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“I want to throw open the
windows of the Church so
that we can see out
and the people can see in.”

Pope John XXIII, Vatican II

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL



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Dear partner in mission,

This coming year marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and the calendar that we proudly present to you will hopefully serve as a reminder of some of the principal themes and teaching that came out of that wonderful historical event.

We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the courage and openness of Blessed John XXIII in calling an ecumenical Council. In his short pontificate, he promoted new life and opened the window of "*aggiornamento*" (Italian for "updating") so that we might welcome a breath of fresh air into the Church to better appreciate the depth and the relevance of the teaching of Jesus for our time and how the Church needs to renew itself to be a relevant instrument for evangelizing in the modern world.

Scarboro missionaries pride ourselves on being missionaries whose spirituality is formed and molded by Vatican II. We value collegiality, consultation, the renewed emphasis on the missionary outreach of the church, the role of the laity, the call for recognition of the dignity of the person and the call to respectful dialogue with people of other faith traditions.

We still have a long way to go to have the ideals of the Council realized, but we pray that during this year we can move forward trusting in the Spirit of God who guides and accompanies us. Let us engage in dialogue without fear and appreciate those moments as graced moments when once again our God is revealed to us.

We are profoundly grateful to you our benefactors who make sacrifices to support our work and witness. We are especially thankful for your prayers and we in turn pray that we may always act and live in a manner that is worthy of the support and trust that you give to us as individuals and as a missionary community.

Our prayer during the coming year is that all of us can be faithful to the ideals of Vatican II. We recall the words of Blessed John XXIII of May 24, 1963, as he lay dying, "Today more than ever...we are called to serve...to defend above all and everywhere the rights of the human person...the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead."

As we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, "God with us," we pray that we as a Church will be as open to the Holy Spirit as was Blessed John XXIII and that we move forward with courage and creativity to announce with our lives and commitment, the teaching of Jesus and the challenge and vision of Vatican II. ∞

Dear friends,

Thank you for your faithfulness, prayers, and generosity to us. It is because of you that we are able to continue the work of mission, witnessing to the Gospel overseas and in Canada. We will continue to be good stewards of all your gifts as we put ourselves at the service of others.



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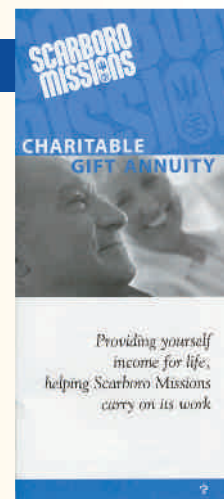
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“The joys and hopes,
the grief and anguish of
the people of our time,
especially those who are
poor or afflicted, are the
joys and hopes, the grief
and anguish of the
followers of Christ.
Nothing that is genuinely
human fails to find an echo
in their hearts.”

The Church in the Modern World, #1

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JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<div>• Mary, Mother of God</div> <div>• New Year's Day</div> <div>• World Day of Peace</div>			<div>• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</div>		<div>• St. André Bessette (Canada)</div>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<div>• Epiphany</div>	<div>• Baptism of Our Lord</div>			<div>• St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Foundress, Notre Dame Congregation</div>		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<div>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 29): "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (<i>1 Cor. 15:51-58</i>) www.oikoumene.org</div>			<div>• Conversion of St. Paul</div>			<div>• St. Thomas Aquinas</div>
29	30	31	December 11 <div>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</div>	February 12 <div>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</div>		<div>PHOTO: Thailand</div> <div>Credit: Scarboro Missions</div>



“In the Church there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission...The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world.” *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, #2*

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FEBRUARY 2012

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5	6 • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese Martyrs)	7 	8	9	10	11 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick
12	13	14 • Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)	21 	22 • Ash Wednesday • St. Peter the Apostle	23 • Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon)	24	25
26 • 1st Sunday of Lent	27	28	29			

PHOTO: Scarboro missionary
Kate O'Donnell. Brazil.
Credit: Scarboro Missions



“The best way to fulfil one’s obligations of justice and love is to contribute to the common good according to one’s means and the needs of others, and also to promote and help public and private organizations devoted to bettering the conditions of life.” *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, #2*

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MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PHOTO: Community housing project. Peru Credit: Scarboro Missions		February 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	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	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	• World Day of Prayer: "Let justice prevail" (prepared by the Women of Malaysia) www.wicc.org	10
• 2nd Sunday of Lent				• International Women's Day and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• 3rd Sunday of Lent						• St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• 4th Sunday of Lent	• St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)			• World Water Day (UN)		• Archbishop Oscar Romero martyred El Salvador, 1980
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
• 5th Sunday of Lent • Third World Solidarity Day (Canadian Catholic Organization for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE), www.devpo.org • Our Lady's Missionaries founded 1949						• Earth Hour, 8:30 pm www.earthhour.org



“In order that Christians may be able to be a more fruitful witness to Christ, let them be joined to peoples by esteem and love; let them acknowledge themselves to be members of the group of people among whom they live; let them share in cultural and social life...; let them be familiar with their national and religious traditions; let them gladly and reverently lay bare the seeds of the Word which lie hidden among the people.”

