

Up to Now

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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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Living Social Justice in Accord with the Gospel

JPIC GUIDANCE FOR THE LOCAL FRATERNITY

As the Secular Franciscan Rule calls us to “live the Gospel,” let us keep in mind Our Lord’s example on how to do that. Among the first disciples Jesus called was Matthew (Levi), a tax collector, and therefore a person considered a sinner in Jewish society. Here is how Jesus accepted him:

As he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” (Mark 2:15-17)

Jesus speaks to us in several ways: first, we have all been called, appointed, and anointed by God for service; second, that service involves reaching out to others, especially and including those at the margins of society. We are called to discipleship—to bring the good news to others through works of corporal and spiritual mercy. That is really what JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) is about. We should stop focusing on this acronym and instead stress service to and love for the “other.”

In the process of considering schedules and programs for the new year, please consider the direct needs of the community, parish, and diocese. Try to develop an apostolate that involves many, if not all, members of the fraternity.



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Regional Minister's Message



CHALLENGES CAN HELP US TO LIVE A BETTER FRANCISCAN WAY OF LIFE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Another year has come and gone. We now remember Christmas past and say a prayer for a healthier New Year. As we enter into this new year, let us ask ourselves questions: Did we accomplish our goals in 2021? Did we live out our Franciscan vocation to the best of our abilities? Did we see ourselves moving forward on our Franciscan journey?

Yes, God has given us the gift of a new year to learn what we did not learn in 2021. A new year to accomplish those goals yet to be reached. Another year for the opportunity to grow in our Franciscan Spirituality.

The new year will bring many challenges, as we are faced with many unforeseeable changes in 2022. These challenges will allow us the opportunity to help enrich our spiritual lives, to the point of sharpening our spiritual senses.

Our worldly and spiritual challenges will help us strive to better live the Gospel life. Will we be up to the task of turning these challenges (especially negative) into something positive that will reflect who we are as Franciscans? Are not challenges the motivating factor needed to push us forward in living a better Franciscan way of life?

Our General Constitutions states:

The Form of Life

Article 8.2

- Rule 4.3 open to the challenges that come from society and from the Church's life situation, "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel."

Article 14

1. Aware that God wanted to make of us all a single people and that he made his Church the universal sacrament of salvation, the brothers and sisters should commit themselves to a faith-inspired reflection on the Church, its mission in today's world, and the role of the Franciscan laity within it. They should take up the challenges and accept the responsibilities that this reflection will lead them to discover.

When Pope St. John Paul II stepped out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica after his election in October 1978, his first words were, "Be not afraid." He challenged us to be not afraid to step out of our comfort zone and to make a difference.

In his first homily as pontiff, he told us "Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and to accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who want to serve Christ and, with the power of Christ, to serve the human person and all of humanity! Do not be afraid! Open, in fact, break down, the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the borders of the Nations, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, of civilization, of development. Do not be afraid! Christ knows "what is in the heart of man." He alone knows it!"

If we start with the small challenges and work our way up to the really big challenges, we can make a difference. We can be an example to others in helping them embrace the challenges they fear to accept.

When we awake from sleep each morning and put our feet to the floor, the opportunity awaits us to face new challenges, whether it be at home, at work, or even in our Church. Challenges are needed for us to better understand the world in which we live and to put into action the commitment we made at our profession.

My 2022 challenge to you, is to turn your challenges into something fruitful. Challenges allow you the opportunity to show who you are that reflects your way of life as a Franciscan.

The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council extends to you and your family best wishes and many blessings in the new year.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

Bob Longe, OFS

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Minister

<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>

Remember brothers and sisters, we are all called to evangelize both verbally and by our actions.

"God wants full custody of His children, not just weekend visits." From TheGospelDaily.com

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2022

January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

February

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

April

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

May

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

June

For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

July

For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

August

For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

September

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

October

For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

November

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

December

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Catholic Interreligious Dialogues in the USA— A Brief History, Part 3

“That they all may be one” (John 17:21)

Part three of my articles on Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue will review our relations with the Lutheran and Methodist Churches. As mentioned before, the information here is based upon a reference resource of the above name on dialogues that the Catholic Church of the United States is currently engaged in with other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Again, the ongoing programs and plans of the Bishop’s Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCERIA), along with their specialties on relations with other Christian and Interreligious, are promoted and utilized here.

LUTHERAN RELATIONS



THE
LUTHERAN
WORLD
FEDERATION

First convening in 1965, the dialogue of the Catholic Church with the Lutheran Church has discussed over the years issues concerning the Nicene Creed, papal pri-

mary, the teaching authority and infallibility of the Church, scripture and tradition, the sacraments, the Eucharist, and the saints and Mary. The 1983 document of dialogue, “Justification by Faith,” is commonly recognized as a key preparation for the 1999 statement, “Joint Declaration on the Document of Justification” (JDDJ) by the Lutheran World Federation and the Holy See. This dialogue concluded the eleventh round of “The Hope of Eternal Life” in 2010. It explored issues pertaining to the Christian’s life beyond death. These included the Communion of Saints, the final judgement, the resurrection of the dead, and historically divisive topics such as indulgences, Purgatory, and praying for the dead. The topic of eternal life was raised from the principles of life after death, which was developed in the 1999 JDDJ statement referred to above.

The twelfth round of the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue focused on the subject of “Mysteries of Teaching: Sources, Shapes, and Essential Contents.”

