



Boundless God

Your church has no walls,
Your earth has no borders.
You are always on the move,
journeying with your people
from oppression and injustice,
towards possibility and hope.
Be with us now, migrant God.
Dwell in the very midst of us
illumine us with your wisdom.
embolden us with your commitment
that we may be a movement
of clarity and justice
united with migrant communities everywhere.
We pray in confidence and hope, Amen.
(KAIROS: Equal in Dignity, Equal in Rights Oct '18)

What is Canada's plan for refugee claimants?



CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

[Click here](#) to learn more.

CPJ in and around the Hill: Emilio Rodriguez gives press conference at Parliament



Emilio co-wrote an op-ed for the Hill Times calling Federal Government to prioritize a coordinated, National plan for refugee claimant housing.

MAY 16

REFUGEE RIGHTS MARCH

- 11:30 am to 12:00 pm: Meet at Barbara Hall Park (519 Church St., Toronto) and Rally
- 12:00 to 1:30 pm: Community March

Logos for partners: **ADNY or LOVED**, **SCOURERS HOUSE**, **OCASI**, **PCI REFUGEE CENTRE**

Canadian Council for Refugees Call for a National Plan for Asylum with Dignity

[Click here](#) to learn more.

[Click here](#) to Take Action!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Air Pollution Effects on the Poor

Poor people are disproportionately affected by air pollution. 80% of people who are exposed to unsafe levels of air pollution live in low/middle-income countries. 716 million of the world's lowest income people (those living on less than \$1.90 per day) live in areas with unsafe levels of air pollution, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. (World Health Organization)

ACTION IDEAS

- ⇒ Replace gas-powered gardening equipment, like leaf blowers and lawn mowers, with electric versions
- ⇒ Reduce vehicle idling
- ⇒ Advocate for electric vehicles
- ⇒ Ask for traffic calming changes on local streets, such as roundabouts and slower speed limits.
- ⇒ Drive less, ask for better public transit options, a network of safe bike lanes, and shaded sidewalks
- ⇒ Plant some plants and advocate for more trees and greenery in public spaces
- ⇒ Install a cool roof
- ⇒ Advocate for cool pavement and smog-absorbing materials

Finding Community, Hope, and the Tools to Champion Ecological Change

ECO-WARRIORS: MARYANNE FRANCALANZA, FCJ & BENEDICTA LIM, OSB [Click here](#)



MaryAnne is ESL companion with Erika.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

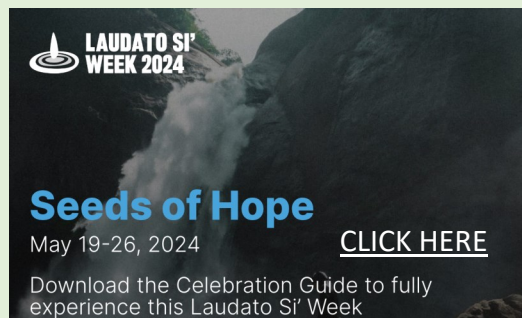
MAY 19-26, 2024

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](#)



UISG LAUDATO SI' WEEK WEBINAR

The Religious Sector of the Laudato Si Action Platform, in collaboration with Sowing Hope for the Planet UISG and the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Commission from the International Unions of Men and Women Superiors, invites you to the webinar '*Voices of Faith and Hope: Global Catholic Religious in the Heart of Climate Action.*'

Date: 8:30 am ET May 22, 2024

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

INSPIRING MOMENTS

Sister best known for ministry to migrants shares her artwork that tells their stories



(OSV News/
Simone Orendain)

NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ displaying her art in Chicago shared that *“a God who loves us is one that challenges us to stand up and tend his people”*.

Norma was the keynote speaker at Toronto workshops co-sponsored by Becoming Neighbours November 2023. [Click here](#) to learn more.

