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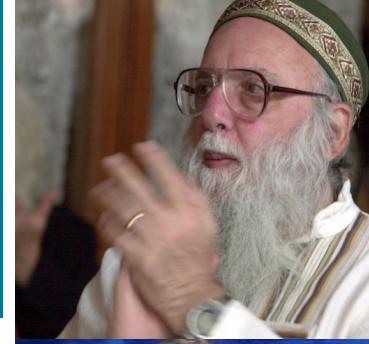
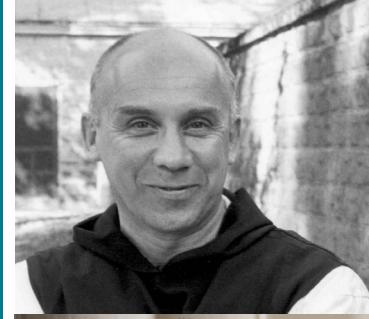
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### ***Can You Identify the Advocates for Justice on the Cover?***

Throughout this year, EFJ invites you to explore the stories of these social justice heroes, as well as the dozens of other names included each month. At the end of the year, will you be able to identify all of our heroes?

#### **Top (left to right)**

Sister Ilia Delio, O.S.F.  
Eli Wiesel  
Wynona LaDuke  
James H. Cone

#### **Left (top to bottom)**

Alfred Delp, S.J.  
Rebecca Masika Katsuva - "Mama Masika"  
Ray McCovern  
Maya Ying Lin

#### **Right (top to bottom)**

Frida Berrigan  
Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O.  
Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas  
Rabbi Arthur Waskow

#### **Bottom (left to right)**

Daniel Ellsberg  
Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores  
Víctor Lidio Jara Martínez  
Amy Goodman

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## AUGUST 2016

5 Birthday of James H. Cone (1938), American theologian, best known for his advocacy of Black liberation theology

4 The bodies of three civil rights workers: James E. Chaney (21), Andrew Goodman (22), and Michael Schwerner (24) were found in a dam; all three were shot by the Ku Klux Klan (1964)

6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - <http://bit.ly/29WO6TT>

Anniversary of the death of Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (1945) - <http://bit.ly/1KNXzdi>

9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki (1945) - <http://bit.ly/1oqzx7G>

Feast of Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), patroness of Europe and martyrs

11 Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

12 International Youth Day

14 Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr, and patron of addicts and drug addiction

Birthday of Mitch Snyder (1943-1990), advocate for the homeless

15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Birthday of Óscar Romero (1917-1980) - <http://bit.ly/VTGDuU> and <http://bit.ly/1LxMVrf>

Birthday of Catherine Doherty, C.M. (1896 -1985), pioneer of social justice, prolific writer, renowned speaker, and foundress of the Madonna House Apostolate

18 Birthday of Winona LaDuke (1959), Native-American activist, environmentalist, economist, and writer, known for her work on tribal land claims and sustainable development

19 World Humanitarian Day

20 Birthday of Ilia Delio (1955), author, global lecturer in the area of Christianity and evolution, and holder of the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University

23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

24 Birthday of Howard Zinn (1922-2010), historian, social activist, and author of *A People's History of the United States: 1942 - Present* - <http://bit.ly/1MtbaqX>

25 Birthday of Ray McGovern, retired CIA officer turned political activist

26 Women's Equality Day (commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote)

Birthday of Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) - <http://bit.ly/1tvRtGI>

27 Feast of St. Monica, patroness of wives, victims of abuse, and alcoholics

28 Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC (1963) - <http://bit.ly/1mS5B97>

Anniversary of the death of Emmett Louis Till (1941-1955), an African-American boy murdered in Mississippi at the age of 14 after reportedly flirting with a white woman

29 Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (2005)

International Day against Nuclear Tests

30 International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

# SEPTEMBER 2016

## National Hispanic Heritage Month and Suicide Prevention Month

1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - <http://bit.ly/1PgmzJh>

3 Feast of St. Gregory the Great, patron of teachers, students, and musicians

5 Labor Day - <http://bit.ly/1I0CUGH>

International Day of Charity

6 *The Medellín Conference Documents (1968)*, second meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference - <http://bit.ly/1CZmsQj>

7 International Literacy Day

8 Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Birthday of Kerry Kennedy (1959), human rights activist, president of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, and founder of Speak Truth To Power, a global education initiative - <http://bit.ly/2a2KakJ>

International Literacy Day

9 Anniversary of the Attica Prison riot (ends September 13, 1971) - <http://nyti.ms/1E7nRDN>

Civil Rights Act of 1957

10 World Suicide Prevention Day

Birthday of Vale Josefa (Gigi) Francisco (1954-2015), advocate for gender equality and women's rights who also served as the global coordinator of the Development Alternatives for Women for a New Era (DAWN)

Birthday of Jean Vanier (1928), Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian, and teacher of the wisdom of tenderness, founder of L'Arche, a global network for people with and without intellectual disabilities who live together as peers

11 Anniversary of terrorist attacks on United States (2001)

National Grandparents Day - <http://bit.ly/1Ij15Wf>

12 Anniversary of the assassination of Stephen Bantu Biko (1946-1977), anti-apartheid activist in South Africa during the 1960s and 1970s

14 *Laborem Exercens, On Human Work (1981)*, Pope John Paul II - <http://bit.ly/1j1XiS2>

15-Oct. 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month - <http://bit.ly/1iVmzIV>

15 Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

International Day of Democracy

Birthday of Alfred Delp, S.J. (1907-1945), a German Jesuit priest and philosopher of the German Resistance and considered a significant figure in Catholic resistance to Nazism

Anniversary of the assassination of Víctor Lidio Jara Martínez (1973), Chilean teacher, theatre director, poet, singer-songwriter, and political activist

# SEPTEMBER 2016

16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

16-18 Clean Up the World Weekend: "Our Place...Our Planet...Our Responsibility"

