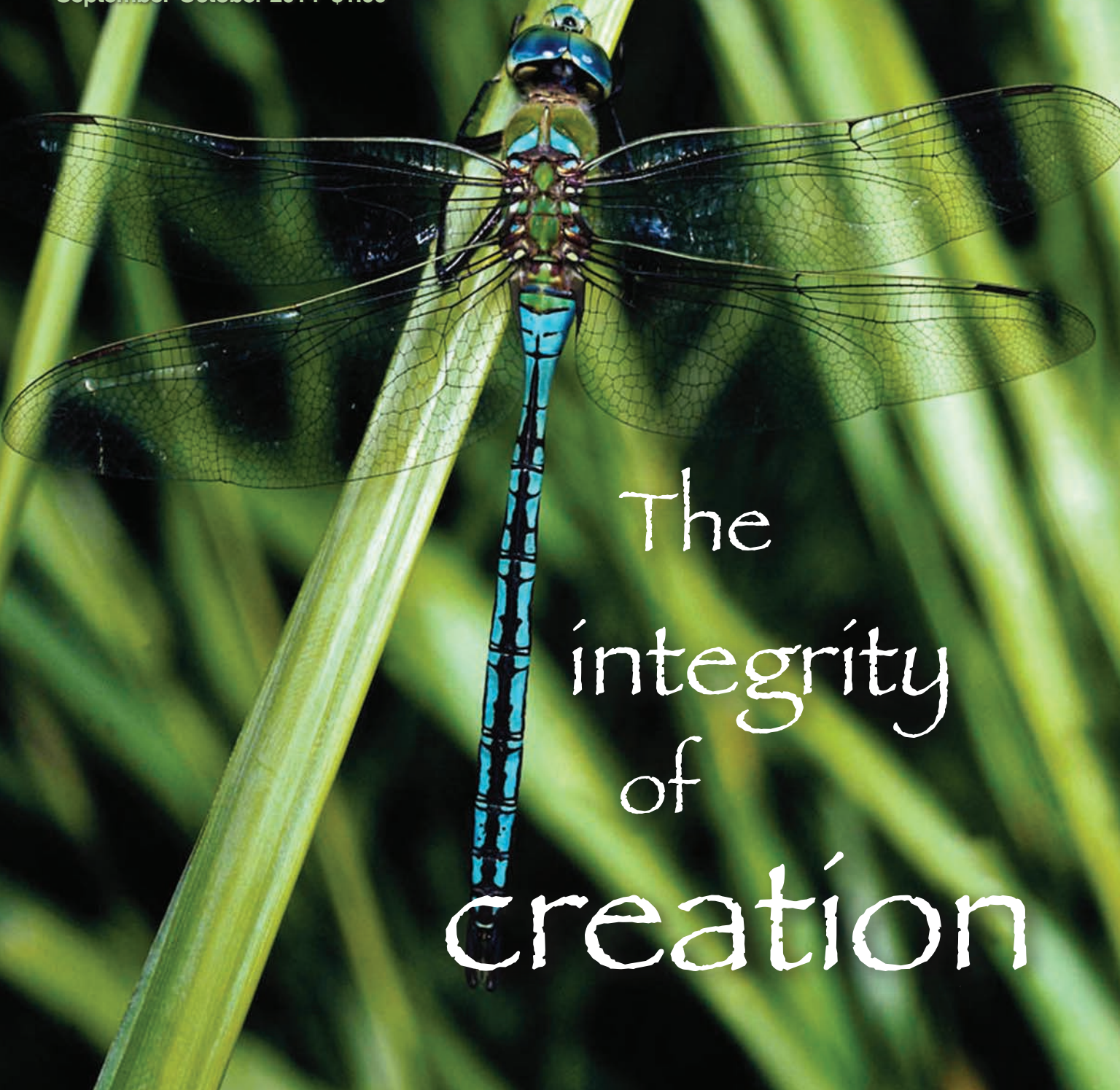


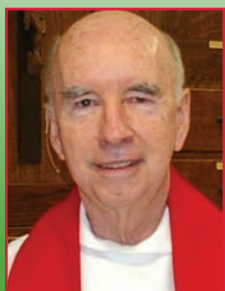
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL



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Fr. John Carten
Councillor

Dear partner in mission,

“**T**o you, a thousand years are a single day, a yesterday now over, an hour of the night”
(*Psalm 90:4*).