NUN ARRESTED AT TORONTO BANK PROTEST



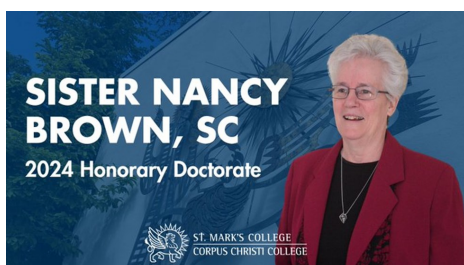
Photo by Martin Reis

MARY-ELLEN FRANCOEUR, SOS was one of nine people arrested at a Toronto Royal Bank of Canada branch protesting fossil fuel projects.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

BLESSED AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS

NANCY BROWN, SC will receive honorary doctorate degree from Saint Mark's College (Vancouver). Nancy is a tireless advocate for vulnerable youth at risk for human trafficking and sexual exploitation. [Learn more.](#)



Support Kids

Artistic Bridges



Artistic Bridges, a joint project with The Children's Charter for Compassion and The International Charter for Compassion, is a global collaboration of young people ages 4-18, involving expressions of art, song, and dance. Youth possess a unique lens unfiltered by prejudice, full of creativity, pure wisdom and love, and Artistic Bridges wants to showcase it! Their hope is to bring young people from around the world together through artistic expressions of peace, love and hope. [Click here](#) for details. Learn how youth you know can participate in this special endeavor.

IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Inner Peace in Service of the Father

Join us for a **4-week retreat in the Ignatian tradition made in daily life.**

MONDAYS, JUNE 3 / 10 / 17 / 24

COST: \$40 FOR 4 WEEKS
RETREAT MANUAL EXTRA COST
(APPROX. \$27)



Expect 30 minutes of personal prayer 4-5 times per week, and weekly spiritual conversation in small groups. A great introduction to Ignatian spirituality. Prayer techniques include savouring prayer, breath prayer, and discernment, as we explore traditional prayers of the faith. Light refreshments served.

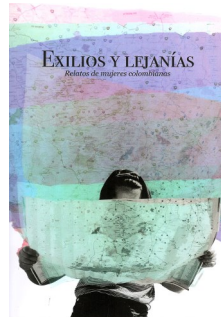
Register via email to:
sarah.rudolph@marywardcentre.ca

“Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it.” (GREG BOYLE, SJ)

EXCELLECT RESOURCES

Recommended Reading

- o [“Canada’s plan to overhaul its temporary foreign worker program revealed”](#)
- o [“Canada threw open its doors to visitors after the pandemic. Now, many don’t want to leave”](#)
- o [“Life on the border: An account of a march for migrants' dignity”](#)
- o [“Bribes, fake jobs and the ‘desperate’ situation facing Canada’s temporary residents”](#)
- o [“In the Philippines, Catholic priests tackle plastic waste brick by brick”](#)



Colombian women share their experience of journeying and living outside of Colombia. One article is written by ERIKA OSORIO. The book is available to borrow from the BN office.

REVIEW OF 2024 FEDERAL BUDGET

“[Kairos](#): While the federal government offered some good news in Budget 2024, which it announced on April 16, it also presented disappointments.”

'Fair?' Not quite: Citizens for Public Justice policy analysts react to the 2024 Federal Budget

[Click here](#) to learn more

Governing Migration to Perpetuate Globalization: Migration Management and the International Organization for Migration

Examines how the International Organization for Migration (IOM) formulated, disseminated, and materialized a new vision of international migration management.

May 15, 2024 12 –1 pm ET

[Click here](#) to register



**WORLD
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2024**
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2024 Citizenship Week [May 13 – 19](#)



UN WORLD REFUGEE DAY JUNE 20

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, we commemorate their strength, courage and perseverance. PRAYER SERVICE TO FOLLOW.

POSSIBLE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

IF INTERESTED, HAVE YOUTH (AGES 14-18)
CONTACT THE BECOMING NEIGHBOURS OFFICE

CAMP MICAH LEADERSHIP FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

August 18 – 23 | [Click here](#) to learn more.



Where the sun and kids shine!