



## LIVING THE EASTER TRIDUUM



Canada is changing its foreign worker rules.  
Here's why — and what it will mean



(Spencer Colby/The Canadian Press)

[Click here](#) to learn more.

This **GOOD FRIDAY** we are urged to pray for ALL uprooted people. Like Mary near her Son at the foot of the cross we want to stand with them. No complaining, but just standing there, doing what we can – all we can, simply, humbly, living Mary's "ECCE ANCILLA," immersed in a mantle of oblation "an apron of service," living with our hearts IN SOLIDARITY!



## NEW POSSIBILITIES BREAKING FORTH WITHIN US



"**EASTER** is the promise that God, who loves us beyond telling, can meet us in any situation in which we find ourselves, however dire, for example, a recent medical diagnosis, accompanying uprooted people, being with those who wait for results of their hearing at the Refugee Court, death of a loved one, or withering of the Earth. God meets us in these experiences and activates possibilities for transformation. It is the Easter promise that God's love knows no end, no limits in us and that even when all is dark and feels like we are at the end of our ropes, new possibilities can break forth. Let us remember those new possibilities that have broken out in our lives in the past. **Let us be aware of the possibilities breaking forth within us in the present moment.**" (Adapted from John Surette, SJ)



# Earth Day® *Every Day*

Monday, April 22, 2024 Earth Day



As you know, celebrated every year on April 22, **EARTH DAY** is the largest environmental event in the world. In the past, more than seven million Canadians including nearly every school-aged child, participated in an Earth Day activity in their communities. For all of us, Earth Day is a challenging invitation to foster and celebrate environmental respect, action and behavior that lessens our impact.

*Theme: PLANET VS. PLASTICS*

*AS PEOPLE OF FAITH WE ARE CALLED TO URGENTLY ACT TO NOT ONLY PROTECT BUT ALSO RESTORE GOD'S BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF CREATION.*

## Praying, Learning, Acting



Earth Week 2024

Together for the Love of Creation

[Click here](#) for resources for Earth Week

On April 22, 2024 at 7pm EST, join others for a time of prayer on United Nations International Mother Earth Day. [Click here.](#)



**WE REMEMBER  
GWEN SMITH, CSJ**

who died March 23, 2024  
and was companion with Pamela.

## Congratulations & Blessings!



FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS  
announce the appointment of  
JUDITH ROUTIER, FCJ  
as the area leader of the Americas.

## Congratulations & Blessings!

REDEMPTORISTS announce the  
appointment of MICHAEL BREHL, CSSR  
as Provincial Superior of Canada Province.



CSSR Councillors:  
SANTO ARRIGO, LARRY KONDRA  
and JACQUES FORTIN.

## Congratulations & Blessings!



SOCIETY OF JESUS (THE JESUITS)  
announce the appointment of  
JEFFREY BURWELL, SJ as the next  
Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada.

# HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH 29  
HOLY SATURDAY  
MARCH 30

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**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 2024**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN - Bishop Gerard Bergie

Good Friday is a day we remember the Passion of our Lord. This year we invite you to join Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines for his reflections on the journey of our Lord to the cross as told by the evangelist John.



**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - Father Peter Turrone

Holy Saturday is a time for quiet reflection on the gift that is Jesus Christ. This year we invite you to join Father Peter Turrone as he reflects on The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.



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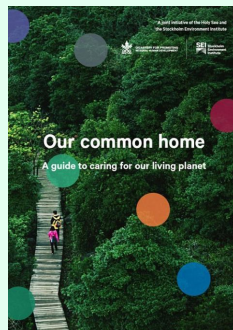
# Recommended Reading

- o [“Inside Toronto city hall's fight for federal refugee funding. 'There was quite a bit of tension’”](#)
- o [“‘Is the Canadian dream broken?’ Earning gaps are emerging for second-generation Canadians”](#)
- o [“On US-Mexico border pilgrimage, sisters ponder response to migrant hardships”](#)
- o [“She's been in Canada for a decade, but still can't get permanent residence. Is Canada failing caregivers like her?”](#)
- o [“Now that all provinces say they'll stop jailing people for immigration matters, will Ottawa move forward with a ban?”](#)

## [Our Common Home: A guide to caring for our living planet](#)

The booklet, available in five languages, connects the science of climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable resource use with the messages of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'.

