

Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) NEWS LETTER



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JPIC- Rome

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Antu Trafficking



On May 7 Sr Tarcisia, together with the JPIC working group and Migrants and Refugees of Rome, visited the Migrant and Refugee Center in Scalabrinian. There we met with the sisters, the staff and the migrants and refugees there. The staff of the Center presented their mission and ministry among the migrants and refugees. During the meeting we discussed and interacted with the sisters and the residents. In the meeting, the sisters said that there are many migrants and refugees who have problems with

administration, emotional psychology and to know if we can send them so that they can live as sister and sister or as one family. Sometimes people do not want to rent their houses for immigrants and refugees and it is also difficult to find jobs for them.

Interreligious Dialog foster peace and respect for diversity.



Sr Sheila Kinsey participated in the Interfaith Dialogue at the Vatican on May 4 to 5, 2024 at the Vatican. She participated and gave input to all the participants by sharing about her experiences as a JPIC promoter to bring people to build justice and peace. Pope Francis encouraged people of all faiths to promote diversity, peace and care for creation as he met with participants

in the first colloquium between the Holy See and the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions. Pope Francis spoke of the importance of respecting diversity, calling it an "indispensable element of democracy" that helps people live in harmony. Peace and socxial

harmony, “he added,” are fostered in your model by fair and equitable treatment of different ethnic, religious and cultural components with regard to employment, access to public services and participation in the political and social life of the Nation, so no one feels discriminated against or favoured because of his or her specific identity.

11th April 2024 Memoriam Padre Julio Cesar Werlang MSF



JPIC Rome for Integrity Of Creation Working group celebrated the memoriam of Padre Julio Cesar Werlang MSF. He was a JPIC Promotor in Rome. He Died on 20th March 2024. We celebrated the memoriam with the prayer service in SVD Garden. As memorial we also

planted a tree to remember him. We called the tree Julio tree. In this moment all the JPIC promotor who know him shared their experiences with Padre Julio when he was alive. Sr. Sheila Kinsey was as his team also told about her experiences. Padre Julio did a lot of things for JPIC in Rome. We Still pray together for Padre Julio, may his soul rest in peace.

Seminar Climate Change

On 24th April Sr Tarcisia participated in seminar. This seminar was organized by JPIC Rome. This seminar was held online. this seminar was attended by several JPIC Animators from various continents. during the seminar in group discussions the participants shared about extreme climate change in their respective regions. all participants recognized that the current climate is very unpredictable and often changes. one of the ways to overcome climate change is by changing lifestyles, preserving nature, and making personal and collective commitments to protect the surrounding environment and reduce the use of plastic and electricity resources.

Earth Day



Sister Generalate Community celebrates Earth Day on 21st April with prayer service. Our community committed to do the prayer outside behind our Chapel. This action bring us to deep reflection how beautiful the creation and the earth and all of creation part of and belong to our life. We pray for the four elements of the earth; Earth, Air, Water and fire. In this time we also remember and pray for the earth who suffering because of disaster and war. After that we enjoy our suffer in our garden to remind and bring us close to the creation.

JPIC International Course “Greccio and La Verna” Sources of Justice, Peace a Reconciliation”

Roma 20th until 26th May, Sr. Tarcisia and Sr. Emmanuela participated “JPIC International Course Greccio and La Verna. Sources of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation” in Pontificate University Antonianum. This Course was organized by Franciscan Minority (OFM) JPIC animator. These courses start from Monday, 20 May until 26 May 2024. In these academic environment, the testimonial voices of the members of the Franciscan Family who daily experiences war in the Middle East, Congo, Soud Sudan, Myanmar, among others, also resonated. These courses talked about issues and conflicts in the world and how to build peace building as a brothers and sisters. We talked about Justice and peace in Evangelization, the philosophies of intercultural and inter-religious dialogue around the conflict in the world. And how to face the war and conflict in the word to peace. We talked about the vision of Franciscan among justice and peace, Franciscan experiences In Japan and dialog interreligious and coexistence on conceptual world. At that moment of the week was the visit to the sanctuary of La verna and Assisi. The Fraternities Ordo Fratrum Minorum (OFM) of Our Lady the Angels and La Verna welcomed the course participants with joy and sharing lunch with us.



