



WE PRAY:

God of our Wandering Ancestors,
long have we known
that Your heart is with the refugee:
that You were born into time
in a family of refugees
fleeing violence in their homeland,
who then gathered up their hungry child
and fled into alien country.
Their cry, Your cry, resounds through the ages:
WILL YOU LET ME IN?"
Give us hearts that break open
when our brothers and sisters turn to us.
Then surely all these things will follow:
our ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.
Eyes will see a moment of grace instead of a threat.
Tongues will not be silenced
but will instead advocate.
And hands will reach out—
working for peace in their homeland,
working for justice in the lands
where they seek safe haven.
Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.
May they find a friend in us and so make us
worthy of the refuge we have found in You.
AMEN



**SPEECH OF MARK CARNEY
TO WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**

**“ We are in the midst of a
rupture, not a transition”**

“ having the capacity to build a
new order that encompasses our
values, such as respect for human
rights, sustainable development,
solidarity, sovereignty and territorial integrity



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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

to be celebrated 10am Sat. Jan 31
St. Paul’s Basilica (83 Power Street)
Message from Frank Cardinal Leo
(Prayer Service will be sent)



IN SOLIDARITY, WE CELEBRATE WITH:

SISTERS OF SION
Feast Day (January 20)

CONGREGATION OF JESUS
(Loretto Sisters)
Ven. Mary Ward (January 23)

URSULINES OF CHATHAM
St. Angela (January 27)

SPIRITANS
Francis Libermann (February 02)

XAVIERE SISTERS
Year of Recognition (February 04)



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA,
Pray for victims and survivors
of human trafficking and slavery

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking

February 8th, 2026

www.prayagainsttrafficking.net

Edward Wafula/Rebirth of a Queen

Every year on Feb 08, communities around the world unite in prayer, reflection, and action for the **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**.

This Day coincides with the liturgical memory of ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, a Sudanese nun who was kidnapped and enslaved as a child, and who later became the universal symbol of the Church's commitment to ending human trafficking.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART

in local and international initiatives.

Join us from February 04–08 for a Week of Mobilization and Prayer in Rome, culminating in the Angelus with Pope Leo at St. Peter's Square—

EXPERIENCE FAITH IN ACTION!

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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 MCDONELL, SFM)



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

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TALITHA
KUM 
END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Join us in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for victims of trafficking and for those who work to combat it.

BECOMING INSPIRED

JPIC FORMATION WORKSHOP 2026



16 to 20 February 2026

BUILDING A GLOBAL FAMILY FOR SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL CREATION

[Click here to register](#)

Afternoon Retreat for Women Religious

Lunch: 11:30-12:30pm Input: 12:30-4:00pm, Feb. 21

Place: Catholic Pastoral Centre (1155 Yonge Street)

Theme: **"HOPE GROUNDED IN LOVE"**

Presenter: TERESA MORRISON, CPS

Register: AMCGILLFCJ@YAHOO.COM



Women Religious:
Leading the Way
on Laudato Si' and
the Synodal Process

12:00pm-1:00pm Monday January 26

[Click here to register for Zoom Webinar](#)

To Read

RON ROLHEISER'S TOP BOOKS FOR 2025

"Afternoon of Christianity, Courage to Change" TOMAS HALIK

"Call It Grace – Finding Meaning in a Fractured World" SERENE JONES

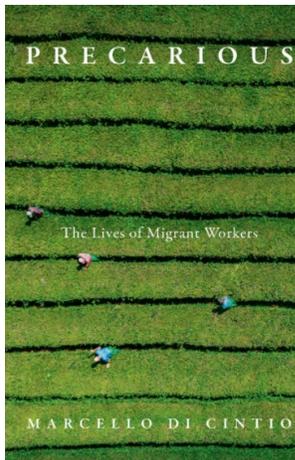
"Tears of Things, Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage" RICHARD ROHR

"Dorothy Day, On Pilgrimage, The Seventies"
ROBERT ELLSBERG, Editor

"The False White Gospel, Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy" JIM WALLIS

"The Art of Kindness" ROBERT WICKS

"A Book of Lives – A Memoir of Sort"
MARGARET ATWOOD



Series of profiles of foreign workers illuminates the precarity of global systems of migrant labor and the vulnerability of their most disenfranchised agents.

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ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE

The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges.

— Pope Leo XIV (*Dilexi Te*, §75)

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SOLIDARITY

Recommended Reading

- o [She saved 43 of her relatives from Syria 10 years ago. They've thrived in Canada. Why other refugees may not be so lucky](#)
- o [26 ways to make Toronto better](#)
- o [A look at the workings of Canada's immigration system — through the eyes of longtime insider](#)
- o [Canada's immigration system is favouring these kinds of applicants — even over others who score higher](#)
- o [This Toronto woman wanted to preserve neighbourhood history — so she taught seniors to tell their own stories on film](#)



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AQUINAS LECTURE 2026

Thomas Aquinas OP,
Teresa Dease IBVM, &
Delphine Fontbonne CSJ:
reflections on education,
gender & theology



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Speaker: ELIZABETH SMYTH

Time & date: 4:00pm-5:00pm Wed. Jan 28, 2026

Place: Regis College, Room C (100 Wellesley St W)



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.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16 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, carry healing into the world to one person, one small action at a time. **BE GOD'S VALENTINE!**