



SISTERS *of* ST. JOSEPH *of* TORONTO



**October 10, 2021**

**Celebrating our Oneness with God, Creation & Neighbour**

# Historical Sketch

On October 7, 1851, four Sisters established the first Canadian foundation in Toronto. Mother Delphine Fontbonne and Sisters Bernard Dinan, Alphonsus Margerum and Martha von Bunning arrived from Philadelphia, which was at the time a mission of the Carondelet Congregation in St. Louis. They had come at the request of the Toronto Bishop, Armand Francois Marie de Charbonnel, to care for orphans, to teach in schools, and to nurture community with their neighbour.

Their teaching apostolate expanded over the years: elementary, secondary & university, the arts, and adult education in many forms including faith development. They also started three schools of nursing.

Beginning in 1857, the congregation set up health care institutions across Canada. In Toronto, they established St. Michael's Hospital (1892), St. Joseph's Hospital (1921), Our Lady of Mercy (1925) and Providence Hospital (1962). House of Providence opened in 1857 as a house of charity and is known today as Providence Healthcare.

Through the years, the congregation established missions near and far, first in the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec, and Alberta and then in 1968, the congregation opened a mission in Guatemala. Sisters have also served in Nicaragua, Honduras and Haiti.

The Sisters' anniversary theme, *Celebrating our Oneness with God, Creation and Neighbour*, highlights ministries past and present. In prayer, presence and solidarity, and with partners, the Sisters advocate and take action to address social injustices, raise awareness for better environmental protection and safe drinking water, and advocate for a more equitable world.

# Land Acknowledgement

Sister Kristine Fernandes, CSJ

*The Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Toronto 170 years ago. As an order of Catholic women religious, our charism to care for the dear neighbour led us from Le Puy, France, to the United States, and finally here to Toronto.*

*For our 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are celebrating our Oneness with God, Creation & Neighbour.*

*We acknowledge that Tkaronto has been a home to many nations since time immemorial. These include the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River.*

*In our ongoing journey towards reconciliation, we are re-learning the history of this country and this land.*

*We are committed to redressing the harms done.*

# Entrance Procession

## Cross Bearer

Sister Mary Anne McCarthy, CSJ

## Candle Bearers

Sister Patricia Macaulay, CSJ

Sister Divinia Pedro, CSJ

## Lector

Vickie McNally

## Portrait, Mother Delphine

Sister Penny McDonald, CSJ

## Congregational Leader

Sister Georgette Gregory, CSJ

## Presider

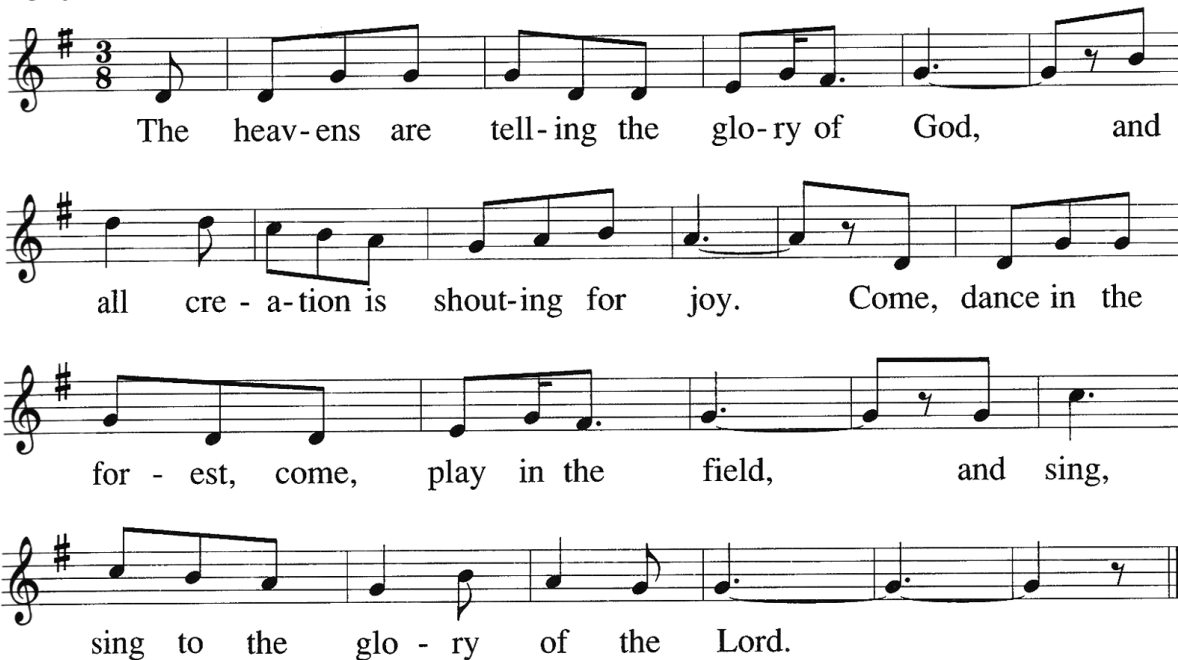
Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB



# Gathering Hymn

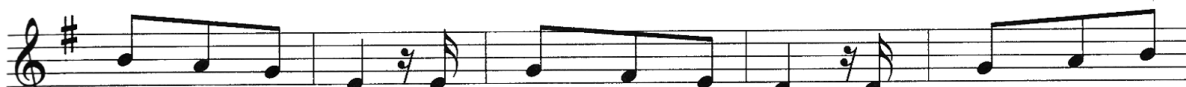
## *Canticle of the Sun*

### Refrain



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and  
all cre - a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the  
for - est, come, play in the field, and sing,  
sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

### Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of



light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who  
storms, ⁊ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they  
crops ⁊ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her  
sun ⁊ to bright-en our night; He danc - es with joy, his  
made ⁊ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that  
loss ⁊ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.  
blow where they please To please the Lord.  
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.  
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.  
help us to know The heart of love.  
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

*Composer: Marty Haugen Text: Georgina Pando-Connolly © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.*

Greetings

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Welcome

Sister Georgette Gregory, CSJ

# Penitential Rite

*Gloria*, by John Dawson

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Presider  
Opening Prayer

# Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Wisdom 7: 7-11*

Vickie McNally

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

## The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 98 Cantor*



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow - er of God;



all the ends of the - earth have seen the pow - er of God.

### Verses

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.

2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.

3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.

*Composers: David Haas, Marty Haugen Text: Ronald Krisman*

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## Second Reading: *Philippians 4:4-9*

Sister Anne Purcell, CSJ

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
Our God is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Psalm 150 Alleluia*  
*Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary  
and in the firmament of His strength.  
Praise Him for His mighty deeds.  
Praise Him for His majesty.  
Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet.  
Praise Him with the lyre and harp.  
Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance.  
Praise Him with strings and pipes.  
Praise Him with sounding cymbals,  
Glory to God, Glory to God.  
Alleluia.

Gospel  
*Mark 10:17-31*

Homily  
Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

## **Renewal of Vows**

**Presider:** *I now invite the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto to stand and renew their vows of a covenant of love.*

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto:**

**My God, I renew the offering of my entire life to you; all that I am, and all that I am capable of becoming, for the sake of the Gospel.**

**United with Jesus, I desire to share in his life and mission of unifying love, for the sake of the dear neighbour.**

**I express this commitment through the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, according to its spirit, charism and constitutions.**

**Adorable Trinity,  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
accept this offering  
and make it holy. Amen.**



Vows in Song  
*Take and Receive*

Take and receive,  
Oh Lord my liberty.  
Take all my will,  
My mind, my memory.

All things I hold  
And all I own are thine  
Thine was the gift  
To thee I all resign.

Do Thou direct  
and govern all and sway,  
Do what thou wilt  
Command and I obey.  
Only thy grace,  
Thy love on me bestow.  
These make me rich,  
All else will I forego.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful  
Sister Annette Lacroix, CSJ

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Cantor Solo, Schubert's *Ave Maria*

Offertory Procession

Roses of Remembrance: Sister Trudy Zunti, CSJ

Preface for Consecrated Life

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Our Father

Lamb of God

# Ministers of the Eucharist

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Sister Mary Sibbald, CSJ

Sister Susan Davy, CSJ

## Communion Hymn

Cantor Solo, *Jubilate Deo*

## Congregational Communion Hymn

*Lord, When You Came to the Seashore*, by Cesáreo Gabaráin



1. Lord, when you came to the sea - shore  
2. Lord, you knew what my boat car - ried:  
3. Lord, have you need of my la - bor,  
4. Lord, send me where you would have me,



You weren't seek - ing the wise or the  
Nei - ther mon - ey nor weap - ons for  
Hands for ser - vice, a heart made for  
To a vil - lage, or heart of the

