme: *"Journey of Hope in a World of Challenging Changes: Answering the Call to Live and Serve according to our Circumstances"*

Facilitators: EVANNE HUNTER, IBVM
and MICHAEL SAVER

REGISTER: icorriganrnd@yahoo.ca

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

For the gift of diversity in the Church

January 2024



Philosophy for Old Age

George Carlin on age102. (Absolutely Brilliant)



IF YOU DON'T READ THIS TO THE VERY END, YOU HAVE LOST A DAY IN YOUR LIFE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, DO AS I AM DOING AND SEND IT ON.

[Click here](#) to watch the full video

(Shared by ANNE MARIE CONN, RSCJ)

PERSONAL CHALLENGE


MONDAY FEBRUARY 19 IS FAMILY DAY!



Share with your Becoming Neighbours newcomer, members of your family and your friends how you deeply believe in them and how important each one of them is to you.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 14 IS VALENTINE'S DAY!

Challenge yourself to do at least one act of love in your life, your neighbourhood, your city, your world. 

Visit members in the infirmary, write a note of caring support to your Congregational Leader, phone a newcomer and offer a listening heart.

Whatever it is, offer your heart to warm the heart of someone else. Embody hope and carry healing into the world to one person, one small action at a time.

BE GOD'S VALENTINE!