



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

God Loves Us Even In  
Our Dustiness



RESOURCES FOR YOUR JOURNEY OF LENT

- o [Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent 2026](#)
- o [DAILY TV MASS 40 Days of Lent: RETREAT](#)
- o [Ignation Solidarity Network Refresh Lent 2026](#)  
(Shared by NOREEN ALLOSSERY-WALSH, OSU)
- o [Reflecting on the Lenten Season](#)
- o [2026 Lenten Reflection Series—God With Us](#)
- o [Maryknoll: Lenten Guide 2026](#)
- o [Dilexi Te Reflection Series: A Lenten Journey with Francis and Leo XIV](#)  
(shared by JACK LYNCH, SFM)
- o [Regis College: Windows on Theology](#)

Wednesdays in Lent: Beginning February 25  
Time: 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM

PRAY WITH POPE LEO:  
FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES  
FEBRUARY 2026. [Click here](#) to watch



We celebrate  
In Solidarity with  
Sisters of St. Joseph  
March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph  
Our Lady's Missionaries  
March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED



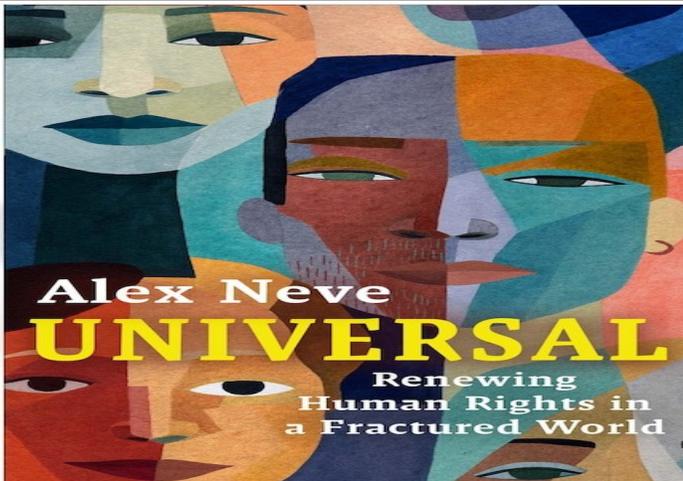
*“Men and women of different nationalities and religions, yet having identical feelings and aspirations are like a forest of huge trees: their trunks are separated from one another, but their roots intermingle and their tops blend together. They meet at their deepest and highest levels.” (MANUEL GONZALES PRADA)*

**WE PRAY AND ARE IN SOLIDARITY WITH**  
victims, injured and families of Tumbler Ridge:  
*“our ability to come together in crisis is best in our country—our empathy, our unity, and our compassion for each other. We don't just give grace, we receive grace. TUMBLER RIDGE IS FULL OF GRACE. Canada is a community that relies on each other's grace. May that grace bless us all”*  
*Canadians are with you, by your side!*  
(MARK CARNEY) [Click here](#) for the full speech

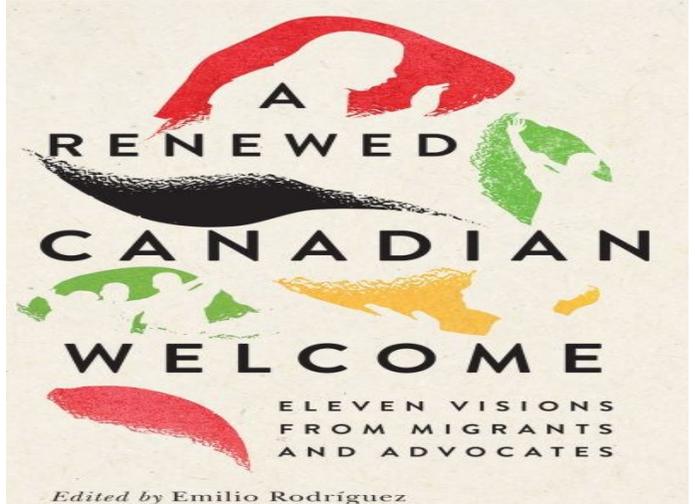
**WE REMEMBER**  
**TERRY GALLAGHER, SFM**  
who died January 31, 2026  
and worked unwaveringly  
with and for newcomers