17 Constitution Day (U.S.) - <http://bit.ly/1OoF1hN>

18 World Water Monitoring Day - <http://bit.ly/1KmMblH>

20 Birthday of Van Jones, civil rights activist, attorney, and co-founder of four not-for-profit organizations engaged in social and environmental justice

21 International Day of Peace - <http://bit.ly/1HXWdXA> and <http://smilebox.co/Xv8t1l>  
Anniversary of the assassination of Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier and his American colleague Ronni Karpen Moffitt in a car bomb on the streets of Washington DC (1976); the bombing was traced to the regime of General Augusto Pinochet

22 Birthday of Hans Scholl (1918-1943), founding member of the White Rose resistance movement in Nazi Germany  
World Car Free Day - <http://bit.ly/1INDccU>  
Autumnal Equinox

25 United Nations General Assembly Adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (2015)

26 World Environmental Health Day  
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - <http://bit.ly/29tmhUk>  
Feast of Blessed Pope Paul VI who concluded the Second Vatican Council that brought sweeping reforms to the Catholic Church

27 Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and volunteers

28 Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, first Filipino saint and patron of the Philippines

29 Birthday of Mother Catherine Elizabeth McAuley (1778), founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831  
Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

30 Birthday of Elie Wiesel (1928-2016), a Romanian-born American Jewish writer, professor, political activist, Nobel Laureate, and Holocaust survivor

"Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all.

It offers a framework to generate economic growth,  
achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship,  
and strengthen governance."

- Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations

# OCTOBER 2016

1 International Day of Older Persons - <http://bit.ly/28ImMXL>  
Birthday of Jimmy Carter, former U.S. president (1924), co-founder of the Carter Center, peace negotiator, and a voice for peace on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict  
Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of foreign missions, florists, and illness  
International Coffee Day - <http://bit.ly/1TZ0Vvx>

1-2 Islamic New Year begins at sunset on Saturday, October 1 and ends at sunset on Sunday, October 2

1- 31 Muharram begins at sunset Saturday, October 1 and ends at sunset Monday, October 31

2 Birthday of Mohandas Gandhi (1869-1948), spiritual and political leader, father of the Indian independence movement, and architect of a non-violent way of protesting against injustices  
<http://bit.ly/1fpjIB1>  
International Day of Nonviolence - <http://bit.ly/1OoHmJz>  
Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset Sunday, October 2 and ends at sunset Tuesday October 4

4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, peace, and ecology  
<http://bit.ly/1JK66MW>  
World Animal Day

5 World Teachers' Day  
Birthday of peace activist, Philip Berrigan (1923-2002) - <http://bit.ly/28ImK25>  
Birthday of Maya Ying Lin, (1959) designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC  
Child Health Day  
World Habitat Day

6 Feast of Marie Rose Durocher, S.N.J.M.

7 Birthday of Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu (1931), South African social rights advocate, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent role in ending Apartheid  
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

10 World Mental Health Day - <http://bit.ly/1JDeoSn>  
World Homeless Day  
World Day Against the Death Penalty - <http://bit.ly/2aI0gP5>  
Birthday of Ken Saro-Wiwa (1941-1995), a Nigerian writer and environmental activist  
<http://bit.ly/28IoTxE>  
Columbus Day (Indigenous People's Day)

11 Opening session of Vatican II (1962)  
International Day of the Girl Child - <http://bit.ly/28J5hYw>  
Birthday of Thích Nhát Hạnh (1926), Vietnamese Zen Buddhist monk, teacher, author, poet, and peace activist - <http://bit.ly/28ImIXN>

## OCTOBER 2016

11 Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 -1962), diplomat and activist who worked tirelessly to draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted by the General Assembly on December 10, 1948 - <http://bit.ly/1loFPTw>  
Yom Kippur begins at sunset on Tuesday, October 11 and ends at sunset on Wednesday, October 12

12 National Farmer's Day - <http://bit.ly/1rzVrMR>  
Birthday of Rabbi Arthur Waskow (1933), activist and founder and director of The Shalom Center

13 International Day for Disaster Reduction

15 International Day of Rural Women  
Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

16 World Food Day - <http://bit.ly/1MOFr0m>  
World Mission Day: Pope Francis's Message - <http://bit.ly/29WOJN7>

16-23 Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles) begins at sunset on Sunday, October 16 and ends at sunset on Sunday, October 23

17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - <http://bit.ly/1nRRYIq>  
Black Poetry Day - <http://bit.ly/29vkIGP>  
*The Struggle Against Poverty: A Sign of Hope in Our World* (1996), Pastoral Letter by the Canadian Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs on the Elimination of Poverty  
<http://bit.ly/1pDLfjt>

19 Anniversary of the assassination of Digna Ochoa (1954-2001), Mexican human rights lawyer, known for her work defending the poor and those working to protect the environment  
<http://bit.ly/1LFTmqR>

21 *The Common Good and the Catholic Church's Social Teaching* (1996), Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

22 Feast of Pope St. John Paul II

24-30 Disarmament Week - <http://bit.ly/1DBP4Kp> and <http://bit.ly/1KqkmsP>

24 United Nations Day - <http://bit.ly/28J6NcX>

25 Mix It Up at Lunch Day: Teaching Tolerance - <http://bit.ly/1shqQDS>

27 Birthday of Majora Carter (1966), environmental equality advocate, founder of Sustainable South Bronx, an organization that promotes that one can create change in their own neighborhood through environmental revitalization

30 Diwali begins Sunday, October 28 and ends Tuesday, November 1, 2016

31 Halloween - <http://bit.ly/1MSmqtO>

## NOVEMBER 2016 - Native American Heritage Month

1      Feast of All Saints - <http://bit.ly/1JEYRId>  
*Economic Justice for All* (1986), Pastoral Letter on Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy by the U.S. Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/SA42QD>

Brothers and Sisters to Us (1979), Pastoral Letter on Racism by the U.S. Catholic Bishops  
<http://bit.ly/1vMdmiM>

