

“As of mid-2025, 117.3 million people globally had been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, violence, persecution, climate displacement or other events, and among them were nearly 42.5 million refugees.” (The UN Refugee Agency)
The number of refugees and those who are displaced is constantly increasing, reaching record numbers of people fleeing from conflict, human rights violations, and climate crises. It is a growing trend and nothing seems to be able to stop it”
(BARHAM SALIH, UN Commissioner for Refugees)

“January analysis by The New York Times found that the Trump administration had deported 540,000 people since taking office; on Feb 19, administration announced plans to open 8 mega-detention centers across the country, each able to hold 7,000 to 10,000 people, with a \$38 billion plan that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said: “SHOULD CHALLENGE THE CONSCIENCE OF EVERYONE.”

[Click here](#) and [here](#) to read both articles

**BISHOPS OF THE CONTINENT
DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS**



[Click here](#) to read (written by JOE GUNN)

**“THEY ARE PEOPLE WITH AGENCY.
THEY DESERVE DIGNITY.
THEY DESERVE PROTECTION”**

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**PRAY WITH THE POPE
MARCH: FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE**



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BILL C-12 HAS PASSED SENATE

**WHAT'S
NEXT?**

Online Townhall. March 18. 5pm PST/8pm EST

[Click here](#) to register
(shared by GEORGETTE GREGORY, CSJ)



**WE REMEMBER
MARIA HEINRICH, C**
who died February 21, 2026
and worked unwaveringly
with and for newcomers



**WE REMEMBER
ROSEMARY ALBION, C**
who died February 26, 2026
and was companion with Anmar,
Jorge, Munyakazi family,
Isabel, and Hajara .

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 22, 2026 World Water Day



BE THE CHANGE is a global campaign encouraging people to take action in their lives to change how they use, consume and manage water.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH!

FEBRUARY 18—APRIL 05, 2026

[Click here](#) to sign the open letter urging the Canadian federal government to take action.

[Click Here](#) for more

[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)



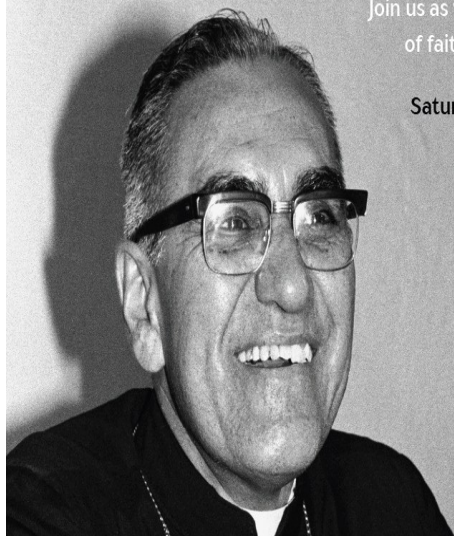
ROMERO VIVE MASS

The Salvadoran Canadian Association invites the general public to a special Mass commemorating the life and assassination of **Óscar Arnulfo Romero**.

Join us as we remember his legacy of faith, justice, and solidarity.

Saturday, March 21 | 4:00 PM

* A reception will follow.



The Mary Ward Centre
70 St. Mary St., Toronto,
Ontario, M5J 2J3
(Two blocks south of
Bloor on Bay St.)



FAITH AND JUSTICE IN AN ERA OF 'MIGHT MAKES RIGHT'

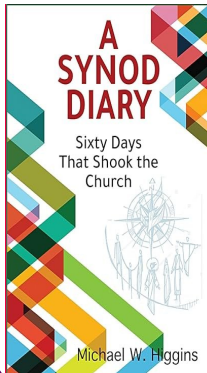
FREE WEBINAR
VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY,
MARCH 26, 2026

11:30 P.M. TO 12:45 P.M. (ET)



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A Synod Diary:

"Sixty Days That Shook the Church.
high point of the Bergoglio papacy"

6:00pm Thursday March 26
81 St. Mary Street

[Click here](#) for RSVP

MEASURING POPE FRANCIS' LEGACY ONE YEAR AFTER HIS DEATH

[Click here](#) to read article
by JOE HOOVER, SJ

(shared by TOM ROSICA, CSB)



INSPIRING WOMEN

PRESENTATION MANOR

MARDI GRAS



Visiting “Old Man River Crafts Group, Bourbon Street Bakery, Knitwear and Needlework Booth, Jewelry and Treasures Booth” accompanied by a strolling musician, a silent auction, a photo booth, a magical twist of Chinese Horoscopes and a festive cocktail bar was an invitation to come, mingle, sip, and be immersed in the delight of being with one another.



The residents of Presentation Manor also had chosen to reach out and be in solidarity with those most in need: the grace of the moment is that profits from the Mardi Gras sales were used to raise funds to help assist a “protected person” from the DR Congo in her application to be a Permanent Resident.

THANK YOU to all the Residents, Staff and Guests of Presentation Manor!

