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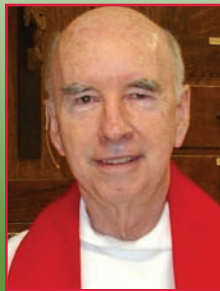
"The entire
universe
speaks of
God's love."

LS #84



A calendar of quotes from Laudato Si'
(Praise be to You), Pope Francis' encyclical
ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL



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Dear partner in mission,

Once again, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In a manger in Bethlehem, amidst the animals and with Joseph by her side, Mary gave birth to the Son of God. What flowed through their hearts that night? Certainly tenderness and love, awe and wonderment: Who would this infant become?

Jesus grew in wisdom. He became a healer and teacher. He loved everyone, embracing the humble and the poor, and challenging the proud. He loved nature, speaking of lilies and birds and mustard seeds. He loved humanity so much that he underwent suffering and death on a cross, trusting completely in God who raised him to new life.

Jesus is Emmanuel, “God-with-us,” the incarnation of the Creator. He offers us healing and eternal life. How can we respond to God’s amazing love? We can love in return. We can love our sisters and brothers. We can love all of creation—this Earth that is our home. Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*, speaks of Mary and Joseph and their love of creation.

“Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. (LS 241)

“Joseph...[was] a just man, hard-working and strong. But he also shows great tenderness, which is not a mark of the weak but of those who are genuinely strong, fully aware of reality and ready to love and serve in humility. That is why he was proclaimed custodian of the universal Church. He too can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.” (LS 242)

In the holiday hustle and bustle, let our hearts wander back to the manger, to Mary and Joseph and the infant Jesus. Let us pause, also, to consider the elements of nature present in our celebrations: the Christmas tree, the poinsettia flowers, the animals in the crèche. Like Mary and Joseph, let us gaze upon the infant Jesus, in wonder, awe, love, and hope. Let our hearts be touched by this infant, the Prince of Peace. From Scarboro Missions, we wish you a blessed Christmas.∞

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Important Changes to *Scarboro Missions* magazine

Scarboro Missions has entered a time of change and discernment as our members get older and fewer in number and as our overseas mission presence diminishes. After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to begin a process to sell our property at 2685 Kingston Road and join other Roman Catholic religious communities in the building of a residence for our senior members, to be completed in 2018.

These changes will affect *Scarboro Missions* magazine. In 2016, we will publish three magazine issues (including the calendar issue) and one four-page bulletin (September-October 2016). In 2017 and 2018, the magazine format will gradually evolve into a four-page bulletin format only. The last issue of the magazine will be a special anniversary issue to commemorate the centennial of Scarboro Missions on November 9, 2018.

Everyone who wishes will continue to receive the magazine at no charge until the last issue in 2018. You will no longer be receiving renewal notices. Note that the current issue and several back issues, almost to 1990, are available on our website at www.scarboromissions.ca.

We continue to support our mission activities overseas through grants to people in need, through bursaries to missionaries from other mission societies for ongoing study, and to our Scarboro missionaries serving in Guyana and China. In Canada, we continue the vital ministries of the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Office, the Interfaith Department, the Mission Centre, the magazine, and the website. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we journey into the future while faithfully serving the mission of Jesus Christ.

We are always happy to hear from you, our readers, and welcome your comments and suggestions. God bless you.

Caring for Creation: A New Educational Ministry

Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, On Care for Our Common Home, reminds us that the Earth is our common home. He calls us to address the environmental problems facing our world by seeking justice that hears “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” In the fall 2015, Scarboro Missions launched its new Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Office Education Program. This new educational offering helps youth and adults deepen their faith while focusing on caring for creation and caring for vulnerable peoples. The program provides workshops, retreats, devotionals, and mini-missions for parishes and schools, as well as for other organizations. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about *Laudato Si*, Catholic Social Teaching, ecological justice, climate change, and an option for the poor in an interactive and faith-filled format.

To learn more about the program, please contact the Education Program Coordinator at jpiceducation@scarboromissions.ca.