2      All Souls' Day

3      Feast of St. Martin de Porres, patron of African Americans, race relations, and justice

6      International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict  
Daylight Saving Time ends

7      Birthday of Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J. (1942-1989), scholar, social psychologist, and philosopher who was killed by a U.S.-backed Salvadoran death squad in 1989

7 – 10   School of the Americas Watch Annual Vigil, Nogales, AZ - <http://bit.ly/1WvmVSR>

8      Birthday of Dorothy Day (1897-1980) - <http://bit.ly/1srtZzo>  
Election Day - <http://bit.ly/1LFulNV>

9      Birthday of Thomas Berry, C.P. (1914-2009)  
Birthday of Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J., (1930 -1989), philosopher, theologian, and natural leader committed to the “preferential option for the poor” and who was killed by a U.S.-backed Salvadoran death squad in 1989

10     World Science Day for Peace and Development

11     Veterans Day - <http://bit.ly/1KubT7R>  
Remembrance Day (Canada)

12     *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers* (2003), U.S. Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1buC2HJ>  
*Called to Global Solidarity: International Challenges for U.S. Parishes* (1997), Pastoral Letter by the U.S. Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/29vI7mS>  
Birthday of Chen Guangcheng (1971), Chinese human rights advocate, self-taught lawyer, imprisoned in 2006 for four years for angering Shandong officials for his efforts to help women subjected to sterilizations as part of China's one-child policy

12-14   Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, Washington, DC - <http://bit.ly/1Usv5YP>

13     Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patroness of immigrants and impossible causes  
<http://bit.ly/1S8RufA>  
*A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of God's Children* (2002), Pastoral Letter by the U.S. Catholic Bishops  
<http://bit.ly/1MpmVh9>

# NOVEMBER 2016

14 Anniversary of the death of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (1928-1996), co-founder of Center of Concern - <http://bit.ly/28ISdCz>  
Birthday of Pedro Arrupe, S.J., (1907-1991), co-founder and first executive director of Center of Concern - <http://bit.ly/28IZyTD>

15 *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), Pastoral Letter by the U.S. Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/19wi1s4>  
Birthday of Maxwell E. Johnson (1952), renowned theologian and historian who serves as professor of liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame

16 Anniversary of the six martyrs and two friends in El Salvador (1989) - <http://bit.ly/1fu7O99>  
International Day of Tolerance

18 *In All Things Charity: A Pastoral Challenge for the New Millennium* (1999), Pastoral Letter by the U.S. Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1OrZzG7>

19 World Toilet Day - <http://bit.ly/1wBYmp8>

20 Universal Children's Day - <http://smilebox.co/1xmnaA0> and <http://bit.ly/1CWStcd>  
Birthday of Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968)  
Feast of Christ the King

21 World Television Day  
International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day - <http://bit.ly/1JIDJEM>

22 Feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians  
Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

23 *Justicia in Mundo: Justice in the World* (1971), Synod of Bishops - <http://bit.ly/17Z1IK7>  
Thanksgiving Day - <http://bit.ly/1DJlphi>

24 Conference of Major Superiors of Women (now LCWR), founded in 1956  
*Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel* (2013), Pope Francis - <http://bit.ly/1tmQF3S>  
Birthday of Yara Sallam (1995), Egyptian human rights defender and transitional justice researcher with the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), serving two years for protesting against a 2013 draconian anti-protest law

25 International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women - <http://bit.ly/V2gqn4>  
National Buy-Nothing Day (traditional start of Christmas shopping season)  
*To the People of God Journeying in Central America* (2002), Pastoral Letter by the Bishops of Central America  
Anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

27 First Sunday of Advent - <http://smilebox.co/13wMhXr>

29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

## DECEMBER 2016 - Universal Human Rights Month

- 1 World AIDS Day - <http://bit.ly/1OLS11M>  
Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus - <http://bit.ly/1E4pSfO>  
Feast of Charles de Foucauld
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - <http://bit.ly/1MrPE5N>  
Anniversary of the deaths of Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan in El Salvador (1980) - <http://bit.ly/1OsnKEe>
- 3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier, patron of foreign missions and Japan  
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 4 Second Sunday of Advent
- 5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- 6 Feast of St. Nicholas, patron of travelers, children, and bakers  
Anniversary of the death of Philip Berrigan (1923-2002), anti-Vietnam war protester and peace activist - <http://bit.ly/28ImK25>  
Birthday of Elizabeth A. Johnson C.S.J. (1941), Christian feminist theologian known for her writings on the mystery of God, human suffering, ethics, and issues related to women
- 7 *Gaudium et Spes, Pastoral Constitution in the Modern World*, Second Vatican Council (1965)  
<http://bit.ly/1ImUu1K>  
*Dignitatis Humanae, Declaration on Religious Freedom*, Second Vatican Council (1965)  
<http://bit.ly/1Htli9X>  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)  
Birthday of Noam Chomsky, social justice scholar (1928)
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 9 International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10 Anniversary of the death of Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O., (1915-1968), Trappist monk and peace activist  
Human Rights Day - <http://bit.ly/1MME3v6>  
Birthday of Kathy Kelly (1952), peace activist and founding member of Voices for Creative Nonviolence  
*A Milestone for the Human Family* (1998), Pastoral Letter by the Catholic Bishops of Australia to mark the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - <http://bit.ly/1KufAxg>
- 11 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)  
International Mountain Day
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - <http://bit.ly/1gSAVUB>  
*The Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment* (1983), Document by the U.S. Catholic Bishops

## DECEMBER 2016

13      Feast of St. Lucy, patroness of blindness and eye disorders

14      Feast of St. John of the Cross, patron of contemplatives, mystics, and mystical theology  
Anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School (2012)

15      Bill of Rights Day (U.S.) - <http://bit.ly/1gSBhdP>  
Birthday of Chico Mendes (1944-1988), Brazilian rubber tapper, trade union leader, and environmentalist