In 2012, the Committee of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (CEIA) approved work on the “Declaration on the Way” with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). “Declaration on the Way” outlines the convergences and complementarities included in dialogues over the last 60 years, as well as identifying questions that may still be outstanding for further discussion. It may continue to be a public statement prompting further theological reflection, comment, and study on our relationship with Lutheran communion.

METHODIST DIALOGUE



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

The United Methodist-Catholic dialogue, established in 1966, has discussed a broad range of topics such as ordained ministry, the Eucharist, education, and the universality of the Church. Based upon insights by Pope Francis in his papal encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, members noted a concern for the environment from a Eucharistic perspective. In 2012, it settled on an agreed statement, “Heaven and Earth are Full of Your Glory: The Eucharist and Ecology.”

The next round of dialogue dealt with summarization of all the work of the past fifty years of all the dialogues with a discernment of its pastoral implications particularly for mixed marriages and families. Work has also been completed on a common review of the Lord’s Prayer and the Apostles’ Creed.

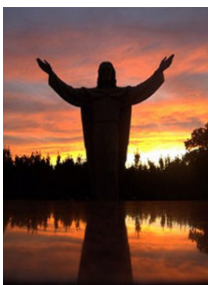
In the next *Up To Now*, part four of my article on Catholic Ecumenical Dialogues in the USA will include The National Council of Churches and the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological comparisons.

Peace and all Good

Mike Huether

*Regional Vice Minister and
Ecumenical/Interfaith Chairman*

Mark Your Calendar



Inquirers and Candidates Retreat, March 5, 2022, at St. Anthony’s Shrine in Ellicott City, Md. (See registration on [next page.](#))

Regional Retreat, May 13-15, 2022, Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Md. (See registration on [page 6.](#))

Annual Gathering for Formation Directors, June 25, 2022, Washington Retreat House, Washington, D.C. (More information on [page 7.](#))

20th Quinquennial Congress, August 3-7, 2022, Phoenix, Ariz. (For more information, go to [page 8.](#))



A Day of Reflection

for Inquirers & Candidates

"Yes, this is what I want."

Join us for this very special day created just for you!

You are an inquirer beginning to learn about the Secular Franciscan life, or you are a candidate nearing the time to make the commitment of profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. At this event you will learn more about the

Secular Franciscan life and about the lifelong commitment made during profession, when the candidate answers, **"Yes, this is what I want."** (Ritual, Rite of Profession)



Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conv,
will preside at our Mass and be
the presenter for the day. He is
an author and a regular
presenter at the Shrine of St.
Anthony.

Schedule of the Day

9:00 am	Mass
9:45 am	Coffee Break
10:00	LOH Daytime Prayer and Presentation
Noon	Lunch & Reflection Time
1:00 pm	Presentation
2:30 pm	Break
2:45	Presentation
4:00	Closing and Prayer

**Deadline to register:
February 20, 2022**

Contact: Rita Colleran, OFS
rlcolleran10@gmail.com

Saturday, March 5, 2022 - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

12290 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042

Cost: \$55 includes lunch

[Directions to Shrine](#)

**COVID: At this time the Shrine of St. Anthony requires
that masks be worn by everyone indoors.**

Day of Reflection

No. of persons: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Fraternity _____

Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Cut and mail this completed form with
your check (\$55 per person) made out
to:

St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Mail to:

Peter Noyes, OFS
P.O. Box 860
Burtonsville, MD 20866



Whatever you are doing, that which makes you feel the most alive...that is where God is. - Ignatius of Loyola.

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REGIONAL RETREAT 2022

Where: Loyola on the Potomac
9270 Loyola Retreat Road
Faulkner, Maryland 20632-0009

When: May 13 - May 15, 2022

Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

What: To Be a Secular Franciscan in These Changing Times



Fr. Stephen King is a friar of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Our Lady of the Angels Province. He has served in parishes and taught in high school, as well as serving in the initial formation ministry of the Order in the United States and England. He received a Master's degree in Franciscan Studies from the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University and a PhD in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkley, Calif. His main interests are very early Franciscan sources and history and the presentation of early Franciscan spirituality. He has taught Franciscan Studies at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England. Currently, he is a member of the staff at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md.

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Submit form no later than April 1, 2022**
2. Please type or print all information clearly.
3. Only one participant per registration form.
4. A deposit of \$100.00 must accompany this form.
Deposit is nonrefundable after April 1, 2022.
5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION* and mail this form with**

payment to:

Peter Noyes, ofs
P.O. Box 860
Burtonsville, MD 20866
email: pnoyesofs@gmail.com

***Please make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Region, NOT to Peter Noyes or to Loyola Retreat House. Thank you.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Fraternity _____

Single Rooms Only.

Single occupancy room: \$270.00

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Saturday Only: \$90.00

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Please indicate any special needs you have: _____

Amount enclosed with this form \$ _____

[Directions to Loyola](#)

To This You Have Been Called...

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21

Retreat for Fraternity Formators

Become refreshed and invigorated! Restore your excitement!

Come and See... to more fully embrace your special calling in service of your fraternity.

Formation is the backbone of our Franciscan way of life.

Servant leadership in formation is indeed your calling. In your heart you hope to honor it by faithfully serving your fraternity by leading them to deepen and strengthen their faith, wisdom and relationship to Jesus and each other and to bond as a true fraternity in the OFS.