*Decree on the Mission Activity
of the Church, #11*

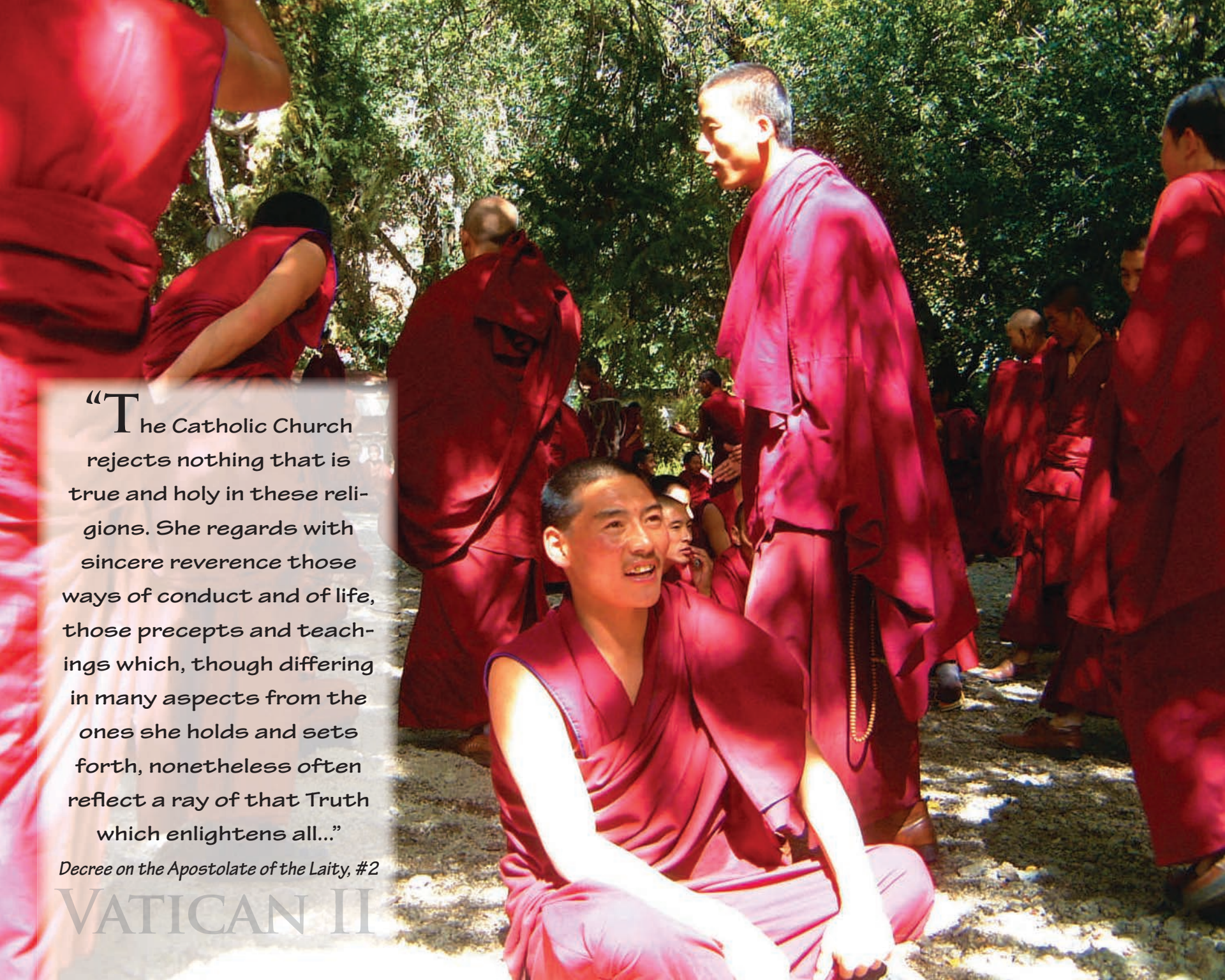
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APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • Palm Sunday	2	3	4	5 • Holy Thursday • Golden Rule Day	6  • Good Friday	7 • Passover (celebrates deliverance of Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days) • Holy Saturday
8 • Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 • 2nd Sunday of Easter	16	17 • Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	18	19	20	21  • Ridvan (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)
22 • 3rd Sunday of Easter	23	24	25 • St. Mark the Evangelist	26	27	28
29 • 4th Sunday of Easter • St. Catherine of Siena	30	March 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	May 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			PHOTO: Scarboro missionary, Susan Keays, Thailand. Credit: Scarboro Missions

A group of Buddhist monks in maroon robes are walking through a forest. In the foreground, a monk is sitting on the ground, looking up and smiling. Other monks are standing and walking around him. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage.

“**T**he Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all...”

Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, #2

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MAY 2012

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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	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	1 • St. Joseph the Worker	2 • Holy Childhood Mission Day	3 • Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	4	5  • Wesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)
6 • 5th Sunday of Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 • 6th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day	14	15 • G8 Summit, Chicago, Illinois (to May 22)	16	17	18 • Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)	19
20 	21 • Victoria Day (Canada)	22	23	24	25	26
27 • Pentecost Sunday	28	29	30 • St. Joan of Arc	31 • Visitation of Mary		PHOTO: Tibetan monks. Credit: Scarboro Missions

“The Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. Thus, in language intelligible to each generation, she can respond to the perennial questions which people ask about this present life and the life to come, and about the relationship of the one to the other.” *The Church in the Modern World, #4*

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JUNE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PHOTO: Scarboro missionary Fr. Omar Dixon celebrates mass with the community of Santa Maria-Madrubá on the banks of the Amazon. Brazil. Credit: Scarboro Missions</p>			May 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	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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
• Holy Trinity	• Earth Summit 2012 (Rio+20) Rio de Janiero (to June 6)	• St. Boniface • World Environment Day (UN)				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
• Corpus Christi					• Feast of the Sacred Heart	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• Father's Day				• National Aboriginal Day (Canada)	• Scarboro Father Art MacKinnon martyred Dominican Republic (1965)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• Ste. Jean Baptiste (Quebec)					• Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	



“P
eople are of greater value for what they are than for what they have. Technical progress is of less value than advances towards greater justice, wider kinship and a more humane development.”



The Church in the Modern World, #35

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JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 • Canada Day	2 • Canada Day Statutory Holiday	3  • St. Thomas the Apostle	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 • St. Benedict	12	13	14
15 • St. Bonaventure	16	17	18	19 	20 • Ramadhan (Islamic month of fasting begins)	21
22 • St. Mary Magdalene	23	24	25 • St. James the Apostle	26 • Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary	27 • 2012 Summer Olympics, London (to August 12)	28
29 • 2012 Paralympics, London (to September 9)	30	31 • St. Ignatius of Loyola	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	August 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	PHOTO: Thailand. Credit: Scarboro Missions	



“Christians can yearn for nothing more ardently than to serve the people of this age successfully with increasing generosity. Holding loyally to the Gospel, enriched by its resources, and joining forces with all who love and practise justice, they have shouldered a weighty task here on earth...” *The Church in the Modern World, #93*

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“To satisfy the demands of justice and equity, strenuous efforts must be made, without disregarding the rights of persons or the natural qualities of each country, to remove as quickly as possible the immense economic inequalities which now exist...” *The Church in the Modern World, #66*

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SEPTEMBER 2012

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PHOTO: Vendor on the streets of Mexico.				August 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	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	1
2	3 • Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8 • Birth of Mary
9	10	11	12	13	14 • Triumph of the Cross	15  • Our Lady of Sorrows
16 • Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)	17	18	19	20 • Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions (Korean martyrs)	21 • St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist • International Day of Peace (UN)	22
23 30	24	25	26 • Canadian martyrs St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions, Jesuits	27 • St. Vincent de Paul	28	29 



“**T**he pilgrim church is missionary by her very nature (4)...thus the church, at once ‘a visible organization and a spiritual community,’ travels the same journey as all of humanity and shares the same earthly lot with the world: it is to be a leaven and, as it were, the soul of human society in its renewal by Christ and transformation into the family of God.”



The Church in the Modern World, #40

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OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (patroness of missions)	2	3	4 • St. Francis of Assisi	5	6
7	8 • Thanksgiving	9	10	11 • Second Vatican Council opens in 1962	12	13 • Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
14	15 	16 • St. Marguerite d'Youville, foundress, Grey Nuns of Montreal • World Food Day (UN)	17 • International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	18 • St. Luke the Evangelist	19	20
21 • World Mission Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 • Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	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	November 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: Children in Mzuzu, Malawi, Africa. Credit: Scarboro Missions



“**T**he Church, therefore, exhorts her people, that through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, carried out with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life, they recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found among these...” *Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, #2*

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4	5	6	7	8	9  Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)	10
11  • Remembrance Day	12 • Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith	13 • Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 • Christ the King	26 	27	28	29	30 • St. Andrew the Apostle	PHOTO: Scarboro missionary Fr. Brian Swords speaks with Buddhist monks. Tibet. Credit: Scarboro Missions



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Blessed John XXIII

Spoken on May 24, 1963, as he lay dying.



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DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PHOTO: Women and children in Mzuzu, Malawi, Africa. Credit: Scarboro Missions.				November 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	January 2013 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	1
2 • 1st Sunday of Advent • Srs. M. Clark, I. Ford, D. Kazel, and lay missionary J. Donovan, martyred, El Salvador	3 • St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions	4	5	6	7	8 • Immaculate Conception
9 • 2nd Sunday of Advent	10	11	12 • Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	13	14	15
16 • 3rd Sunday of Advent	17	18	19 • Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)	20	21	22
23 • 4th Sunday of Advent • Padre Montesinos' advent sermon, 1511	24	25	26 • St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day	27	28	29
30 • Feast of the Holy Family	31	• Christmas		• St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	• Holy Innocents, Martyrs	

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Fr. Jim McGuire and
Sr. Ann MacDonald, CSJ,
members of Scarboro's
Malawi mission team.
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