SPECIAL THANKS to Planning Committee: JOHN BUCKINGHAM, CFC; CABRINI FAHLMAN, CJ; MARY MARGARET GILLIES; JOYCE LEONARD; BREMEN BALASUBRAMANIAM; AND JODI MCMURTER

CARMEL McENROY, RSM: DANGEROUS MEMORY

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(shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA , CJ)



AGNES THOMAS: GIFT OF DIGNIFIED SILENCE

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Agnes is Executive Director
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Toronto



TIME MAGAZINE'S 16 WOMEN OF THE YEAR NORMA PIMENTEL , MJ

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(shared by JOE GUNN)

Norma was keynote speaker at
November 2023 BN Conference



WOMEN OF GREAT FORTITUDE— JOSEPHINE BAKHITA & ELIZABETH SETON:

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(shared by
NANCY BROWN, SC)



JOURNEYING WITH MIGRANTS



SPRING ECOPROPHET SERIES

This spring evening series introduces influential ecological voices whose work bridges environmental action, ethical commitment, and shared hope for our common future.

Hosted by MADELEINE GREGG, FCJ

MARCH 12, APRIL 9, MAY 7, JUNE 11 2026



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A Place of Peace

www.ignatiusguelph.ca
5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph

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Violence Against Women And Domestic Abuse in Newcomer Families

Presented by
Loly Rico
FCJ Refugee Centre Founder



[Click here to watch](#)

City of Chicago to replace Columbus statue with Mother Cabrini, patron saint of immigrants



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Dilexi Te: On Love for the Poor
Speakers: SUSAN WOOD SCL & PETER BISSON, SJ



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DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STAMP DONATIONS MILESTONE



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WE ARE ALL IN DANGER IF WE IGNORE THE CLIMATE CRISIS

[Click here to read](#)



ACADEMY AWARD WINNER: MAGGIE KANG

MAGGIE KANG, former student of Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature for her 2025 film *KPop Demon Hunters*

[Click here to read](#)

(shared by EVANNE HUNTER, CJ)



Recommended Reading

- o [“As deportations rise, Catholic sisters shelter asylum-seeking families living in fear”](#)
- o [“Canada is asking the court to dismiss hundreds of immigration cases. Here’s why”](#)
- o [“Canada requiring refugees and asylum seekers to co-pay for health care starting in May”](#)
- o [Canada’s immigration backlogs and processing times grow a year after job cuts. Now, 300 more positions face the axe](#)
- o [Canada launches new program to grant 33,000 foreign workers permanent residence, immigration minister reveals](#)

101 THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT



14. Do: tell people you are grateful

49. Do: go carbon-neutral

85. Do: pray for someone who annoys you

[Click here](#) to read more

JUSTICE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WAY OF THE CROSS WAY OF LIFE



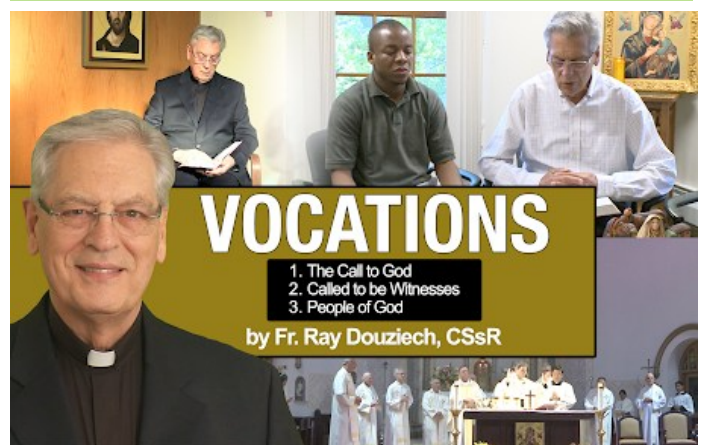
[Click here](#) for Prayer Service

[Click here](#) to read “Walking with Immigrants”

[Click here](#) to watch a short film

[Click here](#) “Way of the Cross, Way of Life”

(author †JOHN WALSH, SFM)



VOCATIONS

1. The Call to God
2. Called to be Witnesses
3. People of God

by Fr. Ray Douzich, CSsR



“As the catechism reminds us, we find the beginnings of our existence in a spark of love. We are born of love and as St. Paul says in Romans: “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Born of love we are called to respond in love; this is our original vocation.”

[Click here](#) for more

Raymond Douzich, CSsR, is an active member of BN Board of Directors

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3, 2026 FR. PETER CHOI
The Passion according to St. John: Keeping Watch at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4, 2026 FR. ERNESTO DE CICCIO
Blessed are those who Mourn: Waiting in Hope



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BECOMING NEIGHBOURS EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING BECOMING NEIGHBOURS, a JOINT APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Prayer, presentations, mingling together and celebrating our collaboration in responding to the unmet needs of refugees marked the Becoming Neighbours Eighteenth Annual General Meeting held Fri. Feb. 13, 2026 at Loretto College in Toronto. As of December 05, 2025 there are now 686 newcomers matched with companions and 357 prayer partners matched with newcomers.

GUIDED CONVERSATION

It was a blessing to listen to, to welcome and to receive the wisdom of Sonia Otoide sharing the blessings and burdens of her journey and of her husband and three children crossing the Canada-United States border.



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