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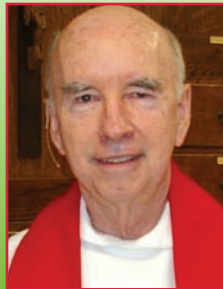
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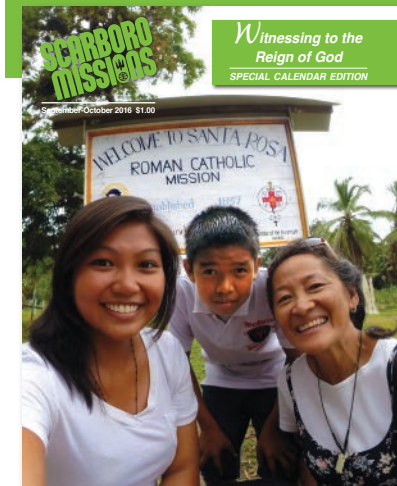
Dear partner in mission,

We are happy to present this calendar issue of our magazine. We do so with a profound sense of gratitude for our call to God's mission and for the many blessings we have received since our founding in 1918 by Monsignor John Mary Fraser. Our ministries are rooted in "presence." Jesus took time to be present to people by listening, sharing meals, and healing the sick. His love was so great that he gave his life so that all may have new life, and he continues to be present to us today in the Eucharist, in our gathering as community, in our prayer, and in each other.

Scarboro missionaries are called to live out Jesus' mission of loving presence, to live in solidarity with the poor, accompanying them in their efforts to better their lives. We are also called to pastoral ministry, such as parish work and Christian leadership training in small communities, and attention to health care. We remember the Scarboro priest and three lay missionaries who are dedicated to these ministries in Guyana, South America; the lay missionary doing adult education in China; the Scarboro priest working with the Asian bishops in reaching out to the many cultures and religions of the region; and the Scarboro priest involved in indigenous ministry, particularly language and culture rights, in Brazil.

Here in Canada, Scarboro missionaries are called to announce the Reign of God through mission animation at our Mission Centre; through interfaith dialogue and the work of the Interfaith Department; and through the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis counsels us that all Christians need "...an 'ecological conversion,' whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (*LS 217*) These are strong words! We can live this conversion in our daily lives by becoming more involved in issues like climate change and sustainable living, working with a local community or parish group, and even simply by following the three Rs—reduce, reuse, and recycle.

On behalf of Scarboro Missions we thank you, our benefactors, for your very generous support. Our ministry of presence is possible because of you. We remember you in our prayers, and we wish God's many blessings for you and your loved ones in 2017.∞



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Ashley Apercho (L) and Donna Tai  
visit Santa Rosa, an Amerindian  
village in Guyana. 2015.

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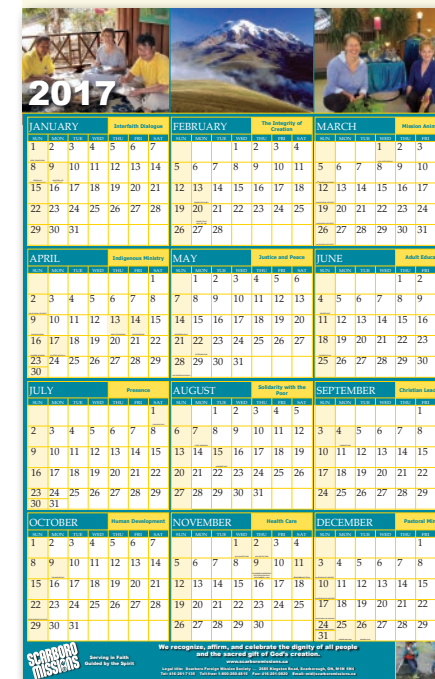
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It is important to see injustice and to work towards justice using our talents, education, and career to make a change. If we all put ourselves against the current, crosscurrent, change will be effected in the world.

*Former Scarboro missionary Armella Sonntag*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary, Mother of God</li> <li>• New Year's Day</li> <li>• World Day of Peace</li> <li>• Opening of the new Vatican department established by Pope Francis for Promoting Integral Human Development</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), first US born saint, widow, mother, founder of the Sisters of Charity</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epiphany of the Lord</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism of Our Lord</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation</li> </ul>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day of Migrants and Refugees</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 25): Reconciliation—The love of Christ compels us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) <a href="http://www.oikoumene.org">www.oikoumene.org</a></li> </ul>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversion of St. Paul</li> </ul>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, philosopher, theologian</li> <li>• Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster)</li> </ul>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	December 2016 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February 2017 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		





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Are we willing to have our faith challenged, changed, and deepened by participating in the 'God' experience of other religions? The authenticity of our Catholic faith calls us to go forth. Can we find others of like mind to journey with and work together so that we may be more in the image of God? Yes, we can if we are willing to listen and dialogue.

