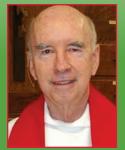


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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL



Fr. Brian Swords Moderator



Fr. Ron MacDonell Vicar General



Fr. John Carten Councillor

Dear partner in mission,

dvent is a time for preparing ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This year, images of war-torn Syria are fresh in our minds. In that country so very close to the Holy Land where Jesus was born, the tragic deaths of children due to chemical warfare touched us in a profound way. How can such suffering happen? Humanity is yearning more than ever for peace.

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, was born into our world to show us the way to peace. By his life and message, we learn that we make peace by living love and compassion and by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need. We at Scarboro Missions, priests and lay missioners, are humbly grateful for our call to participate in the mission of Jesus, both in Canada and in other lands. With this Christmas calendar, we remember in a particular way the people of Guyana, South America, who suffer from poverty and despair. Our Scarboro team there, lay missioners Donna Tai and Bev Trach, and Fr. Mike Traher and Fr. Shawn Daley, walk with the people, sharing with them their daily joys and sorrows.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis tells us that the "missionary spirit is not only about geographical territories, but about peoples, cultures and individuals, because the 'boundaries' of faith do not only cross places and human traditions, but the heart of each man and each woman." He goes on to say that the missionary spirit is an "…essential aspect: we are all invited to walk the streets of the world with our brothers and sisters, proclaiming and witnessing to our faith in Christ and making ourselves heralds of his Gospel."

Our Scarboro Missions family is blessed by the generosity of our supporters. You help us by your prayers and donations, and we thank you! Your generosity enables us to serve the people of Guyana and those in other lands.

At this time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, let us strive to set a firm goal of witnessing Jesus' love and compassion to our brothers and sisters, both near and far. All of us at Scarboro wish you a blessed Christmas, and may the peace of Christ, the Prince of Peace, rest gently on you. $\infty$ 

Thank you

for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your generous support of our work. It is because of you that we are

able to continue to witness to the Gospel overseas and in Canada. We will strive to be good stewards of all your gifts as we put ourselves at the service of others.





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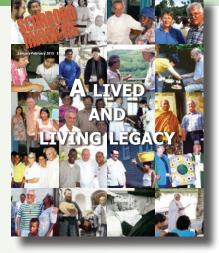
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o not be afraid of what God asks of you! It is worth saying 'yes' to God…in God we find real joy." Pope Francis

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PHOTO: Fr. Mike Traher at the Kumu Amerindian village south of Lethem near Guyana's bor- der with Brazil. South America.	December 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	February 2014 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	• Mary, Mother of God • New Year's Day	2	3	4 • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), first US born saint, widow, mother, founder
5	• Epiphany • St. André Bessette (1845-1937) Holy Cross brother, healer of the sick, founder of St. Joseph's Shrine, Montreal	7	• World Day of Peace	9	10	of the Sisters of Charity
<ul> <li>Baptism of Our Lord</li> <li>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation</li> </ul>	13	14	15	16 •	17	18 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 25): "Has Christ been divided? ( <i>1 Corinthians</i> 1:13) www.oikoumene.org
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 • Conversion of St. Paul
26	27	• St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, philosopher, theologian	29	30 🧶	• Chinese New Year (Year of the Horse)	



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e are called to open ourselves more and more to the action of the Holy Spirit, to offer our unreserved readiness to be instruments of God's mercy, of God's tenderness, of God's love for every man and every woman and especially for the poor, the outcast and those who are distant."