How fast time goes by. The Psalmist reminds us that time does not stand still; nothing stays the same. With your tacit agreement about the fleetingness of time, let us consider how time and change can be blessings for us.

We at Scarboro Missions, like so many individuals, families, and organizations, are facing new challenges. How we adjust to them will determine the nature of our future. In recent decades, we have experienced diminishment—many priests have been called to their eternal reward, seminarians and lay candidates are few and far between.

When we realize that the path we travel is getting narrower, it is time to stop and take stock. What is Jesus saying to us? Are we being called in a new direction?

At our 2012 Chapter, we decided to create a “One-Year Mission Program” geared particularly to young people. Many young women and men of faith feel called to serve God’s people in overseas mission, but upon finishing their studies, they find themselves in difficult financial situations. Often the time period that seems feasible is one year.

Our new One-Year Mission Program was launched this year. Two young women, Ashley from Calgary and Paulina from Oakville, completed two months of discernment and missionary formation at Scarboro Missions. At the end of August, they left for Guyana, South America, where they joined our Scarboro team: lay missionaries Donna and Bev, and Fr. Mike and Deacon Luis. For nine months, the two new missionaries will serve where they are needed: with the poor, with children and youth, with seniors, and in parish ministry.

We ask for your prayers and support for the new missionaries, as well as for our retired missionaries, priest and lay. We thank you for your spiritual and financial generosity. We remember you in our prayers and at our daily Mass. As we all face times of transition, let us join our prayer to that of the Psalmist:

“Let the sweetness of the Lord be upon us! Make all we do succeed.” (*Psalm 90:17*).∞

The integrity of creation

Our 2015 calendar focuses on the environment to help us reflect upon and deepen our awareness of the sanctity of all creation. Pope Francis chose the name of Francis of Assisi because “Francis was a man of poverty, who loved and protected creation.” The pope said “let us be...channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish.”

Earlier this year, Scarboro Missions expanded the name of its Justice and Peace Office to the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office (JPIC Office). Ecological justice with a focus on climate change is a first priority for the work of this office in recognition of a growing awareness of the urgency to act on climate change, a problem created primarily by wealthy countries yet posing a greater threat to impoverished people in the global South.



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“The bells of mindfulness are sounding. All of us know that our beautiful green planet is in danger. Our way of walking on the Earth has a great influence on animals and plants. Yet we act as if our daily lives have nothing to do with the condition of the world. *Thich Nhat Hanh, Zen Buddhist Monk*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"Urgent words are coming from thousands of non-governmental organizations, big and small, who are fighting in many locations for a greener, more careful and more just economy. Crucial words are coming from religious voices and Indigenous leaders, speaking in the language of various faiths."</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>		December 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 29 30 31	February 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	1 • Mary, Mother of God • New Year's Day • World Day of Peace	2	3
4 • Epiphany • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), first US born saint, widow, mother, founder of the Sisters of Charity	 5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• Baptism of Our Lord	• St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation					
18	19	20	 21	22	23	24
• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan. 25): "Jesus said to her: 'Give me to drink'" (John 4:7) www.oikoumene.org						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
• Conversion of St. Paul			• St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, philosopher, theologian			