This three day retreat is especially designed for you — to strengthen and encourage you about this very important responsibility. During this time you will enjoy the fellowship of formators from our region as well as

- ◆ Deepen your knowledge about our Secular Franciscan Order
- ◆ Enhance your understanding about Formation, the backbone of our vocation and fraternal life
- ◆ Discover ways to provide Formation that will inspire and animate your fraternity members

Speakers include:

Fr. Steven King, OFM Conv.
Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap
Anne Mulqueen, OFS—Regional Spiritual Assist.

Some of the topics are:

What is Formation and why its important.
What it means to be an Order—Our Commitments
A balanced ongoing formation program: Formation leadership beyond the monthly lesson
Franciscan Charism and Franciscan Spirituality
Belonging: Creating a culture for true Fraternal Family

The Cost: \$295 including board and meals

For more detailed information contact:

Rita Colleran OFS, Regional Formation Director,
rlcolleran10@gmail.com

COVID: The Washington Retreat House requires that all attendees have proof of vaccination.

The **Washington Retreat House** is run by the **Franciscan Sisters of Atonement**. It is next door to the **National Shrine of St. John Paul II** and up the street from the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. During free time you can enjoy either of these wonderful sites or rest at the beautiful and peaceful retreat house.



Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Road NE, Washington DC 20017

Secular Franciscan Order - USA



Come celebrate with your Franciscan family
the JUBILEE of our Order's
800th anniversary of *Memoriale Propositi*,
and the 100th anniversary
of our National Quinquennial Congress!



The Q Committee invites you to pray the Quinquennial prayer!

20th Quinquennial Prayer

Lord God, Heavenly Father,
we come before you in awe of your love for us.
We acknowledge Your divine seed in everyone.

Through your merciful compassion
help us to see our need for conversion.

In our service to each other
let us experience this time of
JUBILEE!

We walk the path before us upon
foundations built by our brothers and sisters.

We are thankful for our present
and excited for our future,
always believing that You, O Lord,
guide our journey.

AMEN

For more information and to register go to: secularfranciscansusa.org

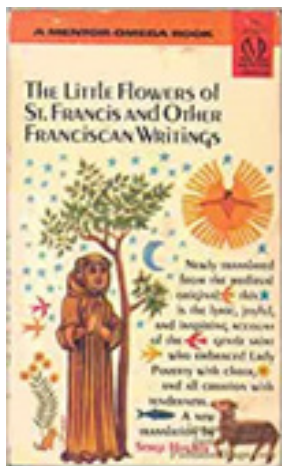
Peace and All Good Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to start this article with our Brother Francis' *Little Flowers* Chapter 17.

CHAPTER XVII

How a Little Child Who Had Entered the Order Saw St Francis in Prayer One Night, and Saw Also the Saviour, the Virgin Mary, and Many Other Saints Talk with Him

A certain pure and innocent child was received into the Order during the lifetime of St Francis, and the convent in which he lived was so small that the monks were obliged to sleep on mats. It chanced that St Francis came one day to that convent, and in the evening, after Compline, he went to rest, so as to rise up early to pray, as was his custom, when all the other friars were still asleep. The said little child had made up his mind carefully to watch St Francis, to learn something of his sanctity, and find out more especially what he did in the night when he got up; and in order that he might not be overtaken by sleep, he laid him down by St Francis, tying the end of the cord he wore round his waist to the one which the saint wore, so that he was sure of being awakened when the latter got up in the night; and this he did so gently, that St Francis was not aware of his contrivance. When all the other friars were fast asleep, St Francis rose from sleep, and finding the child's cord tied to his own, he carefully untied it so as not to awake him and went alone into the wood which was near the convent. Entering into a little cell which was there, he began to pray. Shortly after, the child awoke, and finding St Francis gone, and the cord untied, he rose up quickly and went to seek him. Perceiving the door open which led to the wood, he thought St Francis had gone that way; and entering into the wood, and hurrying on to the little cell, he heard the sound of many voices. Approaching near to hear and see whence they came, he saw a great and wonderful light all-round the saint, and in the light was Jesus Christ, with the Virgin Mary, St John the Baptist, St John the Evangelist, and a great multitude of angels, all talking with St Francis. On seeing this the child fell to the ground as if he had been dead. The miracle of this holy vision being ended, St Francis rose to return to the convent, and stumbling in the way against the child, who appeared to be dead, with great compassion he took him up in his arms and carried him in his bosom, as the good shepherd is wont to carry his lambs. Having learned from him how he had seen the vision, he forbade him to tell any man thereof so long as he, St Francis, lived. The little child grew up in the grace of God, and had a great devotion to St Fran-



cis. He became one of the most distinguished men of the Order. After the death of St Francis, he related the vision to the brethren.

We read about the curious child who wanted to know more about Saint Francis, but more than that, he wanted to learn how to be holy. Our young Brothers and Sisters from YouFra are also discovering how to follow Jesus' steps through the example of our Brother Francis. Do not be afraid to open doors to our young Brothers and Sisters; the SFO is the guardian of our YouFra. Let us show that we care for them. Let us acknowledge that their presence is important in our Church, in our Region and also in our lives. They see us as examples of Jesus Christ; let us be open to invite them to our meetings, to do more for them, to talk to them, play with them and even learn together that the Franciscan spirituality is for all the young and the not so young.

