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presence of the
Risen Lord in
the world.”

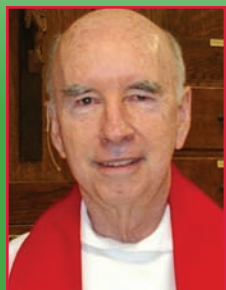
Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic letter
Porta Fidei (The Door of Faith), 15



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Dear partner in mission,



Fr. Brian Swords
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Fr. Ron MacDonell
Vicar General



Fr. John Carten
Councillor

Once again, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God became human in the person of Jesus Christ, two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. The very word Christmas (“Christ’s Mass”) expresses this. The word “Mass” roots itself in the Latin verb *mittere*, “to send,” and “Christ” means “the Anointed One.” Jesus is the Anointed Son of God, sent into our world to free us from all that harms us and to call us to Love. At Christmas time, we remember Christ’s first coming and we look forward with anxious hope to his second coming. “O come, o come, Emmanuel!”

On October 11, 2012, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. To mark this significant event, Pope Benedict XVI has called for a “Year of Faith”, starting on October 11 and ending next year on November 24, the Feast of Christ the King. It is to be a time of rooting ourselves in Jesus and in his mission. We, as church, are called to live a New Evangelization, to immerse ourselves once more in the spirit of Vatican II teachings. In his Apostolic letter, *Porta Fidei*, “The Door of Faith,” Pope Benedict recalls the words of Pope John Paul II: “... I feel more than ever in duty bound to point to the Council as the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century: there we find a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning” (2001, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, #57).

Let us heed this call to accept the graces of Vatican II, by deepening the values of consultation, collegiality, missionary outreach, lay involvement, recognition and respect for the dignity of the person, and dialogue with people of other faith traditions. Christ sends us into the world to continue his mission of compassionate love and to be builders of justice and peace. “I am the Vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit” (John 15:5).

As the newly elected General Council of Scarboro Missions, we wish to express our deepest thanks to you, our generous benefactors, for your sacrifices, prayers and donations. You are in our prayers and your intentions are remembered at our daily Mass. Your generosity makes our work possible, in schools in Malawi and Thailand, in orphanages and prisons in Guyana, in universities in China, in indigenous communities in Brazil, and here in Canada, through our interfaith work and through our Mission Centre, presenting retreats to Canadian high school students. May Christmas be a time of love and joy for you and your family, and may you feel the presence of Jesus in your hearts. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!∞

Year of Faith website: www.annusfidei.va

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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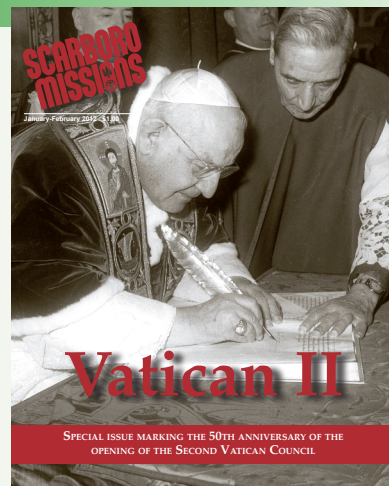
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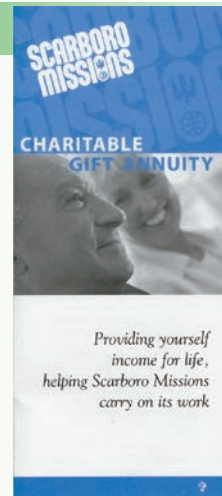
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A photograph of a smiling woman and a laughing child in a rural setting. The woman, on the right, has short grey hair and is wearing a green patterned shirt. The child, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a plaid shirt. In the background, other people and a motorcycle are visible in a dirt area with trees.

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

Vatican II, The Church in the Modern World, #1

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PHOTO: Mindanao, Philippines		1 • Mary, Mother of God • New Year's Day • World Day of Peace	2	3	4	5
6 • Epiphany • St. André Bessette (Canada)	7	8	9	10	11	12 • St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation
13 • Baptism of Our Lord	14	15	16	17	18 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 25): "What does God require of us?" (<i>Micah</i> 6:6-8) www.oikoumene.org	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 • Conversion of St. Paul	26
27	28 • St. Thomas Aquinas	29	30	31	December 2012 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 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

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“Many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalized or excluded, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ’s own face is seen.”

Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter proclaiming The Year of Faith, #14

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me...

Matthew 25:35-36

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PHOTO: Riobamba, Ecuador. Credit: Philippe Henry					1	2 • Presentation of Our Lord
3	4	5	6 • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese Martyrs)	7 	8	9
10 • Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake)	11 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick • Family Day (BC)	12	13 • Ash Wednesday	14 • Valentine's Day	15	16
17 • 1st Sunday of Lent	18 • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	19	20 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)	21 	22 • St. Peter the Apostle	23
24 • 2nd Sunday of Lent	25	26	27	28	January 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	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

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“The Church looks to young people with hope and confidence; she encourages them to seek truth, to defend the common good, to be open to the world around them and willing to see ‘new things.’”

Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace, 2012, #1

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
children of God.

Matthew 5:9

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“Action on behalf of justice and participation
in the transformation of the world fully appear to us
as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel.”

World Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, #6

What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 • Golden Rule Day	6 
7 • 2nd Sunday of Easter	8 • Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)	9	10	11	12	13
14 • 3rd Sunday of Easter	15	16	17 • St. Kateri Tekakwitha	18	19	20
21 • 4th Sunday of Easter • Ridvan (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)	22 	23	24	25 • St. Mark the Evangelist	26	27
28 • 5th Sunday of Easter	29 • 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: Children of Pulingui San Pablo in the El Condor school and community centre, a sustainable development project of indigenous communities on the upper slopes of Mount Chimborazo, Ecuador.	