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“We are losing our attitude of wonder, of contemplation, of listening to creation... Why does this happen? Why do we think and live horizontally? We have drifted away from God, we no longer read God’s signs.” *Pope Francis*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 • Presentation of Our Lord	3 	4	5	6 • St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese martyrs)	7
8	9 • Family Day (BC)	10	11 • Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	12 • Anniversary of the death of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND (1931-2005), advocate and martyr for the poor and for the environment of the Brazilian Amazon	13	14 • Valentine's Day
15	16 • Family Day (ON, SK, AB)	17	18  • Ash Wednesday	19 • Chinese New Year (Year of the Sheep)	20 • World Day of Social Justice (UN)	21
22 • 1st Sunday of Lent • St. Peter the Apostle	23	24	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	<p>"God's redeeming energy is offered to us so that we can be partners with God in patiently turning the intricacies of our economic life in the direction of everyone's human dignity, all-inclusive love of neighbour, and reverent delight in God's good creation."</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>				



“Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few...we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.” *Pope Francis*

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“Let us accept the grace of Christ’s Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God’s mercy...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*

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"In spite of the unhealthy dimensions of our culture, we are never left without signs that we remain God's children, capable by nature and by grace of generous action in faith, hope, and love."</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>			1	2	3	4	
					• Holy Thursday	• Good Friday • Passover (celebrates deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days)	• Holy Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
• Golden Rule Day • Easter Sunday							
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
• 2nd Sunday of Easter			• Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)		• St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first Aboriginal saint, patroness of the ecology, the environment, and loss of parents		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
• 3rd Sunday of Easter			• Earth Day			• St. Mark the Evangelist	
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• 4th Sunday of Easter			• St. Catherine of Siena				



“The thirst for power and possessions knows no limits. In this system, which tends to devour everything which stands in the way of increased profits, whatever is fragile, like the environment, is defenseless before the interests of a deified market, which become the only rule.” *Pope Francis*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"In our time, a haunting, compelling cry is rising from every corner of the Earth. The cry comes from neighbourhoods, regions, islands, and whole peoples suffering from polluted water, extremes of temperature, rising oceans, disastrous storms, droughts or floods, and the degradation of forests, vegetation, and soil." <i>Living with limits, living well!</i> <i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>			<p>April</p> <p>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</p>	<p>June</p> <p>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</p>	<p>1</p> <p>• St. Joseph the Worker</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>• 5th Sunday of Easter • Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>• 6th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>• Ascension Sunday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>• Victoria Day (Canada)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>• International Day for Biological Diversity</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>• Pentecost Sunday</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>• Holy Trinity • Visitation of Mary</p>						<p>• St. Joan of Arc, martyr</p>

“We can’t talk about the poor. We must be poor with the poor and then there is no doubt how to act. We need to be poor with the poor and reappropriate a kind and tender relationship with Mother Earth.”

Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND



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	1 • Vesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)	2 	3	4	5 • World Environment Day (UN)	6
7 • Corpus Christi	8 • World Oceans Day (UN)	9	10	11	12 • Feast of the Sacred Heart	13
14	15	16 	17 • World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN)	18 • Ramadhan (Islamic month of fasting begins)	19	20 • National Aboriginal Day (Canada)
21 • Father's Day	22 • Father Art MacKinnon, SFM, martyred, Dominican Republic (1965)	23	24 • Ste. Jean Baptiste (Quebec)	25	26	27
28	29 • Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	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	<p>"The heady days of rapid, often careless economic growth may well be over, with leaner times ahead... What an opportunity for Christians to put their Gospel to work by helping everyone discover the joy that comes with being less into money and much more into people and nature!"</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>	



“This is one of the greatest challenges of our time: to convert ourselves to a type of development that knows how to respect creation.” *Pope Francis*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Resistance to the frightening news about the environment is understandable because the new ecological analysis challenges all of us to break habits that are powerful and entrenched." <i>Living with limits, living well!</i> <i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i>		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  • Canada Day	2	3 • St. Thomas the Apostle	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					• Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival of the Breaking of the Fast; the end of Ramadhan)	• St. Benedict, founder of Western monasticism
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			• St. Mary Magdalene			• St. James the Apostle
• Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary	27	28	29	30	31  • St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits	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



“The future can exist only when we understand the universe as composed of subjects to be communed with, not as objects to be exploited.” Thomas Berry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"What is required is a conversion, a change of mindset of how one looks at the world. We need those changed minds to grow and spread from one person to another, and we need vital democratic community groupings to take action at all levels of society." <i>Living with limits, living well!</i> <i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i>				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 • Civic Holiday	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 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 
30	31					• Beheading of St. John the Baptist



“*g*od has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement.”