16 -24    Las Posadas - <http://bit.ly/1HOWnm5>

17      Birthday of Pope Francis (1936)

18      Fourth Sunday of Advent  
International Migrants Day - <http://bit.ly/1MMEcyG>  
Birthday of Stephen Biko (1946-1977), anti-apartheid activist in South Africa, founder of the Black Consciousness Movement - <http://bit.ly/28IPWsn>

20      International Human Solidarity Day - <http://bit.ly/1EaKhA4>

21      December Solstice  
Birthday of Mother Maria Skobtsova (1891-1945), Orthodox nun in Paris; her home was at once a soup kitchen for the needy, a center for the renewal of Orthodox thought, and, under Nazi occupation, a haven for the rescue of Jews

22      Anniversary of the assassination of Chico Mendes (1944-1988), Brazilian rubber tapper, trade union leader, and environmentalist

24      Christmas Eve

24- Jan. 1    Hanukkah begins at sunset Saturday, December 24 and ends at sunset Sunday, January 1

25      Christmas - <http://bit.ly/1HBAIua> and <http://bit.ly/1gsYQJJ>  
*Deus Caritas Est, God is Love* (2005), Pope Benedict XVI - <http://bit.ly/1Fa2Uam>

“ ... a fully realized memory of the history  
of women’s involvement with God  
issues in an irresistible call for conversion,  
away from the marginalization of women  
and their gifts in church and society  
and toward full recognition and equal participation.”

– Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J.

## DECEMBER 2016

26-Jan.1 Kwanzaa

26 Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr, patron of stonemasons, deacons, horses, and headaches  
Birthday of Baba Amte (1914-2008), Indian social activist best remembered for his work for rehabilitation and empowerment of poor people suffering from leprosy

27 Birthday of Jon Sobrino, S.J. (1938), theologian and writer, known for his contributions to liberation theology  
Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist, patron of Asia Minor, theologians, and editors

28 Feast of the Holy Innocents  
Birthday of Liu Xiaobo (1955), Chinese literary critic, writer, professor, and human rights activist, best known for his participation in the Tiananmen Square protests and currently incarcerated as a political prisoner

29 Anniversary of the Wounded Knee Massacre on the Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD (1890)  
Birthday of Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. (1990), helped organize the 1987 Black Catholic Congress and credited with incorporating African rituals and dances, and African American folk songs into the Mass - <http://bit.ly/28Jb7cf>

30 Feast of the Holy Family  
*Sollicitudo Rei Socialism, On Social Concern* (1987), Pope John Paul II - <http://bit.ly/1pPWN4q>

31 Birthday of Odetta Holmes (1930-2008), American singer, actress, guitarist, songwriter, and civil and human rights activist, often referred to as “The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement”  
New Year’s Eve

“Human rights are not only violated by terrorism,  
repression, or assassination,  
but also by unfair economic structures  
that create huge inequalities.”

– Pope Francis



# JANUARY 2017 - National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Months

- 1 New Year's Day - <http://bit.ly/1JlsV9G>  
World Day of Peace (Catholic)  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - <http://bit.ly/1eojaKX>  
Emancipation Proclamation signed (1863)
- 4 Feast of St. Elizabeth Seton, first native-born American saint and patroness of Catholic school education in the United States
- 5 Feast of St. John Neumann, patron of Catholic education, sick children, and immigrants  
National Bird Day
- 6 Epiphany (Día de los Reyes) - <http://bit.ly/1TZ5qpW>  
Birthday of Jacobo Timerman (1923-1999), Argentine journalist and author imprisoned and tortured for reporting the atrocities of the regime's Dirty War. He is best known for his memoir, "[Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number](#)," published in 1981
- 7 Birthday of Sadako Sasaki (1943-1955), Japanese girl who was two years old when the atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, later developed leukemia, and folded 1,000 origami cranes for peace; she is a symbol of the innocent victims of war  
<http://bit.ly/28JbiUY>  
Birthday of Vann Nath (1946-2011), activist and noted Cambodian artist who survived the Khmer Rouge's torture and execution center by painting portraits of its brutal leaders
- 8 Birthday of A.J. Muste (1885-1967), American pacifist and civil rights leader
- 8-14 National Migration Week
- 9 Birthday of Rigoberta Menchú Tum (1959), Guatemalan indigenous human rights activist awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992  
Birthday of Joan Chandos Baez (1941), American folk singer, songwriter, and activist whose music often includes songs of protest and social justice  
Baptism of the Lord
- 11 Anniversary of the start of the 1912 "Bread and Roses" labor strike in Lawrence, MA  
<http://bit.ly/29V5MRk>  
Anniversary of detainment of first War on Terror prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba (2002) - <http://bit.ly/1IJKcyn>
- 12 Anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti that killed over 200,000 and left 2.3 million homeless (2010)  
National Youth Day (India)
- 14 Birthday of Martin Niemöller (1892-1984), German anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran pastor, best known for his statement "First they came..."  
<http://bit.ly/1pAoEo3>

# JANUARY 2017

15 Birthday of Etty Hillesum (1914-1943), Jewish woman whose letters and diaries, kept between 1941 and 1943, describe life in Amsterdam during the German occupation

16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <http://bit.ly/1LCXjy5>  
National Religious Freedom Day

16-20 No Name-Calling Week

18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - <http://bit.ly/1Usx13v>

20 Birthday of Ernesto Cardenal (1925), liberation theologian, poet, and founder of the primitivist art community in the Solentiname Islands

21 National Hug Day (U.S.)

22 *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope* (2003), joint statement concerning migration by the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States - <http://bit.ly/1CVwpyC>

24 Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church and patron of journalists and writers  
Birthday of Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996), Dutch-born Catholic priest, author, spiritual thinker, and a synthesist who advanced the “theology of the heart” - <http://bit.ly/1InjEgk>

25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

26 Birthday of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton (1930), retired auxiliary bishop of the Detroit archdiocese, founding member of Pax Christi USA, and a leading voice for peace, justice, and civil rights - <http://bit.ly/1JN5JkO>  
Australia Day