Laudato Si Week

Laudato Si'—On the Care of Our Common Home calls on all the people of the world to reflect on the divine love revealed in all of creation and to dedicate ourselves to the care of creation. Pope Francis asks all of us to recognize the wonder and beauty of Earth and to take time to contemplate its mysteries. He focuses our attention on the destruction of the planet that we are witnessing today, much of which is due to human activity. He also links the care for the poor and the care of creation in what he calls an “integral ecology”. Care for creation demands that we create a future where the needs of the poor are met, and the gifts of creation are shared in a sustainable and equitable way.



This ninth anniversary of the encyclical was a fitting time to reflect on the message and its impact. *Laudato Si'* provides a moment for reflection, gratitude, and reinvigorated efforts for a more sustainable and just world. In order to commemorate Laudato Si week the JPIC Rome Integrity of Creation group held several activities. It was a week to pray, reflect and share about the earth as our common home. Together we must protect and nurture our home. The earth is where we stand, and live.

Visiting the Laudato Si Garden at the Vatican was one of the concrete actions to see and reflect on how the Church and the world must do their part to work together. We live and walk together to make the earth our home. This activity was attended by several JPIC coordinators from various Rome congregations.

Walking together as a Synod of Churches for Global Peace was our action to invite all communities for healing and caring for the common home and humanitarian solidarity. The participants made a walking pilgrimage and prayed together starting from St. Peter's Basilica to St. Paul's Basilica "In walking with long distances such as El Camino, the real battlefield or the actual struggle is not with your feet, but in your mind."

We closed with the Laudato Si Mass. This event was a wonderful reflection to honor the principles outlined in Pope Francis' encyclical. The Sisters of Charity presented their Laudato Si' Garden as implementation of Laudato Si Movement. We committed to pray with the nature and to take care and promote our Earth as our common home.

During Laudato Si Week our Generalate community take their part to celebrate Laudato Si Week with prayer services. Our focus Intention for our common home and for the peace in the world.

JPIC- USA:

By S Beatrice Hernandez

Honoring and Celebrating Earth, Our Common Home



Statement adopted

During our Regional Gathering in March 9, 2024, the Laudato Si Action Platform (LASP) Planning Circle presented a report to the US Region outlining our LSAP accomplishments during our second year of living out our LSAP Commitment

in October 2021. A powerpoint presentation included our efforts in caring for the green space on our campus, ways we are connecting to communities to care for Earth our common home and for the poor; extending a helping hand to those in need; and seeking justice and peace. Tau Spirituality Center programming included Solstice drumming circle, four elements prayer walk, outdoor yoga, seasonal forest therapy walks, and creating Earth mandalas and rituals. Our OLA monarch butterfly hatching project nurtured and released over 160 butterflies. Sisters, covenant companions and guests enjoyed seeing the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies and celebrated each release into the sky. These were just some of the many accomplishments that we celebrated and shared with each other and on social media.



On April 21 the Wheaton Franciscans celebrated Earth Day with Sisters, covenant companions and members of our extended faith community participating in an outdoor ritual following our Sunday liturgy in the chapel. After a brief prayer outside our motherhouse entrance, we shared a 20-minute contemplative walk in the beauty of nature, enjoying our restored native Illinois prairie, the campus trees and early spring flowers. The ritual concluded with a prayer



together in the new St. Clare Garden where a newly planted yellow magnolia tree was blooming. The weather was perfect—what a glorious way to celebrate Earth!

During Lent we encouraged recycling by hosting a speaker from our local area to educate all of us on how to optimize our recycling efforts. We also encouraged one another to donate gently used clothing to those in need, and how to recycle well-worn clothing to organizations who recycle the materials for re-use. We also provided lists of locations for these donations.

Our Lenten donation drive was used to collect money for food banks to help address hunger locally. To help address hunger globally, we also donated to the Feed My Starving Children Campaign.

In May our Wheaton Franciscan JPIC Office sponsored a letter writing campaign sponsored by the organization Bread For the World. This annual campaign is to write letters to our Senators and Representatives in the US Congress urging them to fully fund USA programs that help alleviate hunger both domestically and internationally. This is the time of year when the congress is developing the country's budget priorities. Unfortunately, these programs for the poor are always the first ones to be considered for cuts in the budgeting process, in an effort to balance the federal budget. Last year, this national letter-writing effort was able to prevent any significant cuts in hunger programs. We even saw an increase, although not to the level we had hoped. We are hopeful we will be successful again this year.

