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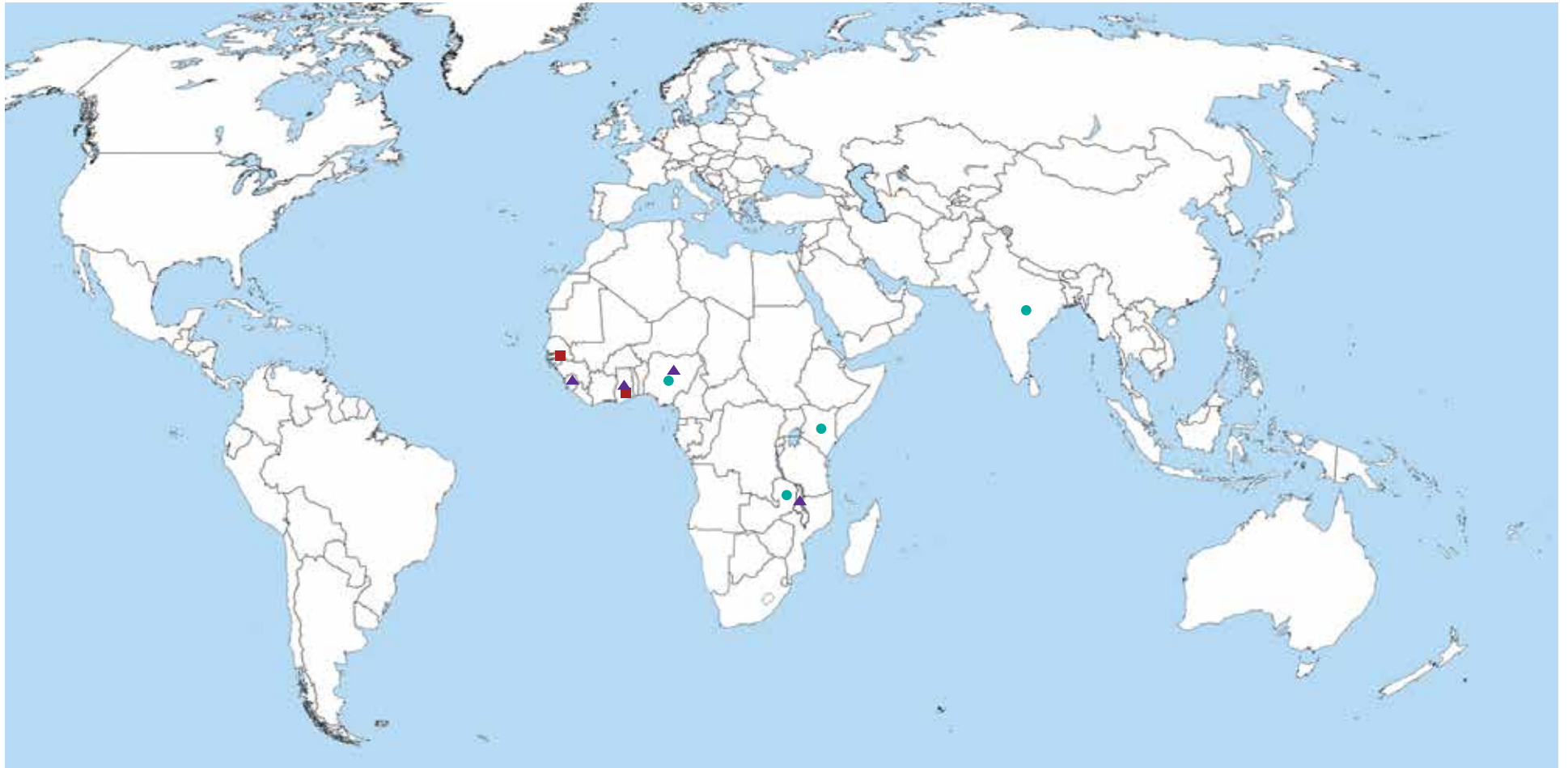
Winter 2024

Missions 2024 Calendar

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Pontifical Mission Societies – English Canada

In 2023, your prayers and financial assistance allowed us to support projects in the following countries:



■ Society for the Propagation of the Faith

GHANA
GAMBIA

▲ The Society of Saint Peter the Apostle

GHANA
SIERRA LEONE
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● Holy Childhood Association

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In Loving Memory of Permanent Deacon Dominic

God called Deacon Dominic unexpectedly, with his family at his side on November 4, 2023, at the age of 62. He is lovingly cherished by his wife Gina, his daughter Alexandra (John) and son Daniel (Laura). Dearly missed by his parents Michele and Maria along with his brothers Tony (Anna), Frank (Sandra), mother-in-law Carmela (predeceased by father-in-law Francesco) and by his brother-in-law Tony (Shawna). He will be held dear in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, relatives, and many friends.