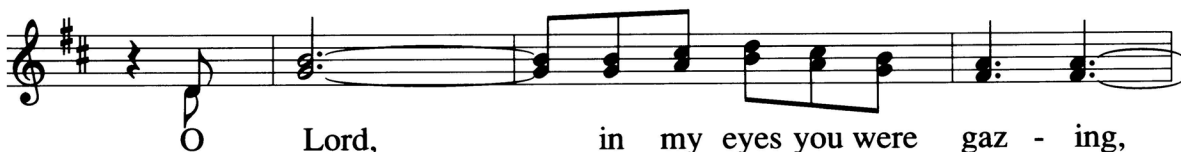


wealth - y, But on - ly ask - ing  
fight - ing, But nets for fish - ing,  
lov - ing, My arms for lift - ing  
cit - y; I will re - mem - ber



that I might fol - low.  
my dai - ly la - bor.  
the poor and bro - ken?  
that you are with me.

### Refrain



Lord, in my eyes you were gaz - ing,



Kind-ly smil - ing, my name you were



say - ing; All I treas - ured,



I have left on the sand there; Close to



you, I will find oth - er seas.

*Composer: Cesáreo Gabaráin © 1979, 1987, Cesáreo Gabaráin. Published by OCP.*

Thank You Message from  
the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto  
Sister Mary Anne McCarthy, CSJ

Presider  
Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn  
*Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*



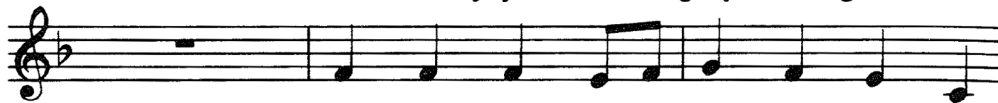
1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trum - pet,  
2. Praise the Lord with the crash - ing cym - bal,



Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,



Praise the Lord with the gen - tle sound - ing flute.  
Praise the Lord with the joy - ful songs you sing.



Praise the Lord in the field and for - est,  
Praise the Lord on a week - day morn - ing,



Praise the Lord in the cit - y square,  
Praise the Lord on a Sun - day noon,



Praise the Lord an - y - time and an - y - where.  
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.



Praise the Lord in the wind and sun - shine,  
Praise the Lord in the time of sor - row,



Praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,



Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morn - ing  
Praise the Lord ev - ery mo - ment; noth - ing let your praise de -



light. Praise the Lord in the deep - est val - ley,  
stroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and qui - et,



Praise the Lord on the high - est hill,  
Praise the Lord in your work or play,



Praise the Lord; nev - er let your voice be still.  
Praise the Lord ev - ery - where in ev - ery way!

*Composer: Natalie Sleeth © 1976, Hinshaw Music, Inc.*



# Congratulatory Messages



*For our 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto received a number of congratulatory messages from numerous parties. These include: the Governor General of Canada, the Vatican, the Archbishop of Toronto, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and the Mayor of Toronto.*

# From the Governor General of Canada



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## Message from the Governor General on the occasion of the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto

I would like to congratulate all those marking the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

Faith and community are intertwined. For 170 years, the congregation has invited members of the faith to give back and get involved, spreading compassion and caring for others. Throughout your wonderful history, you have created schools, hospitals, organizations and support programs to address urgent needs in the community. Together, every day, you improve and brighten the lives of your fellow citizens. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I wish you all the very best on this milestone anniversary.



Mary May Simon

# From the Vatican



*HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS*

*cordially imparts*

*his Apostolic Blessing*

*to*

*THE CONGREGATION OF  
THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF TORONTO*

*on the happy occasion of the  
One Hundred Seventieth Anniversary  
of their foundation in Canada.*

*His Holiness prays that  
the Sisters will find great joy and peace  
in their religious consecration  
to our Lord Jesus Christ  
and that their lives of service in the Church  
will always contribute to  
the growth of the Kingdom of God.*

*From the Vatican, 14 May 2021*



*Luigi Roberto Cona*  
Monsignor L. Roberto Cona  
Assessor

# From the Archbishop of Toronto

Re: Celebration of 170th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto

My dear friends,

I would like to offer my prayers and best wishes to the Sisters of St. Joseph as they celebrate 170 years of faithful service in the Toronto area. This is an incredible accomplishment and we give thanks for the tremendous efforts of the Sisters in serving and strengthening our community over so many years.

