



(MINISTRY OF THE ARTS LA GRANGE PARK)

Congratulations & Blessings!



BASILIAN FATHERS elect:
General Superior: JOHN HUBER, CSB
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WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Announced by Pope Francis, it will take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, closest to Feast Day of Grand-parents of Jesus: Saints Joachim and Anne.

This July 26 is marked with the theme: *"I will never forget you"* (IS 49:15) highlighting the blessedness of the elderly and indicate hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age. [Click here](#) to read the full letter by Pope Leo XIV.



Prayer For the World We Could Become

GOD OF EVERY NATION,
You have never loved one people
at the expense of another.
You have woven humanity
from countless languages,
cultures, histories, and songs.
Forgive us when fear teaches us
to make our world small.

EXPAND OUR HEARTS.

Teach us to delight in gifts that are not our own,
to celebrate beauty wherever it appears,
and to recognize your image
in every face we meet.

May we become the kind of people
who build bridges before walls,
friendship before suspicion, hope before fear.
REMINDE US THAT YOUR LOVE
HAS ALWAYS BEEN LARGER
than our borders. Amen.

[Click here](#) to read the article by Cameron Trimble

In Solidarity We Celebrate With:

JESUITS

Feast of Ignatius Loyola: July 31

REDEMPTORISTS

Feast of Alphonsus Liguori: August 01



WE REMEMBER ROSEMARIE DONOVAN, OLM

who died July 01, 2026
prayer partner with Willy
and his family

WE REMEMBER ROGER BRENNAN, SFM

who died June 26, 2026
for his supportive presence
with Becoming Neighbours



ENGAGING IN MUTUAL SHARING OF DIVERSITY

PRAYER REQUESTS



- o For the many, many refugee claimants still waiting for their hearings at the Refugee Court.
 - o For newcomers who have completed school and are seeking jobs that will provide a just and decent wage to support their families.
 - o For all those who continue to face barriers in employment that doors will open to help them find a job to help them realize their potential.
 - o For an increased commitment to act to save our mother Earth.
- o For the †cousins and families of Ayleen and Omar killed in the earthquakes in Venezuela.
 - o For †Silvestre Remedios De Melo, the husband on Monica, coordinating St. Anthony's Group.

Recommended Reading



- o ["UN High Commissioner for Refugees: Church an important partner in helping refugees"](#)
- o ["Canada will slash millions in spending meant to help immigrants. Here's how hard Ontario is being hit"](#)
- o ["Proposal to radically change how asylum seekers are settled in Canada heard by MPs"](#)
- o ["Migrant worker's hit-and-run death in Niagara-on-the-Lake sparks call for government action"](#)

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VOICES OF MIGRANTS

Seeks to portray both the drama of migration and the resilience of those who manage to carve out a space for themselves amidst adversity.

FOR ME, CANADA IS...

My Canada is a vast mosaic made beautiful by our diverse cultures, peaceful co-existence, and natural beauty...my home.

– Sheila Sullivan, CND.



For me, Canada is where people from the world's many cultures are accepted, appreciated, and encouraged to make Canada an exciting place to live. – Mary Halder



IN OUR OWN WORDS

Fabiola Cruz Li
Past Recipient of the
Sisters of Service Scholarship

Recipient of the SISTERS OF SERVICE Scholarship.
"As a former asylum seeker in Canada, I am committed to serving asylum seekers, refugees, and other migrants with precarious status. The Sisters of Service Scholarship has allowed me to pursue a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies at Stanford University, where I am examining the effect of Canadian immigration policy on Latin American refugee claimants."
(Excerpt from "Insights and Encounters—Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Toronto")

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THIS ONE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES
IS A BETRAYAL OF CANADA'S VALUES



Credit: R.J. Johnston Toronto Star

“When Canada signed the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States in 2002, the bargain rested on one assumption: that the United States offers a fair, humane process to people fleeing persecution. That assumption is no longer true. This week the United States Supreme Court made it official”

[Click here](#) to read article by LLOYD AXWORTHY

Migrant Workers Exercise –
Collaborative Network to End Exploitation



Justice, equality, education,
working on equal immigration.

JULY 30 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Theme: "Human trafficking is Organized Crime – End the Exploitation"

There are many ways that you can help fight the horrific global problem of human trafficking, a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. An [estimated](#) 40.3 million people—primarily women and girls—are currently being trafficked and exploited for profit. As both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV urge, our aim should be "for every enslaved person to return to being a free agent of his or her own life and to take an active part in the construction of the common good." Learn more [here](#).



Stay informed and support organizations like [Talitha Kum](#), a worldwide network of consecrated religious committed against trafficking who have presented three "causes and vulnerabilities that contribute to human trafficking": **1)** unequal power structure in society, especially related to women, children, and indigenous; **2)** inadequate migration policies that leave people vulnerable in an increasingly interconnected world;

3) an economic model that exploits human and environmental resources for the profit of the few in contrast with the exploitation of the many.

SUGGESTED STEPS OF ACTION:

- 1) **PRAY** without ceasing; [click here](#)
- 2) **ADVOCATE** for [missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls](#).
- 3) **READ** "[Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#)" "[Smuggling of Migrants](#)"

"THIS AND THAT"

LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY

In the early Christian community prior to ordination there was the practice that the members of the Christian community would gather in Vigil: praying, fasting and being in solidarity with the one to be ordained. They called upon the Holy Spirit to be not only with the one to be ordained but also that with him and through him the Christian community would continue to be empowered by the Spirit.



NOEL OCO, CSsR, prayer partner with Raffi, will be ordained a Deacon September 12, 2026

LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY WITH NOEL

SAVE THE DATE FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE 35th ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

OCTOBER 15, 2026, 6PM

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HONOREE/SPEAKER:
ALEX NEVE

35th FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE
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MATTHEW HOUSE

ROCHELLE MCALISTER appointed the new Executive Director, is noted for her deep commitment to serving newcomers, refugees and seniors.



Home, where we are treated
the best but grumble the most.

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Past CEO of Catholic Charities USA



Shirlee Sharkey
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INTENTION OF POPE LEO XIV — JULY 2026

For
respect for
human life



[Click here to watch](#)

FOR ME, CANADA IS...

Home -
Not by birth,
But by its beauty.
It's unfolding,
Its people.
- Mary Baier

An inclusive and welcoming
place. Most of our parents
came here as refugees, so we
became first-generation
Canadians.

Be proud of where you came
from. I am proud to be
Canadian. We are a strong
country. - Mark (cook)

Diversity, freedom for all, a
melting pot of individual
cultures, customs, and beliefs -
Joyce

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP: JULY 30

As you may know, **prayer, presence and solidarity** are the Gospel values that form the fabric of the ministry of Becoming Neighbours. July 30 will be an opportunity for us to celebrate the GIFT of FRIENDSHIP: a shared spirit of human solidarity. We invite you to join with us to give thanks to God for the many beautiful and precious friendships that have grown among us. Yet, as we know, our world continues to face many challenges, crises and forces of division that block a sense of belonging. It is in and through our concrete gestures of friendship that a passion for a better world where all of us are united as one will be enacted. We are pleased to share with you some photos of newcomers whom some of you have accompanied and who have accompanied us. [Click here](#) to read more.



TOOLS FOR NAVIGATING OUR SUMMER DAYS

[Ten Secrets to Happiness—Ron Rolheiser, OMI](#)

[Three Ways to Recharge in the Summer](#)