He dedicated his work life to Catholic Education with both the Halton and Durham Catholic District School Boards. He served on many committees including Catholic School Chaplains of Ontario and When Faith Meets Pedagogy. He served as the editor of the Pontifical Mission Society magazine as well as professor at Centennial College. As a committed lifelong learner he pursued his Doctorate of Ministry from the Catholic University of America. As a deacon he served the communities of St. David's and St. Joseph the Worker parishes. He lived a life of service, always stepping forward to support those in their times of greatest need. He was a source of hope and inspiration to all who knew him.

In memory of Deacon Dominic donations may be made to the Association of the Holy Childhood.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/11478?v2=true> . <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/14494>

Funeral Mass

St. Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church
191 Wade Gate (south of Centre St.)
Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Entombment

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
211 Langstaff Rd. E., (south of Hwy 7)

Viscio
Funeral Home Inc.

Deacon Dominic March 9, 1961
PULLANO November 4, 2023

Deacon Dominic

Born: March 9, 1961
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Resting in Peace: November 4, 2023
Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

If Tears Could Build a Stairway

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to Heaven
and bring you home again,
No farewell words were spoken
no time to say goodbye
you were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.
My heart still aches in sadness
and secret tears still flow,
what it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.

The family thanks you for sharing in their sorrow.
Your support will always be remembered.

SHRINE OF SANTO NINO DE CEBU

The Shrine of Santo Nino de Cebu was built as a gift to the Archdiocese of Vancouver to create a permanent commemoration of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines.

The Shrine is situated on the parish grounds of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Agassiz, BC Canada.



JANUARY 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church - Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 NEW YEAR DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2 St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 St. John Newman, Bishop	6 St. André Bessette
7 Epiphany of the Lord	8 Baptism of the Lord	9	10	11	12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	13 St. Hilary
14 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	15	16	17 St. Anthony, Abbot	18 Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	19	20 St. Fabian St. Sebastian
21 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 St. Vincent	23	24 St. Frances De Sales	25 Conversion of St. Paul End of Prayer for Christian Unity	26 St. Timothy and St. Titus	27 St. Angela Merici
28 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29	30	31 St. John Bosco	1	2	3

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The Veiled Virgin

The Veiled Virgin is a Carrara marble statue carved in Rome by Italian sculptor Giovanni Strazza (1818–1875), depicting the bust of a veiled Virgin Mary. The exact date of the statue's completion is unknown, but it was probably in the early 1850s. The veil gives the appearance of being translucent but in fact is carved of marble.

The statue was transported to Newfoundland in 1856, as recorded on December 4 in the diary of Bishop John Thomas Mullock. "Received safely from Rome, a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in marble, by Strazza. The face is veiled, and the figure and features are all seen. It is a perfect gem of art". It was then kept at the Bishop's Palace next to the Catholic Cathedral in St. John's, Newfoundland until 1862, when Bishop Mullock presented it to Mother Mary Magdalene O'Shaughnessy, the Superior of the Presentation Convent, because his blood sister, Mary de Pazzi Mullock was a vowed member of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The bust has since remained under the care of the Presentation Sisters in Cathedral Square, St. John's, NL. It can be viewed at Presentation Motherhouse, Cathedral Square, 180 Military Road, St. John's, NL, A1C 2E8. Phone 709-753-7291.

(Adapted from Wikipedia)



FEBRUARY 2024

For the Terminally Ill - Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life	3 St. Blaise
4 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5	6 St. Paul Miki and Companions	7	8 St. Josephine Bakhita St. Jerome Emiliani	9	10 St. Scholastica
11 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18 1 st Sunday of Lent	19	20	21	22 Chair of St. Peter	23 St. Polycarp	24
25 2 nd Sunday of Lent	26	27	28	29	1	2

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Convent of the Presentation Sisters in Cathedral Square, 180 Military Road, St. John's, NL, A1C 2E8

In 1862, Bishop Mullock presented the Veiled Virgin to Mother Mary Magdalene O'Shaughnessy, the Superior of the Presentation Convent, because his blood sister, Mary de Pazzi Mullock was a vowed member of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

