

“In Darkness ... A Great Light”

Jesuit Refugee Service
workers from Sahnaya Field
Kitchen transport pots of
food for displaced Syrians



JRS Syria

We face many kinds of darkness in our lives and in our world: greed and selfishness, injustice and hatred, war, disaster, inequality, corruption, and the effects of climate change among them.

The good news of Christmas is that a great light shines into our darkness.

When Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa this year, he said, “For Mother Teresa, mercy was the light which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.” Francis also said, “Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.”

Let’s join together this Christmas
in bringing the light of hope to others!



CJI Vision and Mission

The **vision** of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **mission** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness-raising and advocacy in Canada and by supporting partnerships in the Global South.

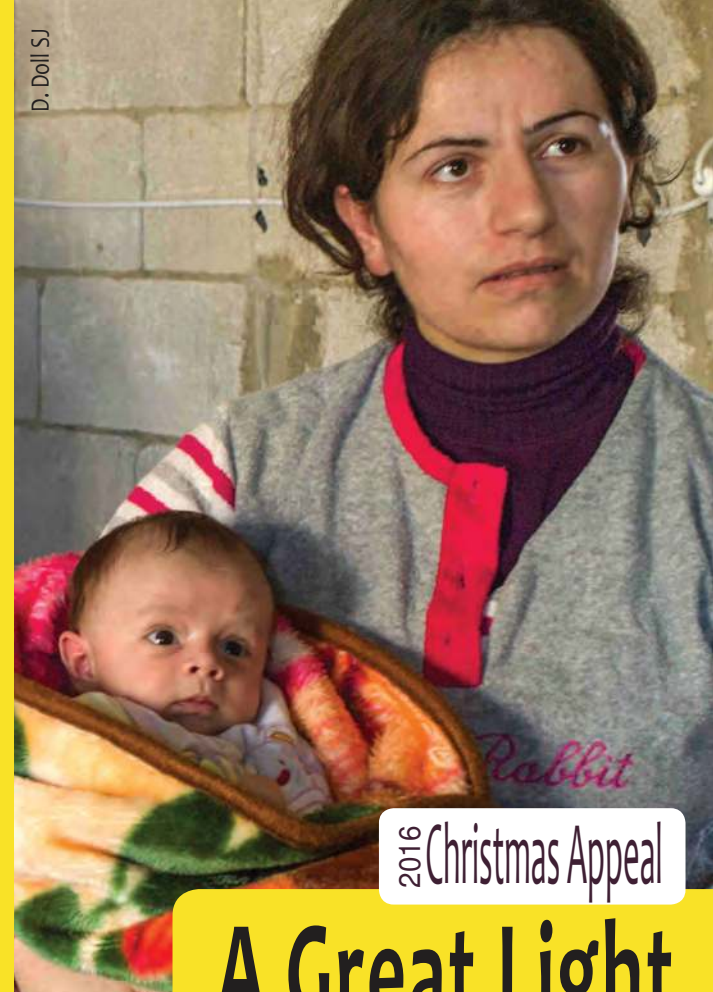
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In all things to love and to serve

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2016 Christmas Appeal

A Great Light

“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—on them light has shined...
For a child has been born for us.”

Isaiah 9:2, 6



Canadian Jesuits International

Volunteers at Foi et Joie Haiti sort emergency supplies for distribution

Foi et Joie



First Sunday of Advent
27 November

“There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.” Is 9:1

Rebuilding in Haiti

Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti on 4 October, causing widespread destruction and suffering. Jesuit agencies first responded with food and hygiene kits, and are now also working to repair and rebuild schools and restore livelihoods, especially in agriculture. CJJ is coordinating its response with the Xavier Network and Foi et Joie.

Please give generously
this Christmas.

A girl in Paraguay shells maize for her family

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Second Sunday of Advent
4 December

“You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.” Is 9:3

Agriculture in Latin America

Food security and food sovereignty are two of the key priorities of Comparte (Share), a program of the Jesuit Conference of Latin American Provinces. CJJ actively supports Comparte, which promotes collaborative learning and action in 13 countries to ensure that economic processes are inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

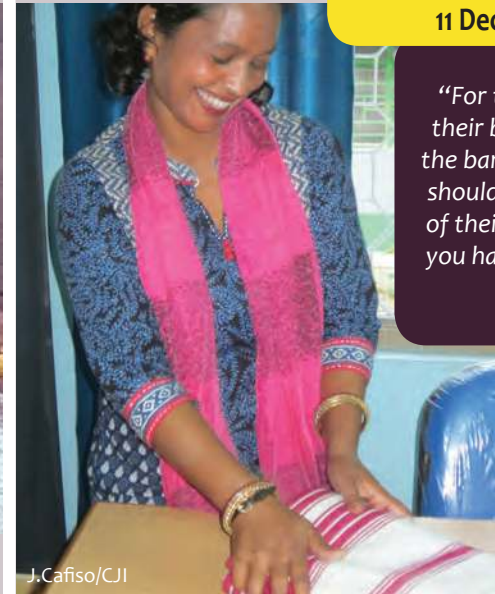
Peace in Syria

Conflict and violence still prevail in Syria, and peace may be a long way off. But Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) continues to alleviate suffering and lay foundations for a future peace by providing displaced people with food and other basics, offering psychosocial services, educating children, and showing that people of different faiths can still live together. CJJ supports the work of JRS in Syria.

Two displaced Syrian children living near Damascus carry food from JRS to their family

Third Sunday of Advent
11 December

“For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken.” Is 9:4



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Ms Kushum Tigga folds a handloom product from an income generation project at HLDRC

Economic Justice in India

The Human Life and Development Resource Centre (HLDRC), which CJJ supports, is a place of great hope in India. Many of the people it accompanies are former tea estate workers who faced exploitation, injustice and extreme poverty. HLDRC is helping former tea workers and other marginalized people to retrain and to claim their legal rights.

“For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned.” Is 9:5

Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 December



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