27 Auschwitz death camp in Poland liberated by Soviet troops (1945)  
International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust  
Birthday of Mairead Maguire, Nobel Peace laureate, peace activist from Northern Ireland (1944)  
March for Life

28 Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of all universities and students  
Chinese New Year

29 World Leprosy Day

29-Feb. 4 National Catholic Schools Week 2017 - <http://bit.ly/1Xdji4T>

30 Martyrs Day (India)

31 Birthday of Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O., (1915-1968), Trappist monk and peace activist  
Birthday of Sister Megan Rice, S.H.C.J. (1930), anti-nuclear activist, member of the Transform Now Plowshares group, known for breaking into the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN - <http://bit.ly/1KqkmsP>  
Inspire Your Heart With Art Day

## FEBRUARY 2017 - African-American History Month

1 National Freedom Day (United States)  
Four African American students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College begin a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. This peaceful action triggered similar nonviolent protests throughout the Deep South (1960)

Birthday of Representative Thomas Lantos (1928-2008), holocaust survivor and founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in 1983 (renamed the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission)

Birthday of Langston Hughes (1902 -1967), American poet, social activist, novelist, and playwright, and one of the earliest innovators of the literary and musical art form called jazz

1-7 World Interfaith Harmony Week

2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
World Wetlands Day  
Anniversary of the death of Alfred Delp, S.J. (1907-1945), a German Jesuit priest and philosopher of the German Resistance and considered a significant figure in Catholic resistance to Nazism

3 Feast of St. Blaise, patron of throat illnesses  
Birthday of Takashi Nagai (1908-1951) survivor of the Nagasaki bombing and mystic

Birthday of Simone Weil (1909-1943), French philosopher, Christian mystic, and political activist

4 Birthday of Rosa Parks (1913-2005), African American Civil Rights activist, known as "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement"  
<http://bit.ly/1Tz78rk>  
Birthday of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran pastor, theologian, spiritual writer, anti-Nazi dissident, and key member of the Confessing Church - <http://bit.ly/1mbp3Mv>

5 Anniversary of the death of Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Jesuit Superior General (1907-1991), co-founder of Center of Concern - <http://bit.ly/28IZyTD>

6 Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs of Japan  
International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of Sudan and of human trafficking  
<http://bit.ly/28IYSwV>  
International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
<http://www.against-humanity.org>  
Birthday of Martin Buber (1879-1965), prominent Austrian philosopher, religious thinker, political activist, and educator

Birthday of Harry Wu (1937-2016), Chinese human rights activist who spent 19 years in Chinese labor camps, and founder of the Laogai Research Foundation

## FEBRUARY 2017

11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science  
Nelson Mandela released from prison (1990) - <http://bit.ly/1SGIPgs>  
World Day of the Sick

13 Anniversary of the assassination of Brother James (Santiago) Miller, F.S.C. (1944-1982), martyred in Guatemala for his work with young indigenous Mayans from rural areas  
<http://bit.ly/28JdCZq>  
*Economic Justice in South Africa* (1999), Pastoral Statement by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

14 Valentine's Day - <http://bit.ly/1ICQ6gQ> and <http://bit.ly/1D73eFM>

17 Anniversary of the death of Janani Luwum (1922-1977), Anglican Archbishop of Uganda, and martyr  
Random Acts of Kindness Day

20 World Day of Social Justice - <http://bit.ly/1W2R366>  
Presidents' Day

21 Birthday of Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890), theologian known for his contributions to doctrine and church government for both the Church of England and the Catholic Church

22 Anniversary of the execution of Sophie and Hans Scholl (1943), martyrs of the White Rose nonviolent resistance group in Nazi Germany

23 Youth Day at the 2017 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress - <http://bit.ly/1gTA2eq>

24 International STAND UP to Bullying Day  
Anniversary of the death of Trayvon Martin (1995-2012), 17-year-old African American teenager shot by neighborhood watch volunteer, in Sanford, Florida

24-26 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: "Embrace Trust" - <http://bit.ly/1FAZnnl>

26 International Stand Up to Bullying Day

28 Mardi Gras  
Birthday of Rev. Dr. Kelly Douglas (1957), author and Canon Theologian of Washington National Cathedral

"It is undeniable that every human being  
is entitled to living space, daily bread,  
and the protection of the law  
as a common birthright;  
these are fundamentals and should not  
be handed out as an act of charity."

– Alfred Delp, S.J.



## MARCH 2017 - Women's History Month

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- Self-injury Awareness Day
- 3 Birthday of Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain, a.k.a. Chief Joseph (1840-1904); when the United States attempted to force the Nez Percé to move to a reservation, he tried to lead his people to Canada, in what is considered one of the great retreats in military history
- 4 Anniversary of the assassination of Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores (1971-2016), Honduran environmental activist, indigenous leader of her people, and co-founder and coordinator of the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras
- 5 First Sunday of Lent  
International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970)  
Anniversary of the death of Martin Niemöller (1892-1984), German anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran pastor known for "First they came..." statement about standing up to Nazi oppression - <http://bit.ly/1MdmdVf>
- 6 Anniversary of the assassination Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores (1971-2016), Honduran environmental activist, indigenous leader of her people, and co-founder and coordinator of the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras
- 7 Feasts of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, patronesses of expectant mothers and mothers
- 8 International Women's Day - <http://bit.ly/29V6iPs>
- 10 Anniversary of the death of Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), abolitionist and humanitarian during the American Civil War
- 12 Second Sunday of Lent  
Anniversary of the murder of Rutilio Grande, S.J. (1928-1977), martyr of El Salvador  
<http://bit.ly/28Ja4dw>  
Daylight Saving Time begins
- 14 Birthday of Albert Einstein (1879-1955), German theoretical physicist, pacifist, and anti-nuclear advocate
- 15 International Day Against Police Brutality - <http://bit.ly/1l0CupY> and <http://smilebox.co/YM6tTo>  
World Consumer Rights Day
- 16 Anniversary of death of Rachel Corrie (1979-2003), American activist for Palestinian human rights, crushed by an Israel Defense Forces bulldozer in Rafah, the Gaza Strip
- 17 Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland and engineers
- 18 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - <http://bit.ly/1gE6sSy>
- 19 Third Sunday of Lent  
*The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis (2016)*