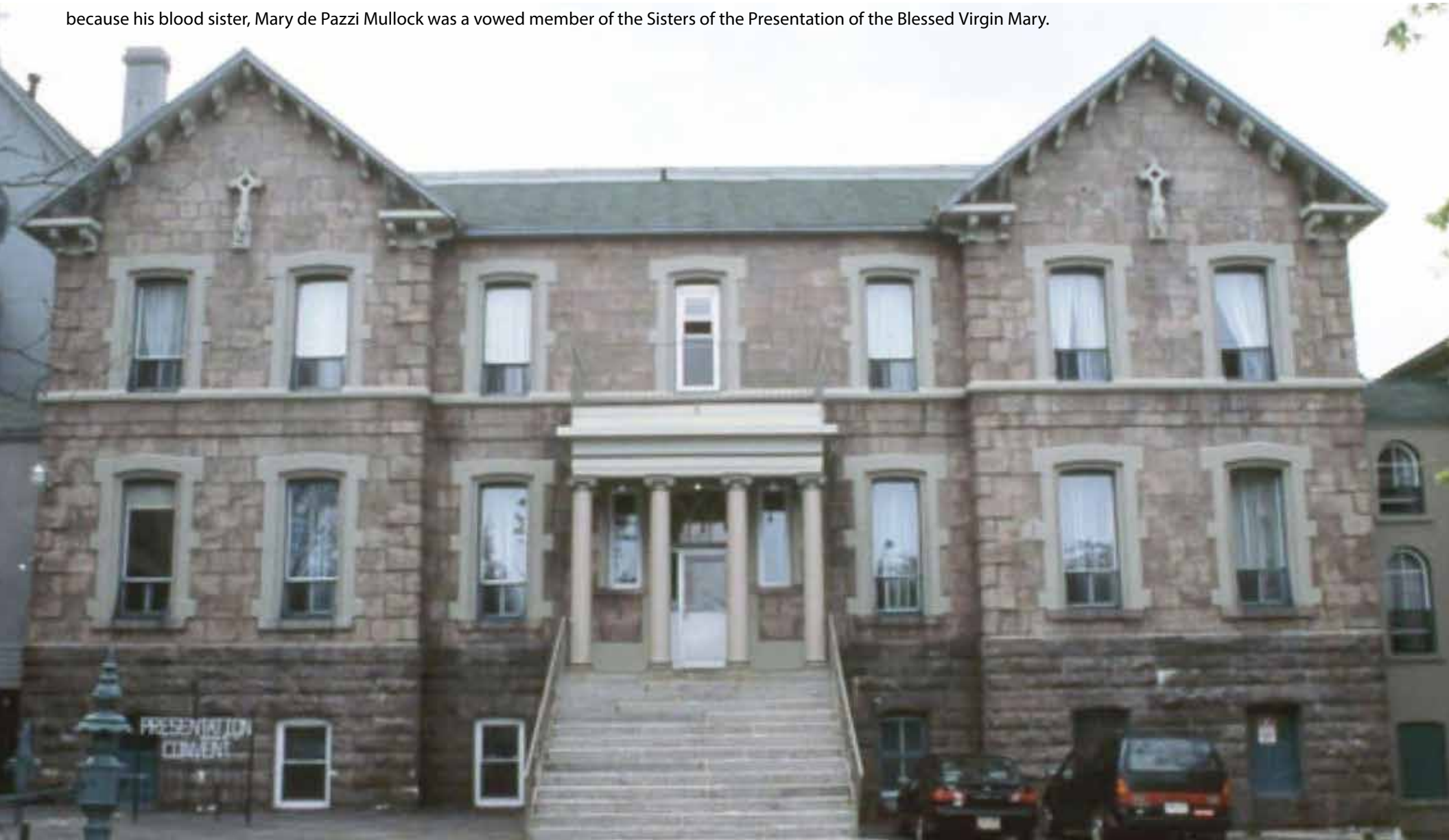


Image Credit: From Sister Rosemary Ryan, RSM

MARCH 2024

For New Martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 3 rd Sunday of Lent	4 St. Casimir	5	6	7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity	8 St. John of God, International Women's Day	9 St. Frances of Rome
10 4 th Sunday of Lent	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5 th Sunday of Lent	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter Sunday						

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THE CANTICLE OF CREATION ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*All praise be yours, my Lord,
through all that you have made,
And first my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; and light you give
to us through him.*

*How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Sister Moon and Stars; in the heavens you have made
them, bright and precious and fair.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind
and Air, and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which you cherish all that you have made.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
Through whom you brighten up the night.*

*How beautiful is he, how merry!
Full of power and strength.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our
Mother, Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces
various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

ALL PRAISE BE YOURS, MY LORD!



