Becoming Neighbours

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Fridge Notes for Companions

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CELEBRATING WITH

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

St. Felix of Cantalice – May 18 FELICIAN SISTERS

PENTECOST – May 28 SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE SPIRITANS

Visitation of Mary – May 31 CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME



"HEAL OUR SPIRITS, HEAL THE EARTH"

Today is EARTH DAY; We're called to act! Every action, big or small, contributes to a legacy of dignity and care for all life. <u>Click here</u> for ideas.

(Jesuits of Canada)



WE REMEMBER WILMA SCHERLOSKI

who died Mar. 18, 2024 for her empowering leadership presence among us.



<u>CIICK nere</u> for more.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

 As you may remember, five youth with Becoming Neighbours engaged in telephone



conversations with newcomers, our companions/prayer partners and residents of Presentation Manor in a program we called "reconnecting".

OSCAR EMILIANO, one of the youth, has been in hospital for over two weeks trying to battle an infection. Let us "storm the heavens" praying that God's healing presence be with him and his family at this time.



WE REMEMBER BARBARA GROZELLE, CSJ

who died Apr. 01, 2024 was companion with ⁺Janet and members of her family: Michael, Emmanuel, Ruth, Jenette, Betty and Olivier.



WE REMEMBER ANGELA FARRELL, CND (A)

who died Apr. 16, 2024 for her supportive presence with Annette's Boutique.



SEEDS OF HOPE

PRACTICAL TOOLS TO IMPLEMENT LAUDATE DEUM



Discover how to integrate Laudate Deum principles into real-world ecological efforts in our concise yet comprehensive webinar. Ideal for

anyone eager to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship through actionable Laudate Deum teachings.

Click here to access the recording of the webinar



4:00 pm July 19—12:00 pm July 24, 2024



JERICHO HOUSE 10845 Rathfon Rd. Port Colborne, ON MARY ROWELL, CSJ

Theme: Encountering and

Embracing a Contemplative Ecology

<u>Click here</u> to register. Must register before May 31. Cost: Stay on-site \$600; Commuter \$500



"<u>Earth Day 2024: It's time</u> <u>for the Catholic Church to</u> <u>give up fossil fuels for good</u>"



MAY 19–26, 2024 THEME: **SEEDS OF HOPE**

BEGINS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY AND CONCLUDES ON FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Click here to learn more .

Laudato Si' Action Platform

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME RETREAT

5:30 pm June 21 –2:00 June 23, 2024

JERICHO HOUSE 10845 Rathfon Road Port Colborne, ON

Venue for kindred spirits from multiple faiths/non-faith traditions to explore how to respond to ecological crises.



<u>Click here</u> to register. Must register before May 31.

Cost: Stay on-site (\$270); Commuter (\$240)

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

"Do Monkey's Go To Heaven?" Finding God in All Creation JOHN MCCARTHY, SJ Click here to purchase.





POCKETS OF HOPE



Deliver Petitions to Cabinet Ministers for Regularization & Status for All

April 22, 2024—April 26, 2024 Across Canada



Click here to learn more.

Click here to send an <u>email</u> and here to make a <u>phone</u> call to your Minister.

CLIMATE CHANGE: A PUSH FACTOR FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

April 24, 2024 3:30 am - 6:30 am (ET)

Join the antitrafficking working group of the JPIC Commission USG-UISG to deepen together in the correlation between climate change, consumerism and trafficking.



Click here to register.

CARE FOR THE EARTH, CARE FOR THE POOR



STAFF: LOIS ANNE BORDOWITZ, FCJ

Recommended Reading

- "After a decade in Canada, his citizenship application was not accepted — for filing one day early"
- o "<u>Marc Miller says he has a plan for</u> temporary residents coming to Canada. <u>Can it work?</u>"
- o "Is there a better place for refugees than hotels?"
- o "<u>I sponsored a refugee family because it</u> was done for my family years ago"
- o <u>"Ottawa accused of failing to crack down</u> on unethical immigration consultants"

Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ Awarded for Commitment to Human Rights



Cardinal Czerny, "Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, received the 2024 Klaus Hemmerle Award in Germany for his dedicated commitment to human dignity and rights. ...

[He] shared "We must shift our attention from profit to prosperity, from economic growth to sustainability and from materiality to human dignity," and he stressed the importance of "rethinking the concept of progress and of restoring a sense of community," a path that leads from the "I" to the "we."

UNSUNG HEROES

† BISHOP TOM GUMBLETON, PRESENTE!



Took the Gospel to heart and living it day in and day out, spent his life promoting PEACE, non-violence, human rights and equity. It is fitting that the date he died is the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr.

SAVE THE DATE

TORONTO NEWCOMER DAY

Join us to welcome and celebrate newcomers! NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. toronto.ca/NewcomerDay

† ANTHONY (TONY) MOLLICA, PRESENTE!



Creativity, compassionate generosity and kindness oozed out of Tony. It was through Tony that the women's groups of Becoming Neighbours were able to publish *"Taste our Food,*

Savour our Diversity" Recipe book. Tony, you believed in us and your legacy of inspiration and generosity will live on in our hearts!

> "When we go before Him, God will ask, 'Where are your wounds?' And we will say, 'I have no wounds.' And God will ask,

'WAS THERE NOTHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR?"

ALLAN BOESAK (South African Theologian and anti-apartheid activist)