



Towards an "unarmed and disarming" peace

For 2026 World Day of Peace, Pope Leo states "...Therefore, alongside action, it is more necessary than ever to cultivate prayer, spirituality, and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue as paths of peace and as languages of encounter within traditions and cultures. Throughout the world, it is to be hoped that "every community become a 'house of peace,' where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practiced and forgiveness is cherished."

WE ARE TO BE ARTISANS OF PEACE!

[Click here](#) for POPE LEO'S full 2026 message

"Moreover, this Child, Jesus, was born "to us": "us" without any borders, privileges or exclusions"

Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi 25.12.2020

(sent by MICHAEL BREHL CSSR, BN companion with Elmer, now Bishop of Pembroke)

IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:



Loretto Sisters (IBVM)
Mary, Mother of God
Institute Feast (Jan. 01)

Basilian Fathers
Basilian Founding Day (Jan. 02)

Faithful Companions of Jesus
FCJ Name Day (Jan. 03)

Sisters of Charity of Halifax
Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 04)

Congregation of Notre Dame
Marguerite Bourgeoys (Jan. 12)



Mary Ward Day January 23

Presider: Thomas Cardinal Collins
(excellent homily to ponder)

[Daily TV Mass](#)



Delighting in the blessedness of one another's company are Sergio (originally from Colombia) who is matched with Jalal (originally from Iran). Also pictured is Sedna, student at Loretto Abbey, Jalal's daughter, and Somi, Jalal's wife. It was truly "Emmanuel" for all involved!

[INSPIRATIONAL VIDEO: "GRATITUDE"](#)

'Christ Child of the Year' should be the world's refugee children

In 2017, and still today, RON ROLHEISER, OMI poignantly and provocatively challenges us and the world:



“The real Christ is forever seeking a home in a world within which there’s no room for him. The Christ-Child can be seen most clearly today in the countless refugee children who, with their families, are being driven from their homes by violence, war, starvation, ethnic cleansing, poverty, tribalism, racism, and religious persecution. They, and their families, best fit the picture of Joseph and Mary, searching for a room, outsiders, powerless, uninvited, no home, no one to take them in, on the periphery, STRANGERS LABELED AS “ALIENS”.

But they are the present-day Holy Family and their children are the Christ-Child for us and our world.”

[Click Here](#) to read the full reflection.

Vatican News: Saint of the Day Dec. 22:
Mother Cabrini, MSC
Patron Saint of Immigrants

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Journey for Justice
Listen! Learn! Act!

From the Ministry for Social Justice, Peace, and Creation Care

December 2025

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Bringing Everyone to the Table

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Food Banks Canada  Banques alimentaires Canada

BE WITH IT ---

Archbishop Donald Bolen Message [Click here](#)
(shared by ROMA DE ROBERTIS, SCIC)

Bishop Clyde Martin Harvey Message [Click here](#)
(shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, CJ)

CELEBRATING EMMANUEL: “GOD WITH US”



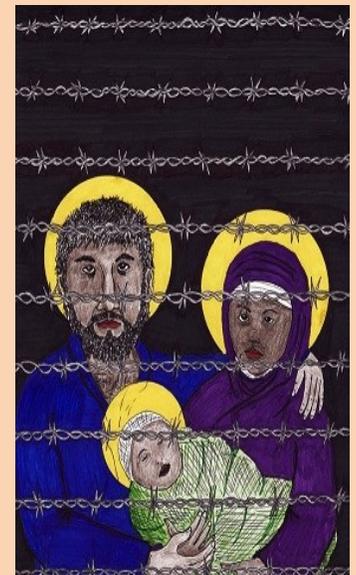
“Into his world, this demented inn,
in which there is absolutely no room for him at all,
Christ has come uninvited.

But because he cannot be at home in it,
because he is out of place in it, yet must be in it,
His place is with those others for whom
there is no room.

His place is with those who are discredited,
who are denied the status of persons,
who are tortured, bombed- exterminated.

With those for whom there is no room,
CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE WORLD.”

(THOMAS MERTON)



PONDER AND CONTEMPLATE ---

RESTORING DIGNITY: WHY REFUGEE PROTECTION IS A SACRED RESPONSIBILITY

“My name is ALLEGRA URUJENI, interning at Citizens for Public Justice. For this blog, I was asked to reflect on my experience of helping organize CPJ’s first Ride for Refugee event, my parents’ story as refugees, and Canada’s relationship with and policy decisions on refugees and immigrants. What I have discovered is that it is crucial to make a good refugee and migrant policy”



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“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS”

Reflections on Faith, Justice, and Peacemaking

A series of reflections presented by Gordon Rixon, SJ, Ronald Mercier, SJ, Peter Warrian, PhD, Margaret Lavin, PhD, and Anne Leahy, MA.

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Date: Jan 14-Feb 18, 2026

Time: 11:00am to 12:45am

Place: Regis College
(100 Wellesley West)

OR via Zoom

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3	\$697
4	\$756
5	\$815
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- [“A Church ready to speak up for the planet”](#) (LUKE STOCKING)

- [“States' rights don't justify 'inhuman' cruelty and abuse of migrants, pope says](#)
- [“Trump administration threatens Sister Norma Pimentel’s migrant aid with 6-year funding ban”](#)

- [“Witnessing COP30 in the heart of the Amazon](#)
(JON HANSEN, CSsR, BN companion of David, now Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith)



[Click here](#) to watch “An Unexpected Christmas”

'TIS THE SEASON TO APPRECIATE

(Tips for a heart conversation with yourself and/or with a newcomer)



Pause for Thought. As you come to the end of another year, step back, reflect and even talk about what you have achieved that helped you take another step.

What are you most grateful for in 2025? What have you achieved? What barriers have you overcome? Who helped you? Name the moments.



Create a record. Create a victory log of your achievements. Use words, images, pictures. Refer to your records when your spirit needs a boost, to prepare for an interview or to provide inspiration.



BLESSED

NEW

YEAR

“My hope is that our Christmas and holiday celebrations this year will be occasions to turn compassion, grief and anger into responsibility and action, to build a world worthy of a God who so treasures the vulnerable that He became one of them.”

(MARK SEITZ, Bishop of El Paso)

Let us make **2026**
a time when our dreams
for a more **JUST WORLD**
are realized with our
**PRAYER, PRESENCE AND
SOLIDARITY.**

