



2019 Elections in Canada: A Tool for Reflection and Action

The federal election campaign in Canada is in full swing. On October 21, citizens will have to choose between various platforms. This is why the Justice, Reconciliation

and Ecology Commission of the Jesuit Province of Canada has prepared a document to encourage discernment and action. They have identified four topics on which we are invited to reflect either personally or in group. Contact the candidates in your region to find out more about their positions on these issues.

Feel free to share this resource widely.

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History Today: A Jesuit Woman and the Mother of the Church in Canada

For Women's History Month, let's look at two examples of strong women who were close to the Jesuits and who were active in the success of their mission. These two women, Joan of Austria and Marie of the Incarnation, lived in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Under the spiritual guidance of Jesuits and others, these pious women strove to realize their vision.

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Praying With The Preferences

A series of short guides designed to enter more deeply into the journey of renewal offered by our new Universal Apostolic Preferences.

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In 13 Photos and a Testimony: Experiencing the Life of a Refugee

On September 22nd, the Jesuit Refugee Service Canada launched a new edition of *A Journey in Exile*. It is an exercise that, in a playful way, seeks to help participants to have an immersive experience of the reality of a refugee. This time, the day was part of the *Days of Peace*. Discover photos and testimonies on the most recent exercise.

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On Indigenous Rights and Integral Ecology: The New Issue of *Promotio Iustitiae*

The Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology has just released the new issue of its journal *Promotio Iustitiae* (PJ), which focuses on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and on Integral Ecology. In the editorial, Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ, explains that "the Jesuits of five Conferences, who have accompanied Indigenous Peoples for many years, have reflected on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and on integrated ecology from the perspective of justice and reconciliation. Discover texts that elaborate on these issues from Peru to Alaska, from India to Congo, as well as in Canada.

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Events

- **October 19** – Come Talk to Us: Craft Beer Tasting Night with the Jesuits – Vancouver, B.C.
- **October 22** – Soirée Vins et fromages (Wine and Cheese Evening) – Montreal, QC
- **October 25** – Come Talk to Us: Discernment According to Ignatius of Loyola – Vancouver, B.C.
- **October 26** – Come Talk to Us: Jesuits at One Rock – Calgary, AB

More details.

One-minute news:

WORLD: Haitian Episcopal Conference Condemns a State of "Fratricidal War"

Last Friday, thousands of people protested in several cities of Haiti, demanding the resignation of President Jovenel Moïse. Faced with this "indescribable despair," the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Haiti expressed its deep concern and asked for the president's resignation: "If Haiti has reached this point of no return, it is due to the behaviour of its leaders." To read more, [click here](#). The Jesuits of Haiti gave their support by signing a letter by the Haitian Conference of Religious Men and Women.

CANADA: Cardinal-designate Michael Czerny SJ Uses Wood from Migrant Boat for Cross

Michael Czerny, SJ, chose for his pectoral cross wood "from a boat used by migrants to cross the Mediterranean Sea and get to Lampedusa". Czerny, who was ordained bishop today by Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica, will return tomorrow to be welcomed into the college of cardinals. The plaque behind the crucifix, explains Czerny, "carries the word *Suscipe*," which Jesuits and Ignatian friends will recognise as the first word of the prayer *Take Lord Receive* from the Spiritual Exercises. For

more information about today's episcopal ordinations, [click here](#). Tomorrow, follow the consistory via Salt and Light media's live feed.

PRAYER: Pope's October Prayer Intention: For a Missionary "Spring" in the Church

Pope Francis released the video message accompanying his prayer intention for October: "In this Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may engender a new missionary 'spring' for all those baptized and sent by Christ's Church." To watch the video, [click here](#).

EVENT: Steve Bell in Concert for Canadian Jesuit International

Steve Bell, songwriter, storyteller and troubadour will offer a benefit concert on December 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church (630 Spadina Ave., Toronto) in support of the work of Canadian Jesuit International and its overseas Jesuit partners. To purchase your tickets, [click here](#).

Please share with those who might be interested!

CANADA: Jesuits & Colleagues in Canada Marched for the Planet

Last Friday, thousands of people across Canada and the United States marched for the environment and for the adoption of more effective measures to combat the climate emergency. Several Catholic organizations, and Jesuit works answered the call, such as JRS - Canada, the Centre justice et foi and Canadian Jesuit International. Read the full story [here](#).

WORLD: World Day for Migrants and Refugees: "It Is Not Just About Migrants"

"Today too, the culture of comfort [...] makes us think only of ourselves. We become insensitive and indifferent," said Pope Francis in his homily last Sunday, on the

occasion of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. "We cannot remain insensitive before the misery of so many innocent people. We must not fail to weep... We must not fail to respond." To learn more, [click here](#). To read a few excerpts from his messages on the theme, *It is not just about migrants*, [click here](#).

WORLD: A Sculpture by Canadian Timothy Schmalz Unveiled by the Pope

In honour of the 105th World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis unveiled a sculpture entitled "Angels Unaware" by Canadian artist and sculptor Timothy Schmalz. It represents a tapestry of people (migrants and refugees) from all historical periods of time. Mr. Schmalz is also known his statue "Homeless Jesus." To learn more, [click here](#). For more pictures, [click here](#).

WORLD: The Pope "No Less Sinful or Holier Than Before"

"The mere fact that I now dress all in white has not made me any less sinful or holier than before," Pope Francis said to the Jesuits of Mozambique during a recent visit. "My relationship with the Lord has not changed, except for a greater sense of the responsibilities and a prayer of intercession that has spread throughout the world and throughout the Church," he said. "But the temptations are the same and so are the sins." To learn more, [click here](#) (in French only).

WORLD: New Meeting of the "Extended Council" of the General Curia

Father General reconvened his "Extended Council" between September 9 and 13 in Rome. Four themes were on the agenda: the engagement among Superiors and Directors of Works between the considerations of shared mission, the question of networking, the upcoming Ignatian Year, as well as the Amazon. To learn more, [click here](#).

REFLECTION: Feast of Saint Francis Borgia, October 3

Francis Borgia, SJ, the youngest son of Juan de Borgia, was born in 1510 in the Kingdom of Valencia. He married, had many children and became the viceroy of Catalonia, then Duke of Gandía. At the age of 28, he was struck by the sight of the disfigured corpse of Empress Isabella. After the death of his wife, he made adequate provisions for his children and left his world behind him. He became a Jesuit, made official during his encounter with Saint Ignatius in Rome. To learn more, [click here](#).