Led by the inspiring leadership of Sister Delphine Fontbonne, four Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Toronto in October of 1851 to care for orphans, the sick and poor of the city. The humble work of the Sisters has continued since that time, establishing ministries supporting education, social services and health care. The humble and loving “ministry of presence” they share with others is a powerful example of faith in action.

In recent years, they have adapted to serve the “dear neighbour” in our midst. Their outreach to young adults, care for the environment and advocacy on social justice issues ensures that their involvement is relevant to the people they serve. The Sisters have remained true to their mission, “a community of women sent to serve those in need in simplicity and compassion.” What a blessing they have been to so many – may they continue to follow the example of Jesus to love and serve for years to come.

My heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do. May God continue to bless you and be assured of my sincere gratitude and admiration for 170 years of loving service.



Sincerely in Christ,

*† Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto

# From the Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone celebrating the 170th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for calling to mind great moments in the history of your organization. For the past 170 years, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto has served the church and the community. Your members, past and present, have fulfilled the promise of their calling with a joy that I am sure cannot be measured.

I offer you my congratulations on achieving this milestone. May the strength of your faith continue to guide you in the years to come.

Sincerely,



The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.



# From the Premier of Ontario

*I'm very pleased to congratulate the*

## **SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF TORONTO**

*on the occasion of the order's 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*This milestone in your history is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the order's rich history and legacy, as well as on the core values that have inspired the Sisters in fulfilling their call to serve God and to minister to others.*

*As Premier, I respect and admire the contributions of our province's religious communities to the well-being of individuals and of society.*

*My best wishes for a memorable celebration.*



Legislative Building, Toronto  
October 7, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Ford", written in a cursive style.

**Doug Ford**  
Premier



# From the Mayor of Toronto

*Mayor John Tory  
and Members of Toronto City Council  
extend warmest congratulations to*

## *Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto*

*On the occasion of their 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

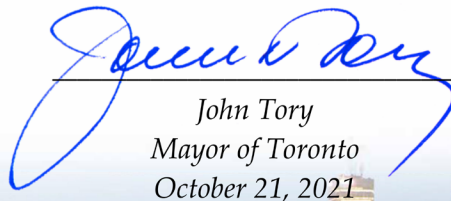
*On October 7, 1851, four sisters from the religious community of the Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ) arrived in Toronto from France to establish ministries in education, social services and health care. They cared for orphans and ministered to the sick and the less fortunate.*

*The CSJ also established outreach programs and opened schools, hospitals and facilities in our city including St. Michael's Hospital in 1892 and the Daily Bread Food Bank in 1982.*

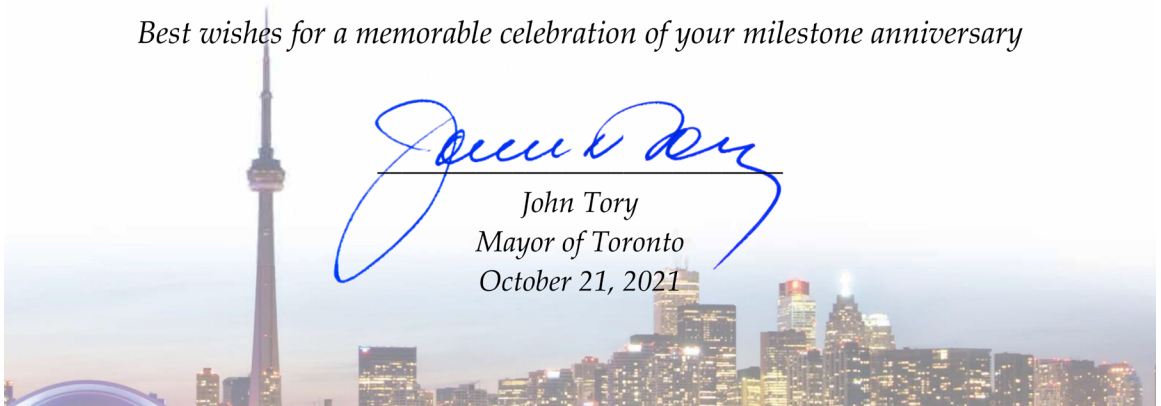
*Over a century later, the Sisters of St. Joseph Toronto continue to meet the needs of the sick, the less fortunate and vulnerable populations, while remaining dedicated to social justice and working with people rather than institutions.*

*Thank you to the Sisters of St. Joseph for the many valued contributions they have made to our city over 170 years.*

*Best wishes for a memorable celebration of your milestone anniversary*



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto  
October 21, 2021





# Many Thanks To

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