A few months ago, we presented to the regional ministers ways to open a new YouFra group. I want to remind you that it is time for us to bring our sons, our daughters and relatives to come and learn that there are more young people in our church thirsty for God, and that YouFra is a way to learn and live the Gospel of our Lord through the example of our Brother Francis. We are here for you to help you bring more youth, to open more YouFra groups to let our young brothers and sisters experience firsthand how good, wonderful and exciting it is to live a Franciscan life. I really admire those who are not afraid of changes, those who are older in age but younger in the spirit. They spend time with our young brothers and sisters and I see their happiness and excitement. Brothers and Sisters, the Franciscan way is open doors, open to the Holy Spirit, open to our young brothers and sisters, open to share and cultivate a strong relationship because they are the now and the tomorrow of our Church and also of our Secular Franciscan Order.

Article 97 of our Constitutions reflects what the SFO needs to do:

1. The SFO fraternities will promote the vocation to the Franciscan Youth by means of appropriate and dynamic initiatives. They should see to the vitality and the expansion of The Franciscan Youth fraternities and will accompany the youth in their journey of human and spiritual growth with proposals for specific activities and contents.

Brothers and Sisters let all of us be involved in inviting new members to promote small activities to bring more Youth. Each fraternity is called to do so with patience, love, and kindness.

If you would like to consider having a YouFra Retreat, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help you.

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Franciscan Mission Service

Walking Forward in Accompaniment

By Anna Metzger

The past two years with Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) have brought their own ups and downs, twists and turns. For years, I dreamed of doing international mission and living in Latin America. When I was invited to participate in the international mission program with FMS, that dream became a possibility. The joy, excitement, and peace that came with my yes to Franciscan Mission Service is something only myself and God can understand. Since saying yes, my mission journey has not been what I expected, but it's been just as it should. I always say God knows what He is doing, and that rings ever true with my mission experience with FMS.

After months of formation in DC, I found myself in Cochabamba, Bolivia, in January 2020. I hit the ground running by learning the Quechua language and then, soon after, began searching for ministry opportunities. My enthusiasm and passion drove me full speed ahead. The joy I felt as I began to live my long-awaited dream was indescribable. Just as my dream was coming to life, it came to a halt when COVID-19 crashed into the world. I then found myself living in strict quarantine, unable to leave my apartment... unable to experience the life and culture of the country I was already falling in love with. After months of quarantine, for various reasons, I was on a plane back to Kentucky without a set return date. However, this determined girl left all her things in the apartment in Cochabamba because she knew her dream wasn't over; it was simply taking an unexpected turn.

While home in Kentucky, I experienced joy, hope, contentment, and sadness all at the same time. My heart was con-

tent at home with family, yet it was sad, and longed to be in Bolivia. After a few months of family time, volunteering in my home city, and spending time learning more about Bolivian culture, I was ready to go back. In De-

cember 2020, I was on my way back to Cochabamba. Once I arrived, I spent a few weeks getting adjusted again and spending time with good friends. Then, once again, it was time to discern ministry. I felt a

little overwhelmed by my possible interests and opportunities. My caring heart can often take me in many directions. My previous service experiences had me leaning towards desiring to work with those living in the streets. My newfound love of the Quechua language drew me towards working with the people in the campos. And yet, my background in education pulled me towards the school atmosphere, and that's where I stayed. I landed working at a boys and girls' home, helping with school work, and supporting a team of professors as they build their new language school. These two experiences have prepared me for what is to come next.

My time with FMS ended in December. The two years have flown by. Yet every twist, turn, and moment has been so very intentional. Each step along the way has led me exactly to this moment of moving on. As I move from FMS, I will not be moving on from that dream of mine. I will continue living mission in Bolivia, simply in a different context. I will remain in the field of education, where God has clearly created me to be, and I will remain rooted in the Franciscan charism. Our emphasis on simplicity and ministry of presence will remain with me forever.

As I move on from having the title of "missioner" and back to the title of "teacher," my attitude and posture of living my new mission here in Bolivia will not change. I will walk forward and accompany my future students, coworkers, and friends with that same love, compassion, humility, minority, and Franciscan joy that FMS grew inside of me. That same joy, excitement, and peace that I had saying yes to FMS two years ago, I have again in my heart as I say no to another year with FMS and yes to a new opportunity in Bolivia.



Anna with a few of the boys at the boys and girls' home.

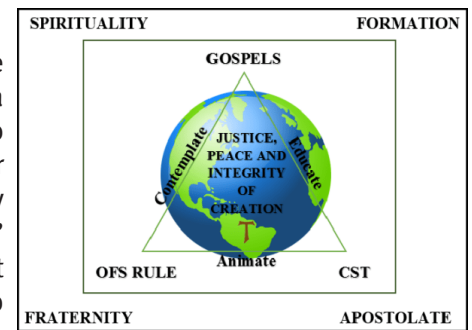


The CLIMAL community of professors and students celebrating the anniversary of Bolivia's independence.

("JPIC" from page 1)

Thank those who don't participate for their prayers of support for those who do. Consider an apostolate that furthers a goal of the diocese, or one that provides an opportunity to work with members of another faith. An example would be some project suggested by Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Many dioceses are in the process of developing programs in this area. Despite COVID, people can still be active—technology has enabled us to do things in new ways. It is important for us to be visible in the larger church and to provide leadership on social justice issues. Advocacy is also an action.

Ideally, the Formation Director should work to ensure that JPIC themes are included in both the initial and ongoing formation programs. The JPIC Coordinator (if there is one) should work with the local fraternity council to ensure there is at least one presentation during the year on a social justice or environment theme. For program ideas, there are many resources at www.secularfranciscansusa.org/JPIC.