On May 12 during our Sunday liturgy for Mothers' Day, we blessed the sacred corn seeds for the Chickasaw Indigenous Nation. This is being done as part of our participation in the Native American Seed Keepers project. For the past 2 years we have had great success in growing red flint corn for the Kickapoo Nation. However, the Chickasaw corn has not been as successfully grown as the Kickapoo corn. So, the seed keepers have asked us to try to grow the Chickasaw

corn this year. Paige, our new postulant, planted the corn in the third week of May, and already we are seeing it growing. We are hopeful that it will mature and yield many ears of corn for the Chickasaw people.

JPIC- Rumania

Sr. M. Lydia Fechetă FCJM

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, that our lives be a sign of your presence!

We, the sisters in Caransebes, experience every day as a time of grateful and hope in the hands of God to live our mission here in the community, in the parish community and with all who live around us.

Before Lent, is the tradition of celebrating the carnival, where we took also part. The people enjoy our presence, and we had a lot of fun together.



The coming of spring and the Earth day was also for us the sisters in community a time of working in garden, to sow lawn, to clean the ground, to do different works necessary our living here and also was an opportunity of being and have fun together.



The children in our kindergarten have in this time different activities and celebrations for spring, mother day, Easter and 16 of them are preparing to go to school in the new schoolyear.

The homecare center is also, an important project of us, because together with the people who stay our side, we are near to the people in need, we bring joy and hope in the lives of many people.



Madalin is a boy 8 years old, learn very good and has a great joy going in the school. Lives only with the grandmother, with a difficult financial situation, and have a big problem with his eyes. We helped him going to a doctor, paid the medicines, all the costs and the glasses, and probable need an operation in future. He and his grandmother were very happy, for this great help.

Stefan is a young father of two children, hardworking, from a poor family. Last winter had a big problem with the roof of the house, from this reason the snow and rain were inside. We heard his need, and decided to help him buying the materials and repairing the roof. He was very, very grateful for the big help and he could on his own home to work!

So, the needs around us make us hearing the people who need our help, sometimes a smaller form or a bigger project.



This year, were five weeks between catholic Easter and orthodox, and because of many orthodox people in our projects, we organized later the goods for poor people. The rabbits of chocolate for children and the food for families are a great joy for everybody.

The Bank for Food organized an action of collecting food before Easter and we participate also as volunteers to the supermarkets, to encouraging the people to donate food for others in need. We visited a center for 50 adults with mental handicap in Caransebes where we brought sweets and some goods they could use. The joy was great and had a lot of fun opening the presents.

We are grateful our Lord, because we feel His Love in all those, who are near to us, who help in our mission here, in prayers, with goods or financial, in every one which is with us on the way!

JPIC- Indonesia

Sr. M. Monica Harianja FCJM

Natural disaster relief in Simangulampe.



On Sunday, March 17, 2024 some of the JPIC Franciscan Team in KAM, namely Sr. Verena Sianturi FCJM, together with RP. Alexander Silaen OFM. Cap and some KSFL sisters went to Simangulampe, Bakkara where there was a natural disaster that we reported in January 2024. The purpose of the Franciscan JPIC in KAM going there was to hand over the donations that had been collected in December 2023 from several Franciscan Congregations in KAM and from several observers. The donation was supposed to be given on December 5 when the team went there, but at the suggestion of the Parish Priest, the donation was postponed until March 17, 2024. They were very happy to receive the donation which can be used to help rebuild their lives.

Socialization of Human Trafficking to Novice Sisters I & II in Sinaksak



Seeing the increasing development of the crime of Trafficking in Persons (TPPO), we feel that in the initial development of FCJM it is necessary to be given socialization of handling TPPO to prevent and minimize cases of Human Trafficking that occur around the world, especially in Indonesia. So

on April 24, 2024, Sr. Verena FCJM provided socialization of Human Trafficking to FCJM Novices in Sinaksak, Pematangsiantar. Sr. Verena explained that Indonesia is where the largest number of victims and perpetrators of Human trafficking in Asia. The JPIC FCJM team hopes that through this socialization the novice sisters who will be sent later in their ministry are responsive to situations like this and can begin to socialize to people in their place of service and also to their respective families. Thus prevention can be done by all parties and hopefully can minimize the occurrence of victims of human trafficking. This socialization was closed by watching together with the children of Panti Pius the real story of human trafficking.