## MARCH 2017

20 Start of the Iraq War (2003)  
International Day of Happiness  
Feast of St. Joseph - <http://bit.ly/1OsoBVD>  
March Equinox

21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
International Day of Forests  
World Poetry Day - <http://bit.ly/1LJYHNR>

21-27 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination - <http://bit.ly/Tlbkaw>

22 World Water Day - <http://bit.ly/1DJKjP1>

24 Anniversary of the assassination of Óscar Romero (1917-1980), archbishop of San Salvador  
<http://bit.ly/19MZY8c>  
World Tuberculosis Day  
Birthday of Colman McCarthy (1938), American journalist, teacher, lecturer, pacifist, and long-time peace activist who teaches peace in America's classrooms and lecture halls  
International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade  
Feast of the Annunciation

26 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
*Populorum Progressio, The Development of Peoples* (1967) - <http://bit.ly/1uU6pcz>

31 Birthday of César Chávez (1927-1993), Mexican-American farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist, who, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers - <http://bit.ly/1rKA5ZT>

“ When the church hears the cry of the oppressed  
it cannot but denounce the social structures  
that give rise to and perpetuate  
the misery from which the cry arises.”

– Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero

## APRIL 2017 - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

1 Birthday of Frida Berrigan (1974), activist and columnist for Waging Nonviolence

2 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Birthday of William F. Ryan, S.J., first director of Center of Concern (1971-1978)

Anniversary of the death of Saint Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) - <http://bit.ly/1T5AXEs>

Birthday of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin (1928-1996), co-founder of Center of Concern

*A Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty* (1999), statement by the U.S. Catholic Bishops  
<http://bit.ly/1HZCCGv>

4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

Anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

7 World Health Day

Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Rwandan Genocide

Birthday of Daniel Ellsberg, activist and former United States military analyst who precipitated a national political controversy in 1971 when he released the Pentagon Papers, a top-secret Pentagon study of U.S. government decision-making in relation to the Vietnam War

9 Palm Sunday

Anniversary of the death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident - <http://bit.ly/1pYEx9t>

10 Birthday of Dolores Huerta (1930), labor leader and civil rights activist, who, with César Chávez, co-founded the National Farmworkers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers - <http://bit.ly/1IsBMY4>

10-18 Passover begins at sundown Monday, April 10 and ends at sundown Tuesday, April 18  
<http://bit.ly/1I5mV0d>

11 *Pacem in Terris, Peace on Earth* (1963), Pope John XXIII - <http://bit.ly/1MqmPWI>

12 International Day for Street Children

13 Holy Thursday

Birthday of Amy Goodman (1957), host and executive producer of *Democracy Now!*, a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program airing on over 1,300 public television and radio stations worldwide

14 Good Friday (Triduum) - <http://bit.ly/1GVbxre>

Birthday of Peter J. Henriot (1936), author, editor, and third president of Center of Concern (1978-1988)

16 Easter Sunday

Anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings (2008)

Martin Luther King, Jr. writes "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (1963)

15 Income Tax Day in the United States

19 Anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)

## APRIL 2017

20 Anniversary of the shooting at Columbine High School (1999)

21 Birthday of Helen Prejean, C.S.J., (1939), leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty  
Day of Silence, annual day of action to protest bullying and harassment of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people - <http://bit.ly/1CVQLb4>

22 Earth Day - <http://bit.ly/1JICVji>

23 Anniversary of the death of César Chávez (1927-1993), Mexican American labor leader and civil rights activist, who, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers that later became the United Farm Workers - <http://bit.ly/UwJ5Xu>

23-24 Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), begins Sunday evening, April 23 and ends at sunset on Monday April 24 - <http://bit.ly/1DELzTC>

25 Birthday of Charlene Teters (1952), Native American artist, educator, lecturer, and known for her activism against racism in sports and media on behalf of native peoples  
<http://bit.ly/28JfJiE>

26 Birthday of Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. (1936), best-selling author and renowned international lecturer on social justice, women's issues, and spirituality in the church and society  
Anniversary of the assassination of Bishop Juan José Gerardi (1922-1998), human rights defender, assassinated two days after announcing the release of the report on victims of the Guatemalan Civil War, *Guatemala: Nunca Más!* - <http://bit.ly/1nS2g5c>

27 *Evangelization in Modern Day Asia* (1974), first plenary assembly document by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences  
*Ethical and Gospel Imperatives for Overcoming Dire Poverty and Hunger* (2002), Document by the National Conference of the Bishops of Brazil  
Birthday of Coretta Scott King (1927-2006)

29 International Dance Day  
Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, patroness of illness, nurses, and fire prevention  
World Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare  
Race riots erupt in south-central Los Angeles after a jury acquits four white police officers for the videotaped beating of African American Rodney King

30 Anniversary of the death of Daniel Berrigan, S.J. (1921- 2016), Vietnam war protester and peace activist - <http://bit.ly/29Tyczz>  
International Jazz Day

“The God of life summons us to life; more, to be lifegivers, especially toward those who lie under the heel of the powers.”

– Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

## MAY 2017 - Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Bike Month

1      Feast of St. Joseph the Worker - <http://bit.ly/1h0rVwv>  
*Centesimus Annus, The Hundredth Year* (1991), Pope John Paul II - <http://bit.ly/1BgAlf1>  
Birthday of Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955) - <http://bit.ly/28J093i>  
Catholic Worker Movement began with the release of the first issue of the Catholic Worker (1933)  
International Workers' Day - <http://bit.ly/1ObPpbw> and <http://bit.ly/1lkBvQS>

3      World Press Freedom Day  
*The Challenge of Peace* (1983), Pastoral Letter on War and Peace by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1s1ZNtm>  
National Garden Meditation Day

4      Anniversary of the founding of Center of Concern (1971) - <http://bit.ly/28J7pP4>  
National Day of Prayer in United States  
Anniversary of the Kent State massacre (1970)  
Freedom Riders, composed of seven African Americans and six white activists leave Washington for the segregated Deep South (1961) - <http://bit.ly/28JvFkA>  
National Bike to School Day

5      Cinco de Mayo - <http://bit.ly/1D1fz0U>

6      Join Hands Day - <http://bit.ly/1P1uie4>

8      Birthday of Naomi Klein (1970), social activist, syndicated columnist, and author of *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate* - <http://bit.ly/1ExR7zG>  
Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during WWII  
World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

9      Birthday of Daniel Berrigan (1921-2016), anti-Vietnam war protester and peace activist  
<http://bit.ly/29TycZZ>  
Birthday of Peter Maurin (1877-1949), co-founder of Catholic Worker movement  
<http://bit.ly/28JvPsj>

10     Birthday of Sophie Scholl (1921-1943), German student and Christian anti-Nazi political activist, member of the White Rose non-violent resistance group in Nazi Germany

10     Birthday of Jim Hug, S.J. (1941), author, editor, and fourth president of Center of Concern (1989-2013)

11     Anniversary of the death of Bob Marley (1945-1981), Jamaican musician and anti-war activist  
<http://bit.ly/1DET0u2>

14     Mother's Day - <http://bit.ly/1KqUuQc>  
*Octogesima Adveniens, A Call to Action* (1931), Pope Paul VI - <http://bit.ly/1wj8SzT>  
World Migratory Bird Day

## MAY 2017

15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day - <http://bit.ly/1gaquvq>  
International Day of Families - <http://bit.ly/1S0BMmN>  
Birthday of Digna Ochoa (1964-2001), Mexican human rights lawyer, known for defending the poor and the environment - <http://bit.ly/1LFTmqR>  
*Rerum Novarum, On the Condition of Labor* (1891), Pope Leo XIII - <http://bit.ly/1mbvq2w>  
*Quadragesimo Anno, After Forty Years* (1931), Pope Pius XI - <http://bit.ly/1IJQle6>  
*Mater et Magistra, Christianity and Social Justice* (1961), Pope John XXIII - <http://bit.ly/1ixIM9I>  
Feast of St. Dymphna, patroness of mental illness and victims of incest - <http://bit.ly/1ICgbQ8>

17 World Information Society Day

18 Birthday of Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), British philosopher, historian, mathematician, and activist against nuclear weaponry

19 Birthday of Malcolm X (assassinated on February 21, 1965)  
Bike to Work Day

20 Birthday of Franz Jägerstätter (1907-1943), martyr and conscientious objector  
<http://bit.ly/1q0Sn9U>  
Feast of St. Bernardine of Siena, patron of gambling, compulsive behavior, and public relations  
Vesak Day (Commemoration of Buddha's birth, death, and enlightenment)

21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

22 International Day for Biological Diversity

24 *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home* (2015), Pope Francis - <http://bit.ly/1Gi1BTu> and <http://bit.ly/1gUVPSp>  
Anniversary of the shooting at the Jewish Museum of Belgium in Brussels, Belgium (2014)

25 Africa Day  
International Missing Children's Day - <http://bit.ly/1luwpHZ>  
Feast of the Ascension of Christ

25-31 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

26 Birthday of Rebecca Masika Katsuva (1966-2016), Congolese human rights campaigner who set up refuge centers and an organization to help victims of war and rape

27-June 25 Ramadan begins at sundown Saturday, May 27 and ends at sundown on Sunday, June 25

29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers  
Birthday of John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)  
Memorial Day (U.S.) - <http://bit.ly/1pAHpdn>

30 Feast of St. Joan of Arc, patroness of soldiers and military members

31 Feast of the Visitation - <http://bit.ly/1mqj6qu>  
World No Tobacco Day

## JUNE 2017 - Torture and LGBTQ Awareness Month

- 1 Global Day of Parents - <http://bit.ly/1JEe2ep>  
Stand for Children Day - <http://bit.ly/1MvSGpE>
- 3 Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
- 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression  
Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre (1989)  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Pentecost Sunday
- 5 World Environment Day - <http://bit.ly/1D08Rlx>
- 6 Anniversary of the Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968)  
Birthday of Marian Wright Edelman (1939), activist for the rights of children, leading voice for disadvantaged children and families, and founder of the Children's Defense Fund
- 7 Birthday of Dr. Maha Hilal, Executive Director of the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms and Adjunct Professor at George Mason University, where she teaches classes on Muslims and Muslim American responses to the War on Terror
- 8 World Oceans Day - <http://bit.ly/1KeSh6p>  
Birthday of Gustavo Gutierrez, O.P. (1928) - <http://bit.ly/1HQ5JOz>
- 10 Pope John Paul II canonizes Lebanon's first female saint, Saint Rafqa (2001)  
Equal Pay Act of 1963 aimed at abolishing wage disparity based on sex signed into law by President John F. Kennedy as part of his New Frontier Program (1963)  
Birthday of Bishop Walter F. Sullivan (1928-2012), nationally recognized for his pastoral leadership and prophetic role as a champion of peace and justice who led the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, VA for 29 years and served as the Bishop-President of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement
- 11 Trinity Sunday
- 12 World Day Against Child Labor - <http://bit.ly/1VFwmNc>  
Birthday of Anne Frank (1929-1945), witness of the Holocaust, who died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp - <http://bit.ly/1Mtilzl> and <http://bit.ly/28Is5Fp>  
Anniversary of the Orlando, FL nightclub shooting which left 49 people dead, the deadliest incident of violence against the LGBT community in the U.S.  
Anniversary of the assassination of Medgar Evers (1925-1963), civil rights worker shot and killed in his driveway in Jackson, MS - <http://bit.ly/28J0qa4>  
In *Loving v. Virginia*, the Supreme Court rules that prohibiting interracial marriage is unconstitutional (1967)
- 14 Flag Day (U.S.)  
Day of Memory for Repressed People (Armenia)