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Financial report 2014

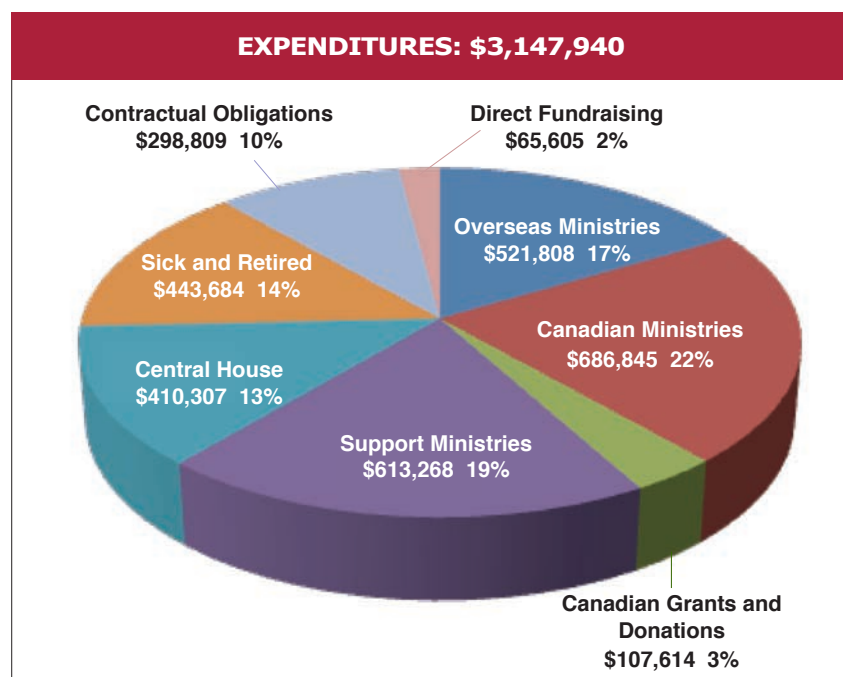
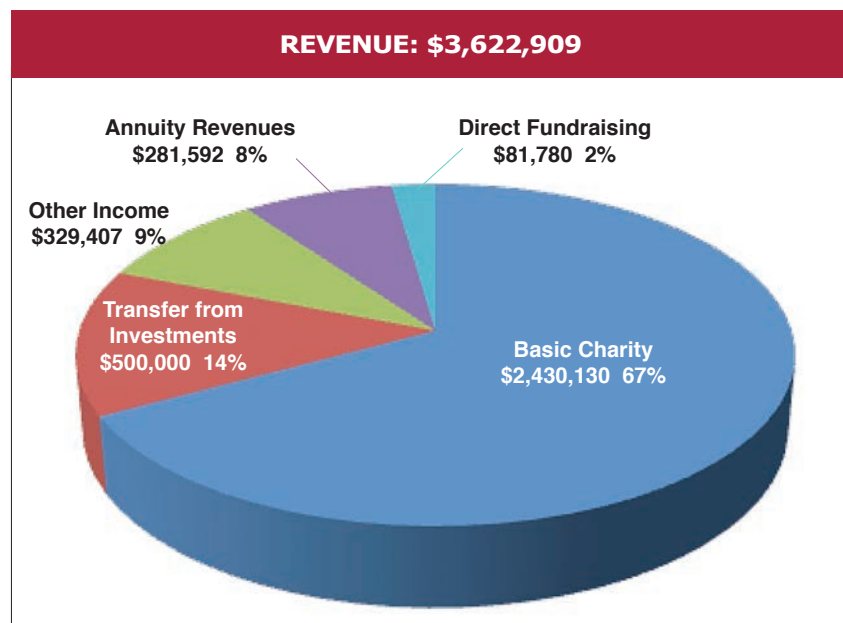
By Fr. John Carten, S.F.M.

The annual audit of our financial records for 2014 was completed in the spring, and the audited financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors in June 2015 and filed with Canada Revenue Agency. Once again, this is a time to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received and to extend our gratitude to all of you for your continued support and generosity. We share with you our stewardship of your gifts in a summary of our 2014 revenue and expenditures.

Revenue sources

Our revenue in 2014 totalled \$3,622,909 as shown in the top graph. This included income from donations, bequests, fundraising, annuities, and other income, as well as \$500,000 that we used from our investment funds to help cover various unforeseen expenses during the course of the year. The areas of revenue are outlined as follows:

Under Basic Charity, in the amount of \$2,430,130 (67% of revenues), we included general gift donations of \$468,241 from our generous benefactors and \$250,458 from annual diocesan collections. We remain very grateful as well to people who have remembered Scarboro Missions in their Will. In 2014, income from bequests totaled \$1,597,079, representing 66% of the income reported under Basic Charity. We also received \$109,664 in donations designated for specific projects or for the particular work of missionaries overseas, and \$1,480 designated for the care of senior missionary priests. Basic Charity also included \$3,208 in annual mission cooperative income and interfaith work.



Above left: Lay missionary Cynthia Chu teaches English at a university in China. Right: Ashley Aperochoco with the Fatima Church youth group in Georgetown, Guyana. Ashley has renewed her commitment for another year and has returned to Guyana to work with the Scarboro team in a variety of ministries in Georgetown as well as in remote Indigenous communities in the interior.



