



King's to mark World Day of the Poor

London - On Sunday, November 17, 2019, King's University College will join together with 40 international cities to honour World Day of the Poor.

Ontario artist Timothy Schmalz has asked for people worldwide to gather at installations of his sculpture of The Homeless Jesus around the world. The King's community will be joining together around The Homeless Jesus statue that resides in the courtyard outside the Cardinal Carter Library at 8 p.m.

World Day of the Poor is intended to inspire people worldwide to greater service to the poor and the marginalized.

Event Information

Prayer to Honour World Day of the Poor
Sunday, November 17, 2019 - 8 p.m.
King's University College
266 Epworth Avenue, London, Ontario

For more information, please visit: <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/visitor-info/calendar-of-events/prayer-on-the-world-day-of-the-poor/> or contact Annette Donovan Panchaud at 519-963-1471 or by email at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca.

About the Homeless Jesus Service at King's

King's will be hosting a service at the Homeless Jesus Statue in front of the Cardinal Carter Library for an outdoor prayer service on November 17 at 8 p.m. There will be a brief introduction of the state of poverty in London and a candlelit prayer service including a brief reflection by Sr. Sue Wilson from the Office of Systemic Justice in London. The event will conclude with warm drinks in the Student Life Centre. There will also be a table available to learn about Basic Income and how it benefits and supports justice for all people.

About The Homeless Jesus

The Homeless Jesus statue in the courtyard outside the library depicts Jesus as a homeless person, wrapped in a blanket and sleeping on a park bench. The setting of the sculpture suggests that Jesus is with the most marginalized people in the society.

Made of bronze, this life-sized statue was donated by Christ the King University Parish. The donation was a part of the Student Life Campaign that helped building the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, which was opened in 2014.

The statue is a replica of Jesus the Homeless made by Ontario artist Timothy Schmalz. The original piece was brought to St. Peter's Square in 2013 and presented to Pope Francis.

About World Day of the Poor

World Day of the Poor is a Roman Catholic observance, established in 2017 by Pope Francis.

About King's University College at Western Ontario

King's is a public Catholic University College which provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centred on the values of social justice, equality, and the education of the whole person.