Keep in mind that the fraternity should be a "safe place" where no one is "shut down" or judged. The fraternity is not just the "basic" unit of our Order, but also the relationship among the members. Growth in faith can be spurred by engaging in deep, heartfelt conversations. We all need to listen to others, to learn, and to open our minds. Sometimes we need to listen to things we don't want to hear. As Franciscans, we should be respectful of each other. Let us choose love. And let us feel, and radiate, joy!

Gil Donahue, OFS,
St. Margaret of Cortona Region
JPIC Coordinator



("FMS" from page 9)



Anna helping a young girl with Quechua homework.

I leave with a grateful heart... grateful for the values FMS has grown in my heart through St. Francis and St. Clare, grateful that they led me here to the beautiful country of Bolivia, and grateful the Lord led me straight back to the profession of teaching.

God's steady hand and guidance over

the last two years is nothing short of incredible. My time with FMS was far more purposeful and intentional than I could ever have imagined.

Thank you, Lord and FMS for the ways you grew my heart and guided my path.

For more information about Franciscan Mission Service, go to <https://franciscanmissionservice.org/>.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2eYgO1IPys>



The Franciscan Social Center family, along with FMS missionaries Anna and Nora, enjoy a day of reflection and fun together.

Around the Region

RECEIVED AS CANDIDATES

Stephen Hong Un Ahn, OFS, St. Clare Korean Fraternity, Olney, Md.

Emory Appleby, OFS, St. Conrad Fraternity, Hanover, Pa.

Mary Blickenstaff, OFS, St. Conrad Fraternity, Hanover, Pa.

Agnes Soo Hyun Park, OFS, St. Clare Korean Fraternity, Olney, Md.

Ingrid Roberts, OFS, Saint Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.

Aurea Pinto Roland, Saint Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.

Kelly Passero, OFS, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.

Tae Kwi Son, OFS, St. Clare Korean Fraternity, Olney, Md.

Delia Sylla, OFS, Saint Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY PROFESSED

Patrick Birello, OFS, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.

Maureen Ciano, OFS, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Patty Derrick, OFS, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Teresa Lynn Knauff, OFS, Little Flower Fraternity, Baltimore, Md.

Bernadette Lozano, OFS, St Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.

Kathleen Murphy, OFS, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Mary Ellen Tully, OFS, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.



St. Clare Delaware newly professed: Fr. Cocco, OFS, Maureen Ciano, OFS, Patty Derrick, OFS, Mary Ellen Tully, OFS, Kathleen Murphy, OFS, Fr. Rigo, OFM Cap

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

Immaculata Fraternity, Fredericksburg, Va.

Minister: Terry Rinker, Sr., ofs

Vice-Minister: Mark Brubaker, ofs

Secretary: Doug Chute, ofs

Treasurer: Edward Semeia, ofs

Director of Formation: Irene I. Theriault, ofs

Councilor: Terry Rinker, Jr., ofs



Immaculata Fraternity newly elected: Minister, Terry Rinker, Sr., OFS; Vice Minister, Mark Brubaker, OFS; Secretary, Doug Chute, OFS; Treasurer, Edward Semeia, OFS; Formation Director, Irene I. Theriault, OFS; Councilor at Large, Terry Rinker, Jr., OFS

San Camillo Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.

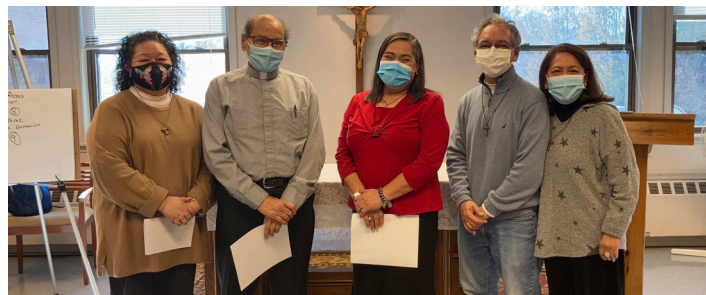
Minister: Sandra Perez

Vice Minister: Deacon Francisco Cartagena

Secretary: Idalia Herrera

Treasurer: Esther Reyes

Formation Director: Ottoniel Perez



San Camillo Fraternity newly elected: Sandra Perez, OFS, Minister; Deacon Francisco Cartagena, OFS, Vice Minister; Idalia Herrera, OFS, Secretary; Ottoniel Perez, OFS, Formation Director; Esther Reyes, OFS, Treasurer

Fraternity and was professed on July 24, 1988.

Mary Minor, OFS, March 27, 1933 - January 14, 2022. She was a member of the St. Conrad (Hanover) Fraternity and was professed on June 24, 1979.

Jane Oberle, OFS, November 15, 2021. She was a member of the Our Lady Queen of the Angels Fraternity (Lancaster) and was professed on July 24, 1988.

Mary Jo Shapley, OFS, August 15, 1934-December 30, 2021. She was a member of Sacred Heart Fraternity and was professed on September 8, 1975.

Jean Singleton, OFS, November 17, 2021. She was a member of Saint Joseph Cupertino Fraternity and was professed on January 18, 1983.

Margo Steimly, OFS, November 17, 2021. She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity and was professed on May 1, 2015.

LOSSES IN THE FAMILY

Alicia Bourne, OFS, December 22, 1935-December 15, 2021. She was a member of St Clare Fraternity and was professed on October 11, 2006.

Bong Soon (Agatha) Cho, OFS, December 25, 1925-November 30, 2021. She was a member of St. Bonaventure Korean Fraternity and was professed on May 20, 2001.

