

# IJCS NEWS

The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies

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Hello, Dear Friends!

February is always a busy month for us as we move beyond the holidays and transitional month of January and begin sprinting towards spring.

We would like to ask you to take a moment in the midst of this busy-ness to reflect with our director, Father Lawrence Frizzell, on the Church's observance of the 31st World Day of the Sick (WDS), which took place this past Saturday.

As you will read in this month's highlight below, this an opportunity to remind all people of goodwill to remain alert to the needs of others around us, especially those who are suffering. Father Frizzell also offers words of hope, encouragement and support for those who are sick.

May our deeds of compassion and service to others contribute to building the peace that St. Pope John Paul II envisioned when he first instituted the WDS in 1992!

"The World Day of the Sick — in its preparation, realization and objectives — is not meant to be reduced to a mere external display centering on certain initiatives, however praiseworthy they may be, but is intended to reach consciences to make them aware of the valuable contribution which human and Christian service to those suffering makes to better understanding among people and, consequently, to building real peace." (Message of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II for the First World Day of the Sick)

## FEBRUARY'S HIGHLIGHT



### Compassion and Hope

On February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church remembers those who are sick and suffering throughout the world. Father Lawrence Frizzell offers his commentary on the message of Pope Francis to prepare for the 31st World Day of the Sick and Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, "Salvifici Doloris (Of Salvific Sorrow)."

[Read Father's Reflection](#)

## OTHER NOTABLE NEWS



### Pope Francis' Visit to Africa

Pope Francis made an apostolic journey on an ecumenical mission of peace to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan from January 31 to February 5.

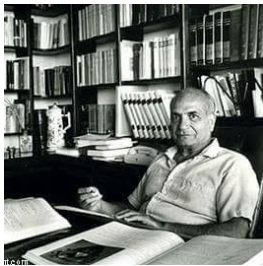
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### Graduate Open House

Are you ready to earn your master's degree? Visit with Father Frizzell on February 25 to learn about scholarship opportunities and how the MA in JCST Graduate Program can help you achieve your goals.

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### André Chouraqui

Father Frizzell interviewed Dr. Murray Watson about his research and forthcoming book on biblical scholar and interfaith pioneer, André Chouraqui (1917-2007), on our radio program.

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