(SSND SHALOM NEWS)

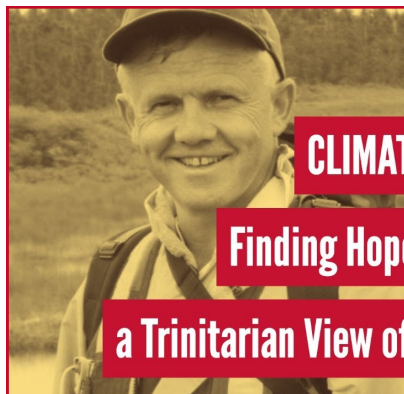


Mother Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants. Would her story be possible today?

[Click here](#) to read more.



(CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)



JOHN MCCARTHY, SJ



**CLIMATE CRISIS:**

**Finding Hope through**

**a Trinitarian View of Creation**

[Click here](#)



What about the “P” in JPIC?

Meeting of the Members of the Ontario JPIC Network of the Canadian Religious Conference

May 15 to 17, 2024 @ Mary Ward Centre,  
70 St Mary St, Toronto, ON M5S 1J3

[Click here](#) to register by April 15, 2024.



# POCKETS OF HOPE

## Wisdom's Work in Transforming Crisis



Harcourt Memorial United Church  
87 Dean Av, Guelph ON Cost: \$25  
May 07 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Presenter: CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

## Celebrating In Solidarity with

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS

March 28 HOLY THURSDAY—Founding Day



## 65 YEARS OF LORETTO MAGNIFICENCE!!!

EVANNE HUNTER, IBVM  
celebrated 65 years of religious  
profession as a Loretto Sister.



She chose to celebrate this  
moment in conjunction with the  
35th anniversary of the Loretto/La Bermuda project  
and as a memorial for OSCAR ROMERO.  
Evanne, member of Becoming Neighbours Board of  
Directors, is prayer partner with Darla.

## Canada in Context

I we compare total number of asylum claims existing  
worldwide at mid-year 2023 (end of June, 6.1 million)  
vs in Canada (about 10,000):

Canada Hosted **2%** of asylum claims

## FACTS AND FIGURES | ASYLUM

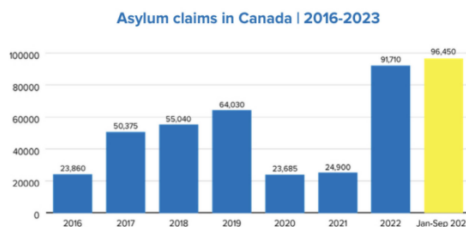
Canada by the Numbers

The total number of claims  
from Jan to Sep 2023

**96,450**

1.5 times higher than the same  
period in 2022.

If this trend continues, Canada  
may receive nearly **140,000 claims**  
in 2023 — 50,000 more than in  
2022.



[Click here](#) for full report

## "Love, faith key to 70 years of marriage"



GILDA and CARMINE BENINCASA marking their 70th  
anniversary of marriage and their daughter  
THERESA and husband FRANK FRANCO  
celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Theresa is co-director of the CSJ Associate  
Leadership Team and prayer partner with Jorge.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## UNsung HEORES!!!

CAROLE and CATHERINE VON  
ZUBEN, strong supporters of  
Becoming Neighbours, have  
helped in the sponsorship,  
welcome and settlement of a  
refugee family. What is more  
significant was not what was  
done but the LOVE with  
which it was done. [Click here.](#)



## NEW FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE LEADERSHIP TEAM!

LOLY RICO is stepping down as  
Executive Director of the FCJ Refugee  
Centre to the role of  
Founder concentrating on  
advocacy and resource  
development.



DIANA GALLEGO & TSERING LHAMO  
are the new Co-Executive Directors.