The real action of SMA Swasta Santu Xaverius in Gunungsitoli, Nias SMA



Swasta Santu Xaverius Gunungsitoli is one of the schools under the auspices of the Diocese of Sibolga led by Sr. Albertine FCJM. One of the contents of the School Mission in point five says "Instilling Environmental Care and Love of Culture". So this program is always carried out by the St. Xaverius High School community in their semesterly program. The purpose is to care for their environment as well as learning Ecology to students in the school and the school environment. The same applies to the use of plastic. Commemorating Earth Day this year April 22, 2024, SMA Xaverius has a commitment to reduce the use of plastic. Think globally, act locally.

Earth Day Celebration in FCJM Communities and in the School of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart Education Foundation.



In commemoration of Earth Day April 22, 2024, all FCJM communities and schools under the auspices of the Putri Hati Kudus Foundation participated through worship and action. The theme echoed this year was “planet versus plastic”. In this prayer service, we were reminded of how dangerous plastic is for our mother earth. So the sisters, the employees, the students in the school were asked to reduce the use of plastic. And if it must be used, it is expected to reuse it so as to reduce the volume of plastic waste. This moment became a moment of ecological education for us who started our education from kindergarten to senior sisters.



In commemoration of Earth Day, we also organized an online Eco enzyme making training for the sisters. The purpose of this training is one of the ways to take care of the earth, namely by using kitchen waste into eco enzymes which can be used as organic fertilizer, health and house cleaning. The resource person for this training was Sr. Verena FCJM. The sisters were enthusiastic about this training, and have started making eco enzymes in their respective communities and units.

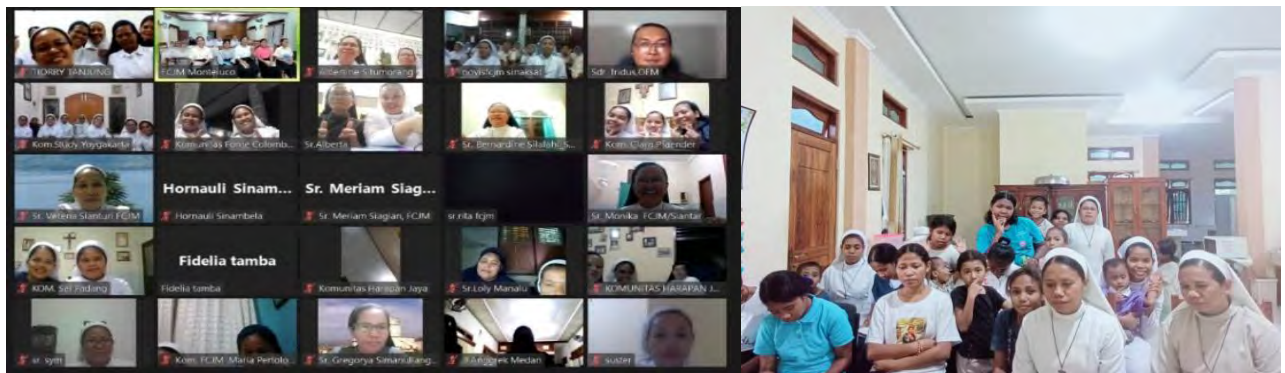


Socialization of Encyclical Laudato Si.



We see that the Encyclical Laudato Si is not very familiar among FCJM Indonesia. So in the month of the ninth anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si, a socialization of the Encyclical Laudato Si was held for FCJM sisters in the Province of Indonesia online.

This socialization was made in two batches because of the time difference between Indonesia and Timor Leste. The speakers for this socialization were RP. Fridus Derong OFM. This



socialization is aimed at making the sisters familiar with the contents of the Encyclical Laudato Si and thus more sensitive to the needs of our earth and willing to move to act for the salvation of the earth and everything in it.

JPIC- Malawi

Sr. Raynelda Saragih

Showing Course



Sr Jovita tried to start showing course for women in Malawi. In this moment many people interested in it. This showing course was the second group. Our sister tried to educated young women to have their own skill to support their life and to have some activity at home.

Laudato Si Week

Our sisters celebrated Laudato Si by caring for the earth. The students were taught how to care for the environment by making the earth our home. One of the concrete actions made was to educate our employees, teachers and students to grow vegetables without fertilizer. They made their own compost from food scraps, grass and others. This non-fertilizer garden has yielded very satisfactory results. The sisters, children and our employers were very happy to harvest the vegetables.



Bishop Vincent Makwawa visited our sister in Madisi Malawi. From his visited we received gift and blessing. Our sister so grateful for his present.