Eun Ja (Maria) Cho, OFS, December 24, 2021. She was a member of St. Bonaventure Korean Fraternity and was professed in Korea on October 25, 1986.

Jean Forrest, OFS, December 13, 2021. She was a founding member of Companions of Francis and Clare and was professed on June 1, 1998.

Catherine M. Livelsbergero, OFS, December 14, 1942-November 11, 2021. She was a member of the St. Conrad (Hanover)

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

FEBRUARY

15 [Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua](#)

16 [Bl. Philippa Mareri](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (1190/1200-1236)

[St. Veridiana](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (1182-1242)

17 [Bl. Luke Belludi](#), Priest, OFM (1200-c. 1286)

18 [St. Bernadette Soubirous](#), Cordbearer (January 7, 1884-April 16, 1879) Plenary Indulgence possible for Cordbearers only

19 [St. Conrad de Plaisance](#), Hermit, Third Order Secular (d. February 19 1351)

20 [Bl. Peter of Treja](#), Priest, First Order (d. November 20, 1304)

22 [Feast of the Chair of St. Peter](#)

25 [Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio](#), lay brother, Order of Friars Minor (January 20, 1502-February 25, 1600)

26 [Bl. Antonia of Florence](#), Third Order Secular (1400-February 29, 1472)

[Bl. Isabelle of France](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (March 1224-February 23, 1270)

27 [Bl. Louise Albertoni](#), Third Order Secular (1533)

[Blessed Jose Tous Y Soler](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 31, 1811-February 17, 1871)

[Bl. Jeremie de Valachie](#), lay brother, First Order Capuchin (1556-1626)

MARCH

2 [St. Agnes of Prague](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (1205-March 6, 1282)

3 [Bl. Innocent of Berzo](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 19, 1844-March 3, 1890)

[Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli](#), Martyrs of Gondar, Ethiopia, Priests, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (d. 1716)

5 [St. John-Joseph of the Cross](#), Priest, Alcantarine Franciscans (August 15, 1654-March 5, 1839)

6 [St. Colette de Corbie](#), Foundress Colettin Poor Clares (February 13, 1381-March 6, 1447)

[Blessed Sylvester of Assisi](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor, one of the First 12 Franciscan Friars (c. 1175-March 6, 1240)

7 [Bl. Christopher of Milan](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1485

9 [St. Catherine of Bologna](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (September 8, 1413-March 9, 1463)

[St. Frances of Rome](#), Third Order Secular, Founder, Oblates of St. Benedict (1384-March 9, 1440)

11 [Bl. John Baptist Righi of Fabriano](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1469-March 11, 1539)

[Bl. Jean Kearney](#), Order of Friars Minor, Martyr (1619-March 11, 1653)

12 [Bl. Angela Salawa](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (September 9, 1881-March 12, 1922)

13 [Bl. Agnellus of Pisa](#), Founder, Order of Friars Minor in England (1195-1236)

16 [Bl. Torello of Poppi](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular (1202-March 16, 1282)

17 [Bl. Mark of Montegallo](#), Order of Friars Minor (1426-March 19, 1496)

18 [St. Salvator of Horta](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (December 1520-March 18, 1567)

19 [St. Joseph](#), Foster Father of Our Lord

20 [Bl. Hippolyte Galentini](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, (d. 1620)

21 [Bl. John of Parma](#), Minister General, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1209-March 19, 1289)

[St. Nicholas of Flüe](#), Minister General, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1447-March 21, 1487)

22 [St. Benvenute of Osimo](#), Bishop, Order of Friars Minor (d. March 22, 1282)

23 [Bl. Jeremy Lambertenghi](#), Priest, Third Order Secular (d. 1513)

24 [Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 30, 1743-March 24, 1801)

25 [Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

28 [Bl. Jane Mary of Maille](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (April 14, 1331-March 28, 1414)

30 [Bl. Amadeus IX of Savoy](#), Third Order Secular (February 1, 1435-March 30, 1472)

[Bl. Ludovico of Casoria](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (March 11, 1814-March 30, 1885)

[Bl. Maria Restituta Kafka](#), Sister, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Martyr (May 1, 1894-March 30, 1943)

[St. Peter Regaldo](#), Priest, OFM Conventual (1390-March 30, 1456)

APRIL

1 [Bl. Henry Alfieri of Asti](#), Vicar General and Minister of the Order of Friars Minor (1315-1405)

2 [Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini](#), Foundress, Third Order Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (April 9, 1790-April 2, 1860)

[St. Francis de Paola](#), Founder, Order of Minims (March 27, 1416-April 2, 1507)