The category of Direct Fundraising totaled \$81,780 in 2014 (2% of revenues) and included \$32,865 from Perpetual Mass enrollments; \$35,320 from the sale of our calendars, spiritual greeting cards, and posters; as well as \$13,595 generated from subscriptions to our magazine.

Other Income of \$329,407 (9% of revenues) included \$230,330 from the operation of our Mission Centre, which welcomes many guests each year. In 2014 more than half of the bookings were from Catholic groups, parishes, and religious orders. Mission Centre guests also include support groups, as well as groups from other Christian denominations and faith traditions, reflecting our commitment to ecumenical and interfaith outreach. The Centre also provides facilitation for as many as 5,000 high school students on retreat each year, both at our Centre and at other locations.

The category Other Income also included \$58,917 from chaplaincy work carried out by many of our priests, and \$40,160 from other miscellaneous income sources.

Our gift annuity program continues to provide a worthwhile means for our benefactors to invest in charitable annu-

ities that generate regular income payments for life while also contributing to our mission work. Revenue from annuities totaled \$281,592 (8% of revenues).

Expenditures

Our total expenditures in 2014 amounted to \$3,147,940. A total of \$521,808 was disbursed to support mission work overseas, representing 17% of total expenses. This figure has decreased over recent years because we have closed several overseas missions. We also have many priests who have retired due to age or illness, and a large number of lay missionaries who served with us faithfully for many years have now returned to Canada. Expenditures for overseas mission work in 2014 included \$165,894 for living expenses for our missionaries and costs for their various ministries, as well as \$109,664 designated by benefactors for missionaries' special projects. The General Council also approved grants totaling \$176,400 for other overseas mission work and \$69,850 was disbursed for the ongoing formation of priests from other missionary communities.

Since the time of our founding in 1918, the Church's understanding of mission has changed significantly.

Mission still means crossing boundaries to reach out to people of other cultures and faiths, serving in creative and new endeavours to witness Christ's love for all peoples. Today our mission is not only overseas but also in Canada, particularly as people from other lands continue to come here to live. It is important that we be witnesses of Christ, reaching out to people of other cultures and faiths within this country and entering into dialogue with them. As a result, more of our resources are being used for mission work in Canada.

In 2014, Canadian ministries represented 22% of total expenditures, or \$686,845. This work included promoting interreligious dialogue (\$133,594); justice, peace and integrity of creation initiatives (\$39,817); the production of our magazine and other communications materials (\$174,467); and the work of our Mission Centre (\$338,967). As part of our ministry work in Canada, we offer studies in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching and in 2014 there were a series of lectures on Scripture and on "The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis. These

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Laudato Si',
Mi' Signore
Praise be to you,
My Lord.



In the words of this beautiful canticle,
Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our
common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and
a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. *Laudato Si #1*

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each creature and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth. <i>Laudato Si</i> #92</p>				<p>December 2015</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>February 2016</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29</p>	1	2
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<p>• Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), first US born saint, widow, mother, founder of the Sisters of Charity</p>						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
<p>• Baptism of Our Lord</p>		<p>• St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation</p>					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<p>• World Day of Migrants and Refugees</p>	<p>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 25): Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God (1 Peter 2:9) www.oikoumene.org</p>						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	<p>• Conversion of St. Paul</p>			<p>• St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, philosopher, theologian</p>			

This calendar focuses on the Pope's new encyclical, *Laudato Si* ("Praise be to You"). Pope Francis tells us that we have a responsibility to care for the Earth, as it is our common home. He calls us to a personal change of heart and calls for humanity's collective transformation, so that "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" will be heard.



“This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her...We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (*Genesis 2:7*); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. *Laudato Si* #2”



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	1 • World Interfaith Harmony Week (to Feb 7)	2 • Presentation of Our Lord • World Wetlands Day	3 • Ash Wednesday	4 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	5 • 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	6 • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese martyrs)
7 • 1st Sunday of Lent • Valentine's Day	8 • Family Day (BC) • Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey)	 9 • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	10 • Ash Wednesday	11 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	12 • 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	13 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)
14 • 1st Sunday of Lent • Valentine's Day	15 • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	16 • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	17 • Ash Wednesday	18 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	19 • 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	20 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)
21 • 2nd Sunday of Lent	 22 • St. Peter the Apostle	23 • St. Peter the Apostle	24 • Ash Wednesday	25 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	26 • 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	27 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)
28 • 3rd Sunday of Lent	29 • St. Peter the Apostle	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	If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change and an unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequences for all of us. <i>Laudato Si</i> #24			



Photo: The Tigwa River running through the municipality of San Fernando, Bukidnon, Philippines. The river is brown as a result of the massive deforestation that has taken place throughout the country, particularly during the Ferdinand Marcos regime. Deforestation results in a loss of plant and animal habitat, topsoil erosion, and widespread flooding. Credit: Scarboro Missions.




