



Saint Katharine Drexel Region

Secular Franciscan Order (USA)

Justice, Peace, & the Integrity of Creation

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• Greetings

I am again looking at what has been on the news this past month and asking myself, what should I bring up as some subjects for this month, August. To start off the month, I keep thinking about the "New College Scam". As the younger people say, "I cannot wrap my head around this". It has to do with the parents who legally give independence to their high school age children, so when they get ready to go to college, they can claim they are independent from their parents, so they can more easily qualify for loans. Now these are children of rich people that have found a lope whole in the system of getting loans for college. I have several questions that keep bouncing around in my head. If these children have been declared independent, did they move out and get their own apartments, buy their own food and cook for themselves, and buy all their own clothes?? Cause to me, when I became independent, I did all those things. I did not rely on my parents for any of that. But worse yet, what happened to the Moral Compass of the parents? What is being taught to these children? Does it not matter about ethics or morals, just to achieve an end? So trying to bring this into JPIC, do we need to look at what we as adults are teaching to our children?

Now let's look at the upcoming JPIC National Conference. Are there any specific topics that you members of St. Katherine Drexel Region would like me to take to this conference and have discussed? This is our opportunity to voice your thoughts and concerns. When I get back from the conference, I will be putting together a rundown of what happened at the conference. I will get the opportunity to meet many others from around the country and what concerns they are having with topics related to JPIC. Again, not to over-whelm anyone, but JPIC touches some part of our life each day. One thought that Teresa and I have is, what will our grandchildren have when they become young adults? What kind of world are we leaving them.? My email is: jcredde@gmail.com

I received this notice from the Catholic Climate Covenant. Org:

Implementation of the Laudato Si and the U.S. Catholic Church Conference: Evening Prayer:

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with the Earth.

Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for the justice from the land, the seas, and the skies.

Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groins of the Spirit in creation, groins of longing for a new creation.

Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin, songs of celebration from the sea, the forest, and the air. Christ, teach us to care.

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all, and through all, fill us with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and with the joy of Christ within us.

Amen.

From: Evening Prayer with St. Francis of Assisi
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (Philippines)

Again, one of many groups involved with JPIC and how they are trying to get the word out to as many people as possible. In order to create a JPIC network for SKD Region, I would like each local fraternity to provide the name and contact information for the person(s) who act as animators at the local fraternity level. If fraternity ministers would like to be included in this network, please let me know. This network should facilitate the exchange of vital information between the regional and local fraternities. There is a wealth of JPIC information available on the web. We will focus on and collaborate in the global Franciscan responses to JPIC issues.

PEACE & ALL GOOD IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST!

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