## JUNE 2017

15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - <http://bit.ly/28lraca>  
*Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good* (2001),  
Pastoral Statement by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1LS26KN>

16 A non-violent march by 15,000 students in Soweto, South Africa turns into days of rioting when police open fire on the crowd (1976)  
At age 14, George Junius Stinney, Jr. becomes the youngest person executed in the United States in the 20th century (1944)

17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought  
Anniversary of the mass shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (2015)  
South African Parliament repeals the Population Registration Act which required racial classification of all South Africans at birth (1991)

18 Feast of Corpus Christi  
Father's Day (U.S./U.K.) - <http://bit.ly/1eooVZ8>

19 *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions* (1998), Reflections by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1I0xjGC>  
Juneteenth, commemoration of end of slavery in United States (1865)  
Birthday of Aung San Suu Kyi (1945), Burmese human rights activist, humanitarian, and Nobel Peace Laureate  
WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange requests asylum in London's Ecuadorian Embassy for fear of extradition to the U.S. after publication of classified documents including footage of civilian killings by the U.S. army (2012)

20 World Refugee Day - <http://bit.ly/1JEX1ka> and <http://bit.ly/1TZcwuL>

21 June Solstice  
Music Day - <http://bit.ly/1LPIB87>  
A boat carrying more than 200 refugees capsizes in the Indian Ocean between the Indonesian island of Java and Christmas Island, killing 17 and leaving 70 missing (2012)

“ If you don’t like the way the world is, you change it.

You have an obligation to change it.

You just do it one step at a time.”

– Marian Wright Edelman



## JUNE 2017

22 *Respecting the Rights of Workers* (2009), Pastoral Statement by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - <http://bit.ly/1CW8GOF>

23 International Day of Public Service - <http://bit.ly/1DERCYf>  
International Widows Day - <http://bit.ly/1TZbfnv>  
Feast of the Sacred Heart

24 Capital punishment is declared unconstitutional in New York (2004)  
Feast Day of John the Baptist

26 International Day in Support of Torture Victims and Survivors - <http://bit.ly/1LK2xXp>  
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - <http://bit.ly/1Kfc7Tf>  
The U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* declares that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution (2015)  
Ramadan ends at sundown on Sunday, June 26  
Eid al-Fitr (Festival of Breaking of the Fast, Islam/U.S. date)

27 Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
Birthday of Helen Keller (1880-1968), political activist, journalist, co-founder of the ACLU, and the first deaf and blind person to earn a bachelor degree

29 *Lumen Fidei, The Light of Faith* (2013), Pope Francis - <http://bit.ly/29WyWgA>  
*Caritas in Veritate, Charity in Truth* (2009), Pope Benedict XVI - <http://bit.ly/1nvsWZp>  
Birthday of Samantha Reed Smith (1972-1985), an American schoolgirl, peace activist from Manchester, ME, best known for the simple act of writing a letter to the Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov, in 1982 during the Cold War era; she is known as "America's Youngest Ambassador" and died at age 13 in a plane crash

“ Sometimes I still worry  
that the next day will be the last day of the Earth.”  
– Samantha Reed Smith

## JULY 2017

1      Feast of Junipero Serra, patron of vocations  
Canada Day

2      Civil Rights Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson (1964) - <http://bit.ly/28lr3xp>

3      Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, patron of architects, construction workers, and cooks

4      Independence Day (U.S.)  
Birthday of Brian Willson (1941), American veteran, peace activist - <http://bit.ly/1KvX8m7>

5      Birthday of Rutilio Grande García, S.J., (1928) assassinated in El Salvador on March 12, 1977

7      Birthday of Dorothy Stang (1931-2005)  
Birthday of Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick (1930) - <http://bit.ly/28J04OC>

8      Anniversary of the death of Abdul Sattar Edhi (1928-2016), prominent Pakistani philanthropist, social activist, and humanitarian who has been described as 'Pakistan's Mother Teresa,

11     World Population Day  
Feast of St. Benedict, patron of farmers, farming, agricultural workers, and school children  
Anniversary of Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia (1995)

12     Birthday of Malala Yousafzai (1997), Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize Laureate - <http://bit.ly/1TdgH4U14>  
Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, patroness of loss of parents, ecology, and the environment  
<http://bit.ly/1nuIFZP> and <http://bit.ly/28JbULp>

15     World Youth Skills Day

18     Birthday of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) - <http://bit.ly/1qrXOht>  
Birthday of "Peace Pilgrim" Mildred Norman Ryder (1908-1981), who walked the roads of the United States promoting peace - <http://bit.ly/1MsHUAz>

19     Birthday of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese diplomat who issued some 30,000 visas to Jews and others before he was recalled (1885-1954)

22     Feast of St. Mary of Magdalene, apostle to the apostles, patroness of penitents and pharmacists

23     Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, patroness of Europe, Sweden, and widows

25     Feast of St. Christopher, patron of travelers, drivers, pilots, and athletes  
Birthday of Emmett Till (1941-1955)

26     Feasts of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, patrons of grandparents

28     World Hepatitis Day

29     Feast of St. Martha, patroness of housekeepers, waiters, and waitresses  
*Lumen Fidei, The Light of Faith* (2013), Pope Francis - <http://bit.ly/29WyWgA>

30     International Day of Friendship  
National Whistleblower Appreciation Day - <http://bit.ly/1VFhx9>  
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - <http://bit.ly/1IuyCmO>

31     Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, patron of Jesuits, soldiers, retreats, educators and Spiritual Exercises - <http://bit.ly/1FcjiTD>