APRIL 2024

For the Role of Women - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	8 The Annunciation of the Lord	9	10	11 St. Stanislaus	12	13 St. Martin I
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter	15	16	17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha	18	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	22 St. Kateri Tekakwitha	23 St. George St. Albert	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen	25 St. Mark	26 Our Lady of Good Counsel	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter	29 St. Catherine of Siena	30 St. Marie of the Incarnation				

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Holy Rosary Cathedral Vancouver

The parish began in June of 1885 when the Right Reverend Louis d'Herbomez, OMI, Vicar Apostolic of British Columbia, appointed Father Patrick Fay to care for the two settlements of Granville: Gastown and Hastings. Father Fay was chaplain to the Canadian Pacific Railway workers.

Father Fay said the first Mass on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, 1885. Regular Masses were held in Blair's Hall on Abbot Street and in Keefer's Hall, at Alexander and Water Streets. In 1886 there were 69 Catholic families in the "parish" and the need of a permanent church was obvious. The people decided to build. In choosing a site for the new church Father Fay looked south from the waterfront, up the slopes of the uncut forest, and pointed to the tallest tree, the land was acquired and a wooden church was built.

Records indicate that the first Mass was said in it on Rosary Sunday, 1889. The church was later enlarged and a bell tower built. (<https://www.holyrosarycathedral.org/history/>)



MAY 2024

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 St. Joseph the Worker	2 St. Athanasius	3 St. Philip and St. James	4 Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis
5 6th Sunday of Easter	6 St. Francois De Laval	7	8 Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine, Religious	9	10 St. John of Avila	11
12 Ascension of the Lord World Communication Day	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Mathias	15	16	17	18
19 Pentecost Sunday	20 Bl. Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Victoria Day	21 St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions St. Eugene de Mazenod	22 St. Rita of Cascia	23	24 Bl. Louis-Zephirin Moreau	25 St. Bede the Venerable
26 The Most Holy Trinity	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury	28	29 St. Paul VI	30	31 Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary	1

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St. Augustine of Canterbury Church

St. Augustine of Canterbury parish in Brandon, Manitoba is a beautiful and historic parish. It was built by the Redemptorists who came from Belgium in 1884. This year the parish celebrates its 140th birthday. The church is gothic in structure. The founding priests are buried in the vault in the basement of the church. The pipe organ is a Cassavant.



JUNE 2024

For those Fleeing their Own Countries - Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 St. Justin
2 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	4	5 St. Boniface	6 St. Norbert	7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
9 10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11 St. Barnabas	12	13 St. Anthony of Padua	14	15
16 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17	18	19 St. Romuald	20	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga	22 St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More
23 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26	27	28	29 St. Peter and St. Paul
30 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time				St. Cyril of Alexandria	St. Irenaeus	

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Mount Carmel Pilgrimage

One of the most significant events for the people living in Humboldt and surrounding areas is the Mount Carmel Pilgrimage. It takes place on a hill six kilometres north of Carmel, Saskatchewan. It was originally named spathanaw watchi in Cree, which means “the mount of the far view”. The hill was once part of a homestead, but the farmer relinquished its title in 1921, donating it for the erection of a shrine to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Benedictines of St. Peter’s Abbey, Muenster, Saskatchewan, established and dedicated it. Since the first pilgrimage held on September 10, 1922, which registered 3,500 people, countless pilgrims have climbed the hill to seek the intercession of Our Lady and pray for a bumper harvest under the Prairie skies.

The pilgrimage is held annually on the Sunday after the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16. The annual pilgrimage includes prayers, the Rosary, Marian hymns, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sunday Mass (traditionally celebrated by the Bishop of Saskatoon with priests, ministering in surrounding towns, concelebrating), the blessing of the sick, Stations of the Cross, and the blessing of the fields from the hilltop next to the statue of Our Lady and the Child Jesus. This pilgrimage has always been integral to the spiritual life of the people in the area once referred to as St. Peter’s Colony.