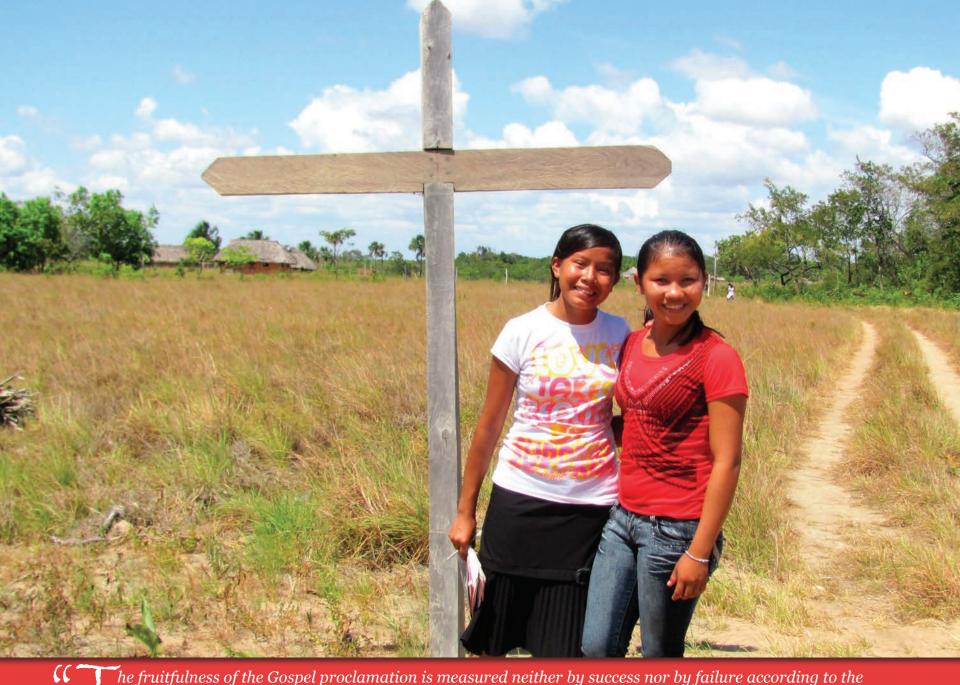


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PHOTO: Lay missioner Kate O'Donnell with her friend Nanda in Bartica, a town located 80 kilometres inland from the Atlantic coast, at the head of the Essequibo River.				January 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 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	1
2 <ul> <li>Presentation of Our Lord</li> </ul>	3	4	5	6 • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese martyrs)	7	8
9	• Family Day (BC)	• Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	12	13	• Valentine's Day	15
16	<b>17</b> • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	18	19	20 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)	21	• St. Peter the Apostle
23	24	25	26	27	28	



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he fruitfulness of the Gospel proclamation is measured neither by success nor by failure according to the criteria of human evaluation, but by becoming conformed to the logic of the Cross of Jesus, which is the logic of stepping outside oneself and spending oneself, the logic of love..." POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PHOTO: Sunset in Kumu, an A	merindian village in Guyana near the I	Brazilian border. (Top calendar): Young	people of Kumu.	February 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	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	• Ash Wednesday	6	• World Day of Prayer: "Streams in the Desert" (prepared by the women of Egypt) www.wicc.org	<ul> <li>International Women's Day and United Nations Day for Women's Rights and Interna- tional Peace</li> </ul>
9 • 1st Sunday of Lent	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 2nd Sunday of Lent	17 • St. Patrick's Day	18	19 • St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)	20 • World Water Day (UN)	21	22
23 • 3rd Sunday of Lent 30	24 • Archbishop Oscar Romero martyred El Salvador, 1980 31	25	26	27	28	29
• 4th Sunday of Lent	Asia, Africa, Latin America 2685 Kingston Road, Scar	260-4815; Fax: 416-261-0820 ions.ca	n			• Earth Hour, 8:30 pm www.earthhour.org

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et us accept the grace of Christ's *Resurrection! Let us be renewed by* God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of God's love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the Earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." POPE FRANCIS

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PHOTO: A young neighbour living next to the parish house in Hosororo, a village in the north of Guyana near the Venezuelan border.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	• Golden Rule Day
<ul> <li>5th Sunday of Lent</li> <li>Third World Solidarity Day (Canadian Catholic Organiza- tion for Development and Peace), www.devp.org</li> </ul>	1	0	9		11	12
13 • Palm Sunday	<ul> <li>Passover (celebrates deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days)</li> </ul>	15 •	16	• Holy Thursday • St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first Aboriginal saint	18 • Good Friday	19 • Holy Saturday
20 • Easter Sunday	21 • Ridvan (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)	22	23		• St. Mark the Evangelist	26
<ul> <li>27d</li> <li>2nd Sunday of Easter</li> <li>Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)</li> </ul>	28	• St. Catherine of Siena	30	March 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	



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would like to make an appeal to those in possession of greater resources, to public authorities and to all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked *by greater solidarity!* No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world!" POPE FRANCIS



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PHOTO: Pamela, a mother of three small children, is an energetic member of the par- ent committee of the Railway View literacy project. Parents in the village believe that they can bring about change in their own lives and in the lives of their children. Guyana.		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	2	• Sts. Philip and James,
A	<b>_</b>	0		St. Joseph the Worker	0	Apostles
4. • 3rd Sunday of Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
• 4th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day	12	13	• Vesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)	15	16	17
18 • 5th Sunday of Easter	19 • Victoria Day (Canada)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 🧶	29	30	31
6th Sunday of Easter					St. Joan of Arc, martyr	Visitation of Mary



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aith does not make us motionless or close us off, but sends us forth to bear witness and to dialogue with all people...Let us bring to the world, through our witness, with love, the hope given by faith!" POPE FRANCIS

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1 • Ascension Sunday	2	3	4	• World Environment Day (UN)	6	7
<ul> <li>Pentecost Sunday</li> </ul>	9	10	11	12	13 •	14
15 • Holy Trinity • Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 • National Aboriginal Day (Canada)
• Corpus Christi • Father Art MacKinnon, SFM, martyred Dominican Republic (1965)	23	24 • Ste. Jean Baptiste (Quebec)	25	26	• Feast of the Sacred Heart	28
• Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles • Ramadhan (Islamic month of fasting begins)	30	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	PHOTO: Scarboro missioner Fr. Ron MacDonell (left) has been involved with language revitaliza- tion among Indigenous peoples in Brazil and spoke with Amerindian youth and Jesuit Father Tim Curtis during a visit to Guyana.		