## BEING INSPIRED



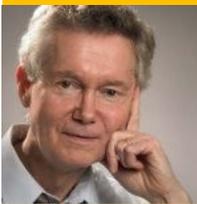
2025 Massey Lectures delivered by human rights activist and former Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada ALEX NEVE  
[Book review](#) by JOE GUNN  
[Click here](#) to purchase



“Voices of those who experience the system firsthand to ask a question fundamental to public justice: *What would our immigration policies look like if they were reimagined from a human rights perspective, informed by lived experience?*”  
[Click here](#) to purchase  
(shared by EVANNE HUNTER, CJ)

### JESUIT MAGIS AWARD

2026 Magis Award presented to MICHAEL VERTIN.



Generations of students have been shaped by his patient guidance. His scholarship – especially in the thought of Bernard Lonergan, SJ – deepened the dialogue between faith and reason. What stands out is not only his academic work but his kindness as a teacher and as a mentor. [Click here](#) to learn more (Michael, a resident of Presentation Manor, takes an interest in and supports Becoming Neighbours)

### Faithful to Our Tradition, Faithful to Our Roots: A Sister's Path:

PRISCILLA SOLOMON, CSJ

“Ojibway member of the Anishinabek Nation and a CSJ of Sault Sainte Marie podcast reconciling her Indigenous and Catholic identity”

[Click here](#) to read



## SHARING SOME GOOD NEWS



“In October 2025 I started emailing Nursing Homes in seven countries to interest them in receiving my weekly Morning Smiles. Over 2500 emails later I am up to 202 Nursing Homes in six countries receiving my Morning Smiles. 154 of these Nursing Homes are in the United States, 28 in Canada, 12 in Australia, 3 in England, 3 in Ireland and 2 in Scotland”  
(RAYMOND PIERCE CSsR, companion with Omar, Geraldo, Ted, Suliman, Carlos and Jodie)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



[Click here](#) to learn more

### UNITED NATIONS WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE FEBRUARY 20



[Click here](#) to learn more

### AFTERNOON RETREAT FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Lunch: 11:30-12:30pm Input: 12:30-4:00pm

Saturday, March 08, 2026

Place: Catholic Pastoral Centre (1155 Yonge Street)

**"HOPE GROUNDED IN LOVE"**

Presenter: TERESA MORRISON, CPS

Register: [AMCGILLFCJ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:AMCGILLFCJ@YAHOO.COM)

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

MARCH 08



Celebrates the acts of courage and determination of ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in their countries.

[Click Here for More](#)

### USIG WEBINAR: ADVOCACY IN MIGRATION



Date and time: 9:00am—11:00am March 04, 2026

[Click here](#) to register

Online Forum  
**Dilexi Te: On Love for the Poor  
An Ignatian Perspective**

With  
Susan Wood, SCL  
&  
Peter Bisson, SJ



Friday, March 6th @ 3:00 - 5:00 pm ET  
Zoom



[Click here](#) to register



### WISDOM STORIES TO LIVE BY

- [A guitar can change a life](#)
- [What if Jesus decides to stay?](#)
- [Clean your window](#)

Author: PHILIP CHIRCOP, SJ  
prayer partner with Jilsaint Louissaint



# TAKING ACTION

## Recommended Reading

- [Canada is asking the court to dismiss hundreds of immigration cases. Here's why](#)
- [Canada's immigration backlogs and processing times grow a year after job cuts. Now, 300 more positions face the axe](#)
- [UN High Commissioner for Refugees: Church an important partner in helping refugees](#)
- [They didn't speak each other's language. To fall in love, these Toronto couples had to find a new way to talk](#)



**We're Better Together**

## Our Canada includes immigrants and refugees.

New campaign launching with partners across Canada!

[Click here to learn more](#)



## Carbon Fast

for Lent

Have you considered a carbon fast for Lent? It's a great way to take small, medium, or large steps to cut your carbon footprint and, hopefully, form habits that will last a lifetime. Together, we will be challenged to live more lightly on the earth, reducing our impact on the natural world and our global neighbors. [Receive](#) an email each week of Lent featuring a different activity or challenge.



## GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH!

**FEBRUARY 18—APRIL 02, 2026**

Give it up for the Earth! raises awareness about climate change and mobilizes people across Canada to reduce household greenhouse gas emissions, engage in acts of solidarity, and collect signatures as support for increased federal government action. [Click Here](#)

- Word for the Day -

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace, and a soul generated by love.

CORETTA SCOTT KING



Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, CJ



**Share Lent 2026**

**Development and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

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