*Fr. Brian Swords, SFM*

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5	6   • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese martyrs)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
• Anniversary of the death of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND (1931-2005), advocate and martyr for the poor and for the environment in the Brazilian Amazon	• Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	• Valentine's Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	• Family Day (BC) • World Day of Social Justice (UN)		• St. Peter the Apostle			
26	27	28				



## Mission Animation



“The retreat experience has to prepare youth for this world. Young people have a global consciousness and a caring about creation and ecology. That’s what it means to be a missionary today. Young people are being prepared to be leaders, to build bridges of peace and understanding, and the retreat experience is part of getting them ready.”

*Scarboro Mission Centre coordinator, Kathy Murtha*



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		February 2017 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	1  • Ash Wednesday	2	3  • World Day of Prayer: " <b>Am I being unfair to you?</b> " (prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines; <a href="http://www.wicc.org">www.wicc.org</a> )	4
5  • 1st Sunday of Lent	6	7	8  • International Women's Day	9	10	11
12   • 2nd Sunday of Lent	13	14	15	16	17	18
19  • 3rd Sunday of Lent	20  • St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)	21	22	23	24  • Archbishop Oscar Romero martyred El Salvador, 1980	25  • Earth Hour, 8:30 pm <a href="http://www.earthhour.org">www.earthhour.org</a> • Our Lady's Missionaries founded 1949
26  • 4th Sunday of Lent	27 	28	29	30	31	April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



Photo: Kathy Murtha, coordinator of Scarboro's Mission Centre, facilitates retreats for Catholic high school students at the Mission Centre and at other locations. (In the background is co-facilitator Kate Flaherty.) The Mission Centre is open to groups of all faiths and also provides programs, retreats, and facilitation for youth and adults in prayer, spirituality, Scripture, interfaith dialogue, ecology, and Catholic Social Teaching. Credit: Scarboro Missions

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The longing of people everywhere is for peace, freedom, justice, and equality. It is through dialogue and sharing as brothers and sisters that a new world is being born. We are confident that the ‘sunrise’ of the Gospel will bring light and hope to the entire world.

*Fr. Jim McGuire, SFM (1933-2015)*

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
• 5th Sunday of Lent • Third World Solidarity Day (Development and Peace <a href="http://www.devp.org">www.devp.org</a> )			• Golden Rule Day			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• Palm Sunday	• Passover (celebrates deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days)			• Holy Thursday	• Good Friday	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• Easter Sunday	• Easter Monday			• Ridvan (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)		• Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 2nd Sun. of Easter						
30						
• 3rd Sunday of Easter	• Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)	• St. Mark the Evangelist				• St. Catherine of Siena Doctor of the Church

Photo: Fr. Jim McGuire served struggling rural communities in the Philippines for many years. Credit: Scarboro Missions.



## Human Development



“ I hope to see the day when people have enough to eat, just salaries, better working conditions, title to their land, because that is what God wants—fullness of life for all people.”

*Bishop George Marskell, SFM (1935-1998)*

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April 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1      • St. Joseph the Worker	2      	3      • Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	4      	5      	6      
7      • 4th Sunday of Easter	8      	9      	10      • Vesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)	11      	12      	13      
14      • 5th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day	15      	16      	17      	18      	19      	20      
21      • 6th Sunday of Easter	22      • Victoria Day (Canada) • International Day for Biological Diversity	23      	24      	25      	26      	27      • Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting begins)
28      • Ascension Sunday	29      	30      • St. Joan of Arc, martyr	31      • Visitation of Mary	June 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		





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We are called to be missionaries, announcing God's invitation to create a just and peaceful world, building interreligious dialogue, honouring the diversity of cultures, learning from our sisters and brothers, especially those who suffer poverty and persecution, and standing beside them in projects of solidarity.

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*Fr. Ron MacDonell, SFM*

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I look forward to walking in faith with people of another culture and I know that they have much to share with me in their struggles, dreams, and joys of life. I am grateful to God who has opened my heart to this ministry and who has given me many gifts to share with others.

*Former Scarboro missionary Carolyn Beukeboom*

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2	3     • St. Thomas the Apostle	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11   • St. Benedict, founder of Western monasticism	12	13	14   • St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first Aboriginal saint, patroness of the ecology and the environment	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29 • St. Mary Magdalene
30	31 • St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits	• St. James the Apostle	• Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary			





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I probably have a very simplistic view of mission, but it's what I work by.  
It is revealing God's love in our unique situation and that can take a hundred forms.