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e must find the Lord who consoles us and go to console the people of God. This is the mission. People today certainly need words, but most of all they need us to bear witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS



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Fr. Shawn Daley with parishio- ner Sybil Bollers at the Church of the Ascension in New Amsterdam, Guyana.		1 • Canada Day	2	3 <ul> <li>St. Thomas the Apostle</li> </ul>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 • St. Benedict, founder of Western monasticism	12 •
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 • St. Mary Magdalene	23	24	25  • St. James the Apostle	• Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary
27	28	299 • Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival of the Breaking of the Fast; the end of Ramadhan)	30	<ul> <li>St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits</li> </ul>	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



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very Christian, and especially you and I, is called to be a bearer of this message of hope that gives serenity and joy: God's consolation, God's tenderness towards all. 'Comfort, comfort my people' (Isaiah 40:1)" POPE FRANCIS

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PHOTO: As a member of Scarboro's mission team in Guyana, Our Lady's Missionary Sr. Mary Gauthier (shown here with Esther) accompanied the elderly at The Palms home for seniors in Georgetown.			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	<ul> <li>St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists</li> </ul>	2
3	4 • Civic Holiday • St. John Vianney (patron of priests)	5	• Transfiguration • Hiroshima Day (1945)	7	8	9
10 •	11	12	13	<ul> <li>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan who volunteered to die in place of a stranger at Auschwitz</li> </ul>	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	30
31					Beheading of St. John the Baptist	



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hen we think of going to a faraway place, an extreme periphery and maybe are a little afraid, in reality He is already there: Jesus awaits us in the heart of that brother, in his wounded flesh, his oppressed life, his soul without faith...Jesus always goes there before us." POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 • Birth of Mary	9	10	11	12	13
14 • Triumph of the Cross	15 • Our Lady of Sorrows	16	17	18	19	20 • Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions (Korean martyrs)
<ul> <li>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</li> <li>International Day of Peace (UN)</li> </ul>	22	23	24 <ul> <li>Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)</li> </ul>	25	26 • Canadian martyrs St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions, Jesuits	• St. Vincent de Paul, apostle of charity
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	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	PHOTO: Scarboro lay missioner Dor Grade 6 class at Bosco Academy, th John Bosco Orphanage in Plaisance students at Bosco Academy sing this "I am a promise. I am a possibility. I am a great big bundle of potentiality And if you listen, you will hear God's And if you trust God, you will make th I am a promise to beanything I war (Adapted from 'I am a promise' by William Gaither)	e private primary school at St. , Guyana. Every morning the ; hymn: /, oh oh yes! voice. he right choice.



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# **SEPTEMBER 2014**

"Be Christians with your life, with our witness!"

POPE FRANCIS



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PHOTO: At St. Ann's Orphan- age, lay missioner Bev Trach greets Gabriel Brown, Teisha Jordon, Shellon Carter, and Tracy Farlan returning home from school. Georgetown, Guyana.	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	<ul> <li>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (patroness of missions)</li> </ul>	2	3	4 • St. Francis of Assisi • Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 • Thanksgiving	14	15	16 • World Food Day (UN)	• International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	18 • St. Luke the Evangelist
19 • World Mission Sunday	20	21	22	<ul> <li>Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights; signifies a renewal of life)</li> </ul>	24	25
26	27	28 <ul> <li>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</li> </ul>	29	30	31	



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# **OCTOBER 2014**

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POPE FRANCIS



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PHOTO: Edris, a resident of the Palms Geriatric Centre in Georgetown, enjoys being outside with her wheelchair parked in the shade of a large red hibiscus shrub on the compound. Guyana.				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
•	0	4	<b>F</b>		7	All Saints Day
• All Souls Day	• St. Martin de Porres (Peru)	4	5	6	/	8
9 Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)	10	<ul> <li>Remembrance Day</li> </ul>	12 <ul> <li>Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith</li> </ul>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 🧶
23 • Christ the King 30 • 1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)	24	25	26	27	28	29 • St. Andrew the Apostle



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*C B e* capable of meeting people, especially those most despised and underprivileged. Do not be afraid of going out and swimming against the tide. Be both contemplatives and missionaries." *POPE FRANCIS* 

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PHOTO: Rural life, Guyana, South America.	1	<ul> <li>Srs. M. Clark, I. Ford, D. Kazel, and lay missioner J. Donovan, martyred, El Salvador</li> </ul>	3 • St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions	4	5	6
7 • 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 • Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	• Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)	13
14 • 3rd Sunday of Advent	15	16	17 • Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)	18	19	20
21 • 4th Sunday of Advent	22 🧶	• Padre Montesinos' Advent sermon, 1511, against the oppression and murder of the Indigenous peoples	24	25 • Christmas	• St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day	27 • St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
• Feast of the Holy Family • Holy Innocents (Herod's massacre of all male infants)	29	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 2015 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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# **DECEMBER 2014**



## SHORT TERM MISSION PROGRAM



Scarboro's mission team in Guyana— Above left: Donna Joy Tai with residents at The Palms Geriatric Home in Georgetown. Above right: Bev Trach with her friend Devi Parmanand.

Below (R-L): Frs. Shawn Daley and Mike Traher with Monsignor Terrence Montrose at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in the village of Palmyra.



⑦o you feel called to go to another land and culture to serve or to be a presence? Do you yearn to take part in God's plan for a just and peaceful world?

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