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Spiritual Development

Care for our Common Home

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***"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love,
a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."***

(St. Mother Theresa)

Our new theme, "Care for Our Common Home", leads us to have respect for our planet, sharing of human resources, for the homeless and the destitute, the hungry and all who bear the brunt of indifference and oppression.

There are all kinds of ways to learn more about Catholic Teachings, wonderful books to read, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter. Pope Francis urges us to open ourselves to Jesus, like the Magi, rather than being afraid of losing our status and power, like Herod.

The "Role of Women in the Church and Lay Ministries" is huge, we are right there in every part of our church. We are Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Collectors, Children Liturgy Teachers and Sacristans.

With regard to Evangelization, "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Mt 7:12) and focuses on the importance of love in the collaboration with people of different religious traditions. "An attitude of openness in truth and in love" (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 250). The interfaith dialogue "is a necessary condition for peace in the world".

Anna Tremblay, Ontario Provincial Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson would like us to keep these dates in mind:

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~ January 18 – 25, 2019: The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from Indonesia: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

- February 8th, the feast day of St Josephine Margaret Bakhita, FDCC, is an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking.
- World Day of the Sick ~ February 11th reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers, to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.
- World Day of Prayer ~ Friday, March 1st: This program was written by women in Slovenia, one of the smallest countries in Europe and a relatively young committee, in the WDP movement. This year's theme is: Come – Everything is Ready!, based on Luke 14.15-24. More information, including how you can participate, can be found at <https://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html>.

Important Dates:

- Ash Wednesday: March 6th
- Feast of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: March 19th
- World Day of Youth: April 14th
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: April 14th
- Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 21st
- Divine Mercy Sunday: April 28th
- Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel: April 26th
- International Workers' Day: May 1st
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations: May 12th
- National Week for Life and the Family: May 12-19, 2019

Thank you for all your love and concern for others and please know you can call me at any time or email, if I cannot help, I'm sure I will find someone who can.

May Our Heavenly Father Bless You and Keep You Safe.

Respectfully submitted.