Pope Francis

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"We need to seek wisdom...to change our priorities. Our generation is summoned to work towards a transformation that will take the best efforts of all of us—in scientific research, in economic planning, in political action and decision-making, and in education of consciences so that people can grasp the great ethical challenges facing our times. For believers, there is a mighty call to prayer..." <i>Living with limits, living well!</i> <i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	• Labour Day	• Birth of Mary				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
• Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
• Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions (Korean martyrs)	• St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist • International Day of Peace (UN)	• Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)				• Canadian Jesuit martyrs St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and companions
27	28	29	30	August 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	



“In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now.”

Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement

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<p>"Hard times ahead can become joyful times of rediscovery. If we follow wisdom and draw strength from God's world-embracing grace, today's anxious economic struggles could become the birth-pangs of an era with more community, more justice, and more peaceful joy."</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>		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
4 • St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, peace, and ecology	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 • Thanksgiving	 13	14	15	16 • World Food Day (UN)	17 • International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)
18 • World Mission Sunday • St. Luke the Evangelist	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 	28 • Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	29	30	31



“I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.” *Pope Francis*



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
• All Saints Day	• All Souls Day	• St. Martin de Porres (Peru)					
8	<div><div></div><div>Scarboro Missions founded by Monsignor John Mary Fraser (1918)</div></div>	10	11	<div><div></div><div>• Remembrance Day • Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights; signifies a renewal of life)</div></div>	12	13	14
				• Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
• Christ the King					• Buy Nothing Day		
29	30	<div><div>October</div><div><div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div></div></div>	<div><div>December</div><div><div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031</div></div></div>		<div><div>"When someone puts the global challenge to love in these attractive terms, there is something in us that trembles, but also something in us that says: 'Yes, that's true. That's what God wants. That's "the good life" for all of us.'"</div><div>Living with limits, living well!</div><div>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</div></div>		
• 1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle B) • St. Andrew the Apostle	• UN Climate Change Conference (to December 11 in Paris) to reach a binding, fair, global climate agreement to limit global temperature increase to no more than 2°C above current levels						



Photo: People's Climate March, the largest climate march in history. New York, September 21, 2014, two days before world leaders attended a Climate Summit at the UN. Similar marches were held simultaneously in 162 countries.
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“It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the Earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know of wonder and humility.”

Rachel Carson, author of Silent Spring

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<p>"The anxious economic struggles of today could be a turning point into a future when we will have rediscovered simpler living, the joy of solidarity, the healing dimension of a slower, more rooted, and less individualistic lifestyle. This could be our chance to delight in nature as God's creation and our common home, taking skilled care to live within the natural limits of our biosphere."</p> <p><i>Living with limits, living well!</i></p> <p><i>Hints for neighbours on an endangered planet</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
			<p>• Srs. M. Clark, I. Ford, D. Kazel, and lay missionary J. Donovan, martyred, El Salvador</p>	<p>• St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions</p>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>• 2nd Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>• Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days)</p>	<p>• Immaculate Conception</p>				<p>• Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>• 3rd Sunday of Advent</p>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>• 4th Sunday of Advent</p>			<p>• Padre Montesinos' Advent sermon, 1511, against the oppression and murder of the Indigenous peoples</p>			
27	28	29	30	31	<p>November</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</p>	<p>January 2016</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>
<p>• Feast of the Holy Family</p> <p>• St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</p>	<p>• Holy Innocents (Herod's massacre of all male infants)</p>				<p>• Christmas</p>	<p>• St. Stephen, First Martyr</p> <p>• Boxing Day</p>

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