Jesus says of the birds of the air that “not one of them is forgotten before God” (*Luke 12:6*). How then can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm? I ask all Christians to recognize and live fully this dimension of their conversion. May the power and the light of the grace we have received also be evident in our relationship to other creatures and to the world around us. *Laudato Si* #221

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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	9	10	11	12
• 4th Sunday of Lent		• International Women's Day			• World Day of Prayer: "Receive children, receive me." (prepared by the women of Cuba; www.wicc.org)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
• 5th Sunday of Lent • Third World Solidarity Day (Development and Peace www.devp.org)				• St. Patrick's Day		• St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
• Palm Sunday		• World Water Day (UN)		• Holy Thursday • Archbishop Oscar Romero martyred El Salvador, 1980	• Good Friday • Our Lady's Missionaries founded 1949	• Holy Saturday • Earth Hour, 8:30 pm www.earthhour.org
27	28	29	30	31	In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God...Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope. <i>Laudato Si</i> #244	
• Easter Sunday						



The biblical texts are to be read in their context...recognizing that they tell us to “till and keep” the garden of the world (*Genesis 2:15*). “Tilling” refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while “keeping” means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. *Laudato Si* #67

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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. <i>Laudato Si</i> #217			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	1	2
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• 2nd Sunday of Easter		• Golden Rule Day				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
• 3rd Sunday of Easter						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• 4th Sunday of Easter • St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first Aboriginal saint, patroness of the ecology, the environment, and loss of parents				• Ridvan (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)		• Passover (celebrates deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• 5th Sunday of Easter	• St. Mark the Evangelist				• St. Catherine of Siena	



“The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. *Laudato Si* #233

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Sunday of Easter • St. Joseph the Worker </div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sts. Philip and James, Apostles </div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust) </div>	<div>6</div> <div>●</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Sunday • Mother's Day </div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentecost Sunday • Vesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise) </div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>●</div>
<div>22</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Trinity • International Day for Biological Diversity </div>	<div>23</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Day (Canada) </div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corpus Christi </div>	<div>30</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Joan of Arc, martyr </div>	<div>31</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation of Mary </div>	<div>April</div> <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>	<div>June</div> <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>	<div> <p>...All of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. <i>Laudato Si</i> #89</p> </div>	



It is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. *Laudato Si* #146

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“A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. *Laudato Si* #49

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Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because <i>they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity</i> . <i>Laudato Si</i> #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	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	1	2
3	4	 5	6	7	• Canada Day	9
• St. Thomas the Apostle				• Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival of the Breaking of the Fast; the end of Ramadhan)		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	• St. Benedict, founder of Western monasticism					
17	18	19	 20	21	22	23
					• St. Mary Magdalene	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
• St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits	• St. James the Apostle	• Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary				

Photo: Malawi women collect water at the pipe. Credit: Scarboro Missions.



Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world...When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality. *Laudato Si* #231

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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	1 • Civic Holiday • St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists	2 	3	4	5	6 • Transfiguration • Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (1945)
7	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	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	The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion. <i>Laudato Si</i> #219	



Photo: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim children gather for the third annual five-day interfaith peace camp. King's University College, London, Ontario.
Credit: Walter Zimmerman.



“We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal. *Laudato Si* #202”

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“Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically...He was particularly concerned for God’s creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. *Laudato Si* #10”

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All it takes is one good person to restore hope! <i>Laudato Si</i> #71				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	1 • St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (patroness of missions)
2	3 • Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)	4 • St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, peace, and ecology	5	6	7	8
9	10 • Thanksgiving	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	20	21	22
23 • World Mission Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 • Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights; signifies a renewal of life) 	31				• Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	



“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?...We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn. *Laudato Si* #160”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 • All Saints Day	2 • All Souls Day	3 • St. Martin de Porres (Peru)	4 • Remembrance Day	5 • Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith
6	7	8	9  Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
• Christ the King						• Buy Nothing Day
27	28	29 	30	Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right. <i>Laudato Si</i> #33		
• 1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)			• St. Andrew the Apostle			



Photo: Children pause to look at the sunset. Philippines.
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“
God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love for all the creatures
of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Concluding prayer of Laudato Si