*Fr. Ken MacAulay, SFM*

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July 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1      • St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists	2	3	4	5
6     • Transfiguration • Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (1945)	7     • Civic Holiday	8	9   • International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples • Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki (1945)	10	11	12
13	14   • St. Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger at Auschwitz	15   • Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23   • St. Rose of Lima, patroness of South America	24	25	26
27	28	29   • Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31		

Photo: Scarboro lay missionary Cynthia Chu is teaching English at the university level in China. Credit: Scarboro Missions.



## The Integrity of Creation



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God calls us beyond the illusion of protection, beyond divisions, into a global community of creation. A lasting peace depends upon justice, forming right relationships as covenanted by Christ. A healthy environment depends upon moving away from being competitive consumers to becoming protectors of creation. We are on a mutual journey on this one Earth and need to share our stories, our lives, our gifts.

*Scarboro missionary Karen Van Loon*

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3	4    • Labour Day	5	6 	7	8    • Birth of Mary	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 	21   • St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist • International Day of Peace (UN) • Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)	22	23
24	25	26   • Canadian Jesuit martyrs St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and companions	27   • St. Vincent de Paul	28	29	30   • Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)

Photo: Mzuzu Diocese, Malawi, where Scarboro lay and priest missionaries served. Credit: Betty Ann Martin



## Solidarity with the Poor



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Christ has promised people a full life. And a full life has to touch on life in all its manifestations.  
The Good News is not just a said word. It has to be a lived word.

*Fr. Louis Quinn, SFM (1928-2007)*

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1     • St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (patroness of missions)	2	3	4   • St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, peace, and ecology	5  	6	7
8	9   • Thanksgiving	10	11	12	13	14
15	16   • World Food Day (UN)	17   • International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	18   • St. Luke the Evangelist	19   • Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights; signifies a renewal of life)	20   • 50th anniversary of the founding of Development and Peace, the Canadian Catholic Church's over- seas development organization	21
22   • World Mission Sunday	23	24	25	26	27	28   • Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
29	30	31	September <div><div>1 2</div><div>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</div><div>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</div><div>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</div><div>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</div></div>	November <div><div>1 2 3 4</div><div>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</div><div>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</div><div>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</div><div>26 27 28 29 30</div></div>		





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My life as a missionary priest has been a walk in faith into the unknown. I do not know what God has in store for me or how I will be called to witness the love of Christ to the people I serve. All I know is that I have to be ready for the unexpected.

*Fr. Charlie Gervais, SFM*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 
			• All Saints Day	• All Souls Day	• St. Martin de Porres (Peru)	
5	6	7	8	9  Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)	10	11
						• Remembrance Day 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
• Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
• Christ the King				• St. Andrew the Apostle		

Photo: Fr. Charlie Gervais with an elderly Andean woman in Riobamba, Ecuador. After 25 years in the Philippines, Fr. Charlie went to Ecuador to serve among the poorest of the poor, the Andean women living on Mount Chimborazo. Credit: Scarboro Missions

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I have marvelled at the acuity of God's vision, for I have been drawn time and again to places and situations I never would have found, understood, or tackled on my own. I've worked in obscure regions among pockets of forgotten people where my own puny skill set was somehow the right one to witness to God's love for them and for me.

*Former Scarborough missionary Susan Keays*

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3       • 1st Sunday of Advent • St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions	 4	5	6	7	8       • Immaculate Conception	9
10       • 2nd Sunday of Advent	11	12	13       • Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)	14	15	16
17       • 3rd Sunday of Advent	18       	19       • Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	20	21	22	23
24 • 4th Sunday of Advent • Padre Montesinos' Advent sermon, 1511, against the oppression and death of Indigenous peoples	25	26	27	28	29	30
31       • Feast of the Holy Family	• Christmas	• St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day	• St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	• Holy Innocents (Herod's massacre of all male infants)		



Photo: Susan Keays with organizers of the Micro Economic Development Project (MEDP), which works to improve the social and economic conditions of hill tribe communities. Chiang Rai, Thailand. 2007.  
 Credit: Scarboro Missions

# DECEMBER 2017

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“Our mission is to reach out to those outside and far away and witness to the inclusiveness of the Gospel.”

*Fr. Frank Hawkshaw, SFM  
1927-2009*

Scarboro missionary Fr. Frank Hawkshaw participates in a Japanese tea ceremony. Fr. Hawkshaw served in Japan for 50 years where missionaries recognized the mystery of God’s saving presence already at work among the people.

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