- 3 **St. Benedict the Moor**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (1526-April 4, 1589)
St. Luigi Scrosoppi of Udine, Priest, Third Order Secular (August 4, 1804-April 3, 1884)
- 5 **St. Crescentia Hoess**, Virgin, Third Order Regular (October 20, 1682-April 5, 1744)
- 7 **Bl. Maria Assunta Pallotta**, Third Order Regular (August 20, 1878-April 7, 1905)
- 8 **Bl. Julian of St. Augustine**, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1550-April 8, 1606)
- 9 **Bl. Thomas of Tolentino and Companions**, Priest, Martyrs of India, Order of Friars Minor, (Fr. James of Padua, Br. Demetrius of Tiflis, Fr. Peer of Siena) (d. 1321)
- 10 **Bl. Boniface Zukowski**, Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Martyr (January 13, 1913-April 10, 1942)
- 11 **Bl. Angelo of Chiavasso**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1411- 1495)
- 15 **Bl. Gandolph of Binasco**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (d. April 3, 1260)
- 16 **St. Benedict Joseph Labré**, Third Order Secular (March 15, 1748-April 16, 1783)
- 18 **Bl. Andre Hibernon**, Religious, Order of Friars Minor (1534-April 18, 1602)
Bl. James Oldo, Priest, Secular Franciscan Order (1364–April 18, 1404)
- 19 **Bl. Conrad of Ascoli**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1234-April 19, 1289)
- 20 **Bl. Anastase Pankewicz**, Priest, First Order, martyr, d. 1942
- 21 **St. Conrad de Parzham**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (December 22, 1818-April 21, 1894)
- 22 **Bl. Francis of Fabriano**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (September 2, 1251-April 22, 1322)
- 23 **Bl. Giles of Assisi**, Order of Friars Minor (1190-April 23, 1262)
- 24 **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Capuchin Priest, Protomartyr of the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith (1577-April 24, 1622)
- 25 **St. Pedro de San Jose Betancur**, Third Order Secular, Founder (March 21, 1626-April 25, 1667)
- 27 **St. Zita of Luca**, Secular Franciscan (ca. 1212-April 27, 1272)
- 28 **Bl. Luchesio and Buonadonna**, First Third Order Secular Franciscans (both died April 28, 1260)
- 29 **Bl. Benedict of Urbino**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (d. 1625)
- 30 **St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo**, Third Order Secular, Founder (May 3, 1786-April 30, 1842)

MAY

- 1 **St. Richard Pampuri**, Confessor, was a tertiary before joining another religious institute (August 2, 1897-March 1, 1930)
Bl. Vivaldo of San Gimignano, Franciscan Friar, Hermit (1260-1320)
- 3 **Bl. Tommaso da Olera**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (1563-May 3, 1631)
Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Priest, Founder, Third Order Secular and Regular (February 15, 1830-May 3, 1903)
- 4 **Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock**, et al., priests, martyrs of England, First Order, d.1646
Bl. Ceferino Giménez Malla, Third Order Secular, Martyr, First Gypsy to be declared Blessed (August 26, 1861-August 8, 1936)
Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (c. 1440-May 4, 1505)
Bl. Tommaso da Olera, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin(1563-May 3, 1631)
- 5 **Bl. Beinvenu Mareni**, Lay Brother Order of Friars Minor Conventual (d. May 5, 1269)
- 6 **Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno**, Founder, Franciscan Third Order Regular (October 14, 1831-May 6, 1900)
Bl. Marie-Catherine Troiani, Third Order Regular, Missionary (1813-May 6, 1887)
- 7 **Bl. Agnellus of Pisa**, Order of Friars Minor, First Minister Provincial in England (1195-1236)
- 8 **St. Amato Ronconi**, Priest, Third Order Secular (c. 1225-May 8, 1292)
Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (June 7, 1556-February 16, 1625)
- 11 **Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa**, Franciscan Priest, Founder of the Conceptionist Sisters (1739-December 23, 1822)
St. Ignatius of Laconi, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (December 10, 1701-May 11, 1781)
- 12 **St. Leopold Mandic of Castelnovo**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (May 12, 1866-July 30, 1942)
- 13 **Bl. Gerard of Villamagna**, Third Order Secular, Hermit (1174-May 13, 1242)
St Peter Regalado, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1390–30 March 1456)



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2022 Carbon Fast for Lent



Follow your own Carbon Fast, or choose from this calendar of suggested daily actions.
As you lay aside the calendar each day, do so with a prayer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 6 Find the most environmentally friendly way you can to get to church today (walk, bike, bus or car share). Remember, carpooling helps you to get to know your neighbors better!	MARCH 7 Turn your central heating thermostat down by one degree or more. If you have separate thermostats on radiators, adjust them to suit the use of the room.	MARCH 8 Check that all electrical equipment is switched off rather than on standby when not in use. Screen savers do not save electricity.	MARCH 9 Put out some bird food. Birds will almost certainly find it wherever the location. Enjoy the gift of these and other creatures on God's Earth.	MARCH 10 Find ways to save paper. For example, set your computer printer to print on both sides. Save paper printed on one side and feed it back in to print on the second side.	MARCH 11 Purchase permanent cloth or canvas bags and use them for your future grocery shopping. Save plastic bags and donate them to a local animal shelter for re-use, or recycle them at grocery stores or in your recycling bin (if your local jurisdiction permits it).	MARCH 12 Caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows to plug air leaks. Insulate your walls and ceilings; this can save about 25% of home heating bills.
			MARCH 2 Ash Wednesday Remove one light bulb from a light in your home (without creating an unsafe situation). Do not replace the bulb...for now!	MARCH 3 Refresh your memory regarding which items allows for curbside recycling. Start adding items to your bin that you normally haven't recycled.	MARCH 4 Ensure that your cell phone charger is unplugged when not in use. Many electronics and appliances continue to draw power even when they are off.	MARCH 5 Set a timer for 5 minutes before your shower, and see how your normal shower length compares. Try to finish your next shower before the timer goes off.

