Doing Justice Being Peace

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World Wildlife Day on March 3 underscores the global biodiversity crisis, with over a million species at risk of extinction, including 640 species in Canada alone. The restoration and protection of ecosystems and natural habitats is central to the health of our common home.



March 5 marks the *International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness*, symbolized by Carl Frederik Reuterswärd's knotted gun sculpture at the United Nations Headquarters. It was created in response to his friend, John Lennon's murder and stands as an iconic symbol for peace and non-violence.

March 10, *International Day of Women Judges*, recognizes the contributions of women within the justice system. These women catalyze change through their distinctive viewpoints. They champion compassionate, victim-centred responses to crime and actively combat corruption on both national and global fronts.





International Women's Day on March 8 is a celebration of women and girls' achievements. Stemming from early 20th century labour movements in North America and Europe, this day highlights the ongoing struggle for gender equity and advocates for women's equal participation in all spheres of life.

Despite significant strides towards equality, women continue to face challenges such as limited access to decent work, occupational segregation and unequal pay. To address these issues, advocates propose a shift to a green economy and a care-based society. By prioritizing environmental sustainability and the well-being of vulnerable and marginalized individuals, we foster healthier, more prosperous and inclusive communities and nations.

Elevating and amplifying women's voices is key to safeguarding our planet for future generations and ensuring the creation of a more equitable world for everyone. To learn about inspiring women throughout Canadian history, <u>click here</u> for more information.



As women, we are called to embody the nurturing love of the Divine Mother, to care for all living beings as she cares for us.

~ Saint Angela of Foligno

How does our own experience of being nurtured influence our capacity to extend care and compassion to others?

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