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“Countless Christians have promoted action for justice
so as to put into practice the word of the Lord,
who came to proclaim deliverance from oppression
and a year of favour for all.”

Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter proclaiming The Year of Faith, #13

Let those who boast, boast in this, that they
understand and know me...I act with steadfast
love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in
these things I delight, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 • 6th Sunday of Easter	 6	7	8	9	10	11
12 • Ascension Sunday • Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 • Pentecost Sunday	20 • Victoria Day (Canada)	 21	22	23	24	25 • Wesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)
26 • Holy Trinity	27	28	29	30 • St. Joan of Arc	31 • Visitation of Mary	



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“We are called as co-creators to join God’s work to repair some of creation’s wounds which have been inflicted due to our ecological sins. The ‘Lover of Life,’ who came so that we all might have life, and have it abundantly, continues to provide us with opportunities to renew the face of the earth.”

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, You Love All That Exists, #18

I am the vine, you are the branches.
John 15:5

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2	3	4	 5 • St. Boniface • World Environment Day (UN)	6	7	8
• Corpus Christi 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	 20 • Father's Day	• Feast of the Sacred Heart 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						• Father Art MacKinnon, SFM, martyred Dominican Republic (1965) • National Aboriginal Day (Canada)
	• Ste. Jean Baptiste (Quebec)					• Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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“It is impossible to accept that the work of evangelization could or should ignore the extremely grave questions so much under discussion today, which refer to justice, liberation, development, and peace in the world. If that were to happen it would mean ignoring the teaching of the Gospel.”

Pope Paul VI, Evangelization in the Modern World, #31

God has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4:18

PHOTO: Mother and daughter carrying a heavy load. Both are members of the community of Pulingui San Pablo on the upper slopes of Mount Chimborazo, Ecuador.

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“The proclamation of Jesus Christ, the ‘Good News’ of salvation, love, justice and peace, is not readily received in today’s world, devastated as it is by wars, poverty and injustices. For this very reason the men and women of our day have greater need than ever of the Gospel.”

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church

Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me,
even so I send you.

John 20:21

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PHOTO: Zambia Credit: Development and Peace	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	2	3
4 • St. John Vianney (patron of priests)	5 • Civic Holiday	6 • Transfiguration • Hiroshima Day (1945)	7	8 • Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival of the Breaking of the Fast; the end of Ramadhan)	9	10
11	12	13	14 • St. Maximilian Kolbe	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 • St. Augustine	29 • Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31 

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“The Churches have the task of transposing the essence of the Gospel message, without the slightest betrayal of its essential truth, into the language of the people.

It loses much of its effectiveness if it does not use their language, their signs, their symbols, if it does not answer the questions they ask and impact their concrete lives.”

Pope Paul VI, Evangelization in the Modern World, #63

You are the salt of the earth...
you are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:13-14

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	• Labour Day			• Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
• Birth of Mary						• Triumph of the Cross • Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
• Our Lady of Sorrows					• Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions (Korean martyrs)	• St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist • International Day of Peace (UN)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				• Canadian martyrs St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions, Jesuits	• St. Vincent de Paul	
29	30	August <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>	October <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>	PHOTO: Choir members at a Eucharistic celebration. Malawi.		

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“For the Church it is a question of affecting and, as it were, upsetting, through the power of the Gospel, humanity’s criteria of judgment, determining values, points of interest, lines of thought, sources of inspiration and models of life, which are in contrast with the Word of God and the plan of salvation.”

Pope Paul VI, Evangelization in the Modern World, #19

My children, let us love,
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

1 John 3:18

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 • Thanksgiving	15 <div>●</div>	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 • World Mission Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 • Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	28	29 <div>●</div>	30	31		PHOTO: Parishioners in Bukidnon on the island of Mindanao protest the clearcutting of the forests. Philippines.

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“Above all the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one.”

Pope Paul VI, Evangelization in the Modern World, #21

You will be my witnesses . . .
to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

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PHOTO: Scarboro missionaries with family and friends in Ottawa on October 24, 2009, participating in the first International Day of Climate Action organized by 350.org. That year, 5,245 events took place in 181 countries. 350.org is building an international grassroots movement to solve the climate crisis. Many scientists and climate experts consider 350 parts per million to be the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide in our atmosphere and 350.org calls for a return to below this level. Accelerating arctic warming and other early climate impacts have led scientists to conclude that we are already above the safe zone at our current 390 parts per million.			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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <div>  <p>Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)</p> </div>
• St. Martin de Porres (Peru) • Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights)						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	• Remembrance Day	• Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• Christ the King • Closing celebration of the Year of Faith				• Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)		• St. Andrew the Apostle

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“Jesus sets down how the Church is to evangelize,
demonstrating for her the heart of the Christian faith,
namely, to believe in Love.”

Working Document for the Synod on the New Evangelization, #23

You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
with all your strength. You shall love your
neighbour as yourself. There is no other
commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

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1 • 1st Sunday of Advent	2 • 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 • 2nd Sunday of Advent • Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12 • Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	13	14
15 • 3rd Sunday of Advent	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 • 4th Sunday of Advent	23 • Padre Montesinos' advent sermon, 1511	24	25 • Christmas	26 • St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day	27 • St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	28 • Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29 • Feast of the Holy Family	30	31	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	PHOTO: Itacoatiara, Brazil, on the shores of the Amazon River.	



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



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