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation... <i>Laudato Si</i> #246</p>		<p>November</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30</p>	<p>January 2017</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
• 2nd Sunday of Advent				• Immaculate Conception	• Sisters M. Clark, I. Ford, D. Kazel, and lay missionary J. Donovan, martyred, El Salvador	• St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• 3rd Sunday of Advent	• Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• 4th Sunday of Advent					• Padre Montesinos' Advent sermon, 1511, against the oppression and murder of the Indigenous peoples	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
• Christmas • Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)	• St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day	• St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	• Holy Innocents (Herod's massacre of all male infants)		• Feast of the Holy Family	



Facing page: Some members of the Scarboro community at the central house on Kingston Road in Scarborough, Ontario. L-R: Paulina Gallego who completed a one-year mission program working in Guyana; Carolyn Doyle, coordinator of the One-Year Lay Mission Program; Frs. Frank Hegel, Dave Warren, Gerry Sherry, and Vince Heffernan; Ashley Aperochó who also took part in the one-year program and has renewed for another year in Guyana; Cynthia Chu who is missioned in China; Fr. Russ Sampson; Paul McKenna who coordinates the Department of Interfaith Dialogue; Frs. John Carten, Jim Gauthier, Gerry Donovan, Ambie MacKinnon, and Pat Kelly. Several retired priest missionaries assist in a variety of areas including administrative duties, the lay program, chaplaincy work, and in offering teachings on Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching at the Scarboro Mission Centre.

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sessions are well attended and provide the opportunity for some of our priests and outside lecturers to support adult religious education and spirituality.

The General Council in 2014 also approved donations to other Canadian charities to support designated mission work totaling \$107,614 (3% of expenditures).

In 2014 Support Ministries included various areas of administration totaling \$613,268 or 19% of expenditures. Expenses in this category included \$72,810 for the training of a seminarian studying to be a priest for Scarboro

Missions, and other ongoing education and renewal programs for our priests. The largest item in Support Ministries was the cost of the office of the General Council and the Treasurer’s Office, amounting to \$423,741. Also included in Support Ministries was the cost of recruitment, formation, and placement for Scarboro Mission’s One-Year Lay Mission Program, totaling \$116,717 in 2014. This program is a way of introducing young adults to mission and cross-cultural experience and includes placements in Guyana. The individuals work with other long-term lay missionaries to

help make meaningful contributions in the communities where they live and work.

The central house at 2685 Kingston Road serves as the base for most of our activities in Canada. Costs to support the operation of the central house in 2014 amounted to \$410,307 (13% of total expenditures). Scarboro missionaries in leadership and administration live and work here. It also serves as a residence for our senior members and we welcome many visitors each year. In 2014, central house expenses amounted to \$186,822, and in addition, maintenance and operating costs for the building totaled \$223,485.

The expenditure category of Sick and Retired includes the cost of medical needs and support for our infirm and retired members who have served faithfully for many years overseas, as well as funeral expenses at the time of death. We are an aging community and therefore the care of our senior members in Canada represents a significant portion of our ongoing expenditures (14% in 2014), totaling \$443,684.

Contractual Obligations totaled \$298,809 (9% of total expenditures) in 2014. This category includes annuity expenses of \$134,691, as well as pension payments of \$73,320 for former

Scarboro workers in Japan. Another \$89,544 was used to help lay missionaries resettle in Canada at the completion of their mission service, and \$1,254 in other payments.

Finally, Direct Fundraising expenditures of \$65,605 included the costs to print our calendars, posters, magazines, mass and greeting cards, and other Scarboro Missions products.

A time to review and to give thanks

As the number of our priests and lay missionaries declines, as well as the number of our benefactors, we continue to review the support we are able to provide to our various ministries. It is with joy and thanksgiving that we celebrate the successes in new endeavours and we rely on the Holy Spirit as we continue to journey in faith promoting Gospel values through our mission work in Canada and overseas.

Reflecting on last year and looking to the future in faith and hope, we remain grateful to you, our benefactors and supporters, for your continued prayers, financial support, and encouragement. We remember you and your intentions in our masses and prayers. May God bless you for your continued support and generosity.∞

Fr. John Carten serves as the Treasurer General as well as on Scarboro’s General Council.

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This summer, Ann McGowan (left), director of the Mary Ward Centre in Toronto, welcomed Paulina Gallego (centre) and other members of Scarboro’s Guyana lay mission team who gave a presentation on the One-Year Lay Mission Program. They shared their experiences of mission in Guyana, a multicultural, multifaitn nation struggling with the impacts of poverty and climate change.



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