JULY 2024

For the Pastoral Care of the Sick - Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 Canada Day	2	3 St. Thomas the Apostle	4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal	5 St. Anthony Zaccaria	6 St. Maria Goretti
7 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions	10	11 St. Benedict	12	13 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
14 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 St. Bonaventure	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17	18	19	20 St. Apollinaris
21 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget	24	25 St. James the Apostle	26 Saints Anne and Joachim	27
28 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus	30 St. Peter Chrysologus	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola	1	2	3

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The Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist



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AUGUST 2024

For Political Leaders - Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 St. Alphonsus Liguori	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard	3
4 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 Dedication of St. Mary Major	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8 St. Dominic	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10 St. Lawrence
11 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	13 St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus	14 St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe	15 The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17
18 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 St. John Eudes	20 St. Bernard	21 St. Pius X	22 Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima	24 St. Bartholomew
25 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	26	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine	29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist	30	31

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St Peter-In-Chains Cathedral

The dream of building St. Peter-In-Chains began in August of 1825/1826, nearly 200 years ago, when Peter Robinson brought a group of poor Catholic immigrants from Ireland to the promised land of Canada. Forcing their way through seemingly impenetrable virgin forests, the people claimed their 100 acres of free land in "Peterborough" to realize the dream of a new life.

Even with many still living in tents, the newcomers begged the Bishop of Upper Canada for a priest, realizing their Catholic faith was necessary if they were to survive in the wilderness. Ten years after their arrival, the men, women, and children began, stone by stone, to build St. Peter-In-Chains Church, with the first Stone Church completed in 1838.

<https://stpeterspeterborough.ca/about/history#history>



SEPTEMBER 2024

For the Cry of the Earth - Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Labour Day	3 St. Gregory the Great	4 	5 	6 	7
8 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 St. Peter Claver	10 	11 	12 Most Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian	17 St. Hildegard of Bingen St. Robert Bellarmine	18 	19 St. Januarius	20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and St. Paul Chong Ha-San and Companions	21 St. Mathew
22 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina	24 	25 St. Cosmas and St. Damian	26 St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companions	27 St. Vincent de Paul	28 St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
29 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Migrants and Refugees	30 St. Jerome	1 	2 	3 	4 	5

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St. Andrew's Cathedral - Victoria, British Columbia



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OCTOBER 2024

For A Shared Mission - Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus	2 The Holy Guardian Angels	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi	5 St. Faustina Kowalska
6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Denis and Companions St. John Leonardi	9	10	11 St. John XXIII	12
13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 St. Callistus I Thanksgiving Day	15 St. Teresa of Jesus	16 St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch	18 St. Luke	19 St. Paul of the Cross
20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	21	22 St. John Paul II Dedication of Consecrated Churches	23 St. John of Capistrano	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret	25	26
27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 St. Simon and St. Jude	29	30	31	1	2

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St. Michael's Basilica in Miramichi, New Brunswick

Québec missionary Father William Dollard was sent to serve in Bartibogue in 1823, and then Saint Patrick's in Nelson in 1826. Following him was Kilkenny Ireland's Father Micahel Egan, who founded the Saint Michael the Archangel mission in Chatham in 1833. Chatham Catholics built up the first Saint Michael's Church which opened on March 17, 1839.

Taken from: <https://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/about/history/>

NOVEMBER 2024

For Those Who Have Lost A Child - Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					All Saints Day	All Souls Day
3 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 St. Charles Borromeo	5	6	7	8	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 St. Martin of Tours	12 St. Josaphat	13	14	15 St. Albert the Great	16 St. Margaret of Scotland
17 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 Dedication of Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul	19	20	21 Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia	23 St. Clement I
24 Christ the King 34 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria	26	27	28	29	30 St. Andrew

OCTOBER 2024						
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Notre-Dame de Montréal Basilica



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For Pilgrims of Hope - Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1 st Sunday of Advent	2	3 St. Francis Xavier	4 St. John Damascene	5	6 St. Nicholas	7 St. Ambrose
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9 The Immaculate Conception	10 Our Lady of Loreto	11 St. Damasus	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy	14 St. John of the Cross
15 3 rd Sunday of Advent	16	17	18	19	20	21 St. Peter Canisius
22 4 th Sunday of Advent	23 St. John of Kanty	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 St. Stephen	27 St. John	28 Holy Innocents
29 Holy Family	30	31 St. Sylvester I New Year Eve	1	2	3	4

NOVEMBER 2024						
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