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<p>MARCH 13 “Receive the world God has given. Go for a walk. Get wet. Dig the earth.”</p> <p>~ Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury</p>	<p>MARCH 14 Run your dishwasher only with a full load. Use the energy-saving modes when available. Don't use heat when drying your dishes.</p>	<p>MARCH 15 Program your thermostat to turn down the heat during the day, and again at night while you are sleeping. Set it to turn on shortly before you wake up, and again before you come home at night.</p>	<p>MARCH 16 Reward yourself with Fair Trade chocolate for all of your actions so far! Theo Chocolate in Seattle www.theochocolate.com has many delicious, organic varieties.</p>	<p>MARCH 17 Make a point of switching off all lights as you leave the room.</p>	<p>MARCH 18 When boiling or heating water on the stove, use a pan with a lid. Only use as much water as you need.</p>	<p>MARCH 19 Utilize local shops or farmers markets where available instead of driving to the supermarket.</p>
<p>MARCH 20 Think about the environment Jesus lived in and how it affected his ministry. Reflect on examples of Jesus drawing on his environment for illustrations and inspiration.</p>	<p>MARCH 21 Turn down your water heater; 120 degrees is usually hot enough. Wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket if the water heater is over 5 years old or has no internal insulation.</p>	<p>MARCH 22 Re-wear clothes which aren't dirty and only run your washing machine when you have a full load. Using the cold water setting saves energy. Set aside old or unwanted clothes for recycling.</p>	<p>MARCH 23 Take a walk in your community. Greet your neighbors with a smile. Listen to the birds, look at the trees, and feel the rain, snow, or sun on your face. Rejoice in all creation!</p>	<p>MARCH 24 Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high energy/fuel consumption.</p>	<p>MARCH 25 Say No to Unwanted plastic Bags (SNUB). Use cloth bags for planned shopping trips (see Feb 26), but also stuff 1-2 small plastic bags in your coat pockets for impromptu purchases – that's one less new bag used.</p>	<p>MARCH 26 Plant trees or shrubs next to your house. This cuts down on cooling costs in warm weather.</p>
<p>MARCH 27 Think prayerfully about how we are using up our resources at an unsustainable rate. Reflect on the fact that the richest 20% of the world's population consumes 80% of its resources, while 80% of the population has to make do with the remaining 20% of resources.</p>	<p>MARCH 28 Clean or replace air filters as recommended. Replacing a dirty furnace filter can save 15% of the energy used.</p>	<p>MARCH 29 Go meat-free for the day. The production of meat uses more carbon than the growing of grains, vegetables, and fruits.</p>	<p>MARCH 30 Watch a movie, film or documentary about faithful environmentalism and /or energy & climate change.</p>	<p>MARCH 31 Stop unwanted junk mail to save trees, cut down on carbon emissions, and to reduce waste.</p>	<p>APRIL 1 Consider the carbon impact of having a fire in your fireplace. If you must have a wood fire, look into a fireplace insert, fireplace fan, or high-efficiency wood or pellet stove. Be sure to check for local burn bans before lighting up. And make sure to get your chimney cleaned at least once a year too, for fire safety.</p>	<p>APRIL 2 Turn the water off while brushing your teeth. If you have children, teach them to do the same.</p>

APRIL 3 The Bible says that in Jesus all things in heaven and earth were created, and through him all things will be reconciled. How do you think he would judge the way we live in the earth today? Take time to reflect on this both globally and personally.	APRIL 4 If your family has more than one car, use your most fuel efficient vehicle for most trips, and the larger, less fuel efficient one only when needed. When making your next car purchase, choose one that gets good gas mileage, or consider a hybrid.	APRIL 5 Contact your local utility to find out what resources are available to help you become more energy efficient. Many utilities offer free or reduced cost energy audits, rebates on energy-saving appliances, low-cost weatherization programs, or other energy services.	APRIL 6 As you plan your garden, consider planting native plants that require less water. For vegetables and flowers, purchase organic seeds from your local nursery or online sources such as Seeds of Change www.seedsofchange.com , Park Seed Company www.organicseed.com , Eden Organic Nursery www.eonseed.com .	APRIL 7 Obey the speed limit when driving. Every 10 mph faster reduces fuel economy by about 4 mpg, a figure that remains fairly constant regardless of vehicle size.	APRIL 8 Consider joining a religious environmental organization, and sign up for their e-mail newsletter. Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light is a fine choice! ☺ www.earthministry.org www.waipi.org	APRIL 9 Celebrate Earth Hour today! Join people around the globe taking action on climate change by doing something quite simple—turning off your lights for one hour on March 26 at 8:30pm local time. More info: www.earthhour.org
APRIL 10 Consider your church's commitment to creation care. How can your congregation become more eco-friendly? Earth Ministry's Greening Congregation Handbook has great ideas to get started.	APRIL 11 Buy rechargeable batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) for your home. Replace as many incandescent bulbs as you can with CFLs. (Save one CFL for Maundy Thursday). How many light bulbs and batteries did you replace?	APRIL 12 Take time to write or call an elected official about climate change or another creation care issue.	APRIL 13 Summer isn't that far away, and your thoughts might be turning to an upcoming vacation. Now is the time to explore how you can make it "greener." What about a service (volunteer) experience with your family? Or an eco-tour? Consider the carbon impact of plane flights and long car trips in your planning.	APRIL 14 Maundy Thursday Replace the light bulb you removed on Ash Wednesday with a CFL light bulb.	APRIL 15 GOOD FRIDAY Darkness covered the earth on the first Good Friday. Switch off all the lights and sit in darkness for a while. During this time, take a moment to reflect on all the activities you have undertaken during Lent, and how they have contributed to a greener, healthier Earth. Conclude your "Carbon Fast for Lent" by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.	

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