

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation News

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours



COP26 Climate Change

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We appeal to governments to adopt without delay a course of action that would limit the average global temperature rise and to take courageous steps, including the strengthening of international cooperation.

Pope Francis, Preparatory Meeting for COP26 participants

November
JPIC Days of Remembrance

November 3
St. Martin de Porres
Patron of Race Relations

November 9
Birthday of Rev. Thomas Berry



November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Patron of Migrants

November 19
World Day of the Poor

November 25
International Day for
Elimination of Violence
Against Women

November 29
International Day of Solidarity
with the Palestinian People

Delayed a year by the coronavirus pandemic, COP26 will take place in Glasgow from Oct. 31-Nov. 12. COP26 comes six years after the Paris Agreement and will be the first time since then that nations are expected to submit new climate pledges toward limiting average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century. So far 114 countries and the European Union have submitted new plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Ireland, the United Kingdom, France, Peru and the USA are among the countries that have submitted new plans with stronger targets to address climate change.

As a lead-up to COP26, Pope Francis convened an unprecedented Vatican gathering in October, where leaders of the world's religions signed a joint appeal addressed to negotiators at COP26 saying, "Now is the time for urgent, radical and responsible action. Transforming the present situation requires the international community to act with greater ambition and fairness, in all aspects of its policies and strategies." As the Bon Secours Family begins participating in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, let us consider what urgent, responsible and radical actions we, too, can consider to defend and care for all creation.

WHAT IS COP26?

COP, which stands for 'Conference of the Parties', is a global climate summit, bringing together some of the most influential and powerful leaders and activists from around the world. This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26. With the UK as President, COP26 takes place in Glasgow. In the run up to COP26 the UK is working with every nation to reach agreement on how to tackle climate change. Organized by the UN, the 2021 event is expected to attract 20,000 delegates, including household names like Greta Thunberg and Sir David Attenborough.

Reflection

As you reflect on the goals of COP26 how might we consider these goals as we engage the Laudato Si' Action plan for the Bon Secours family?

What investment in renewable energy could we make?

What ecosystems in our area need restoration?

What is ours to do?



COP26 Goals

- **Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach**
 - accelerate the phase-out of coal
 - curtail deforestation
 - transition to electric vehicles
 - encourage investment in renewables.
- **Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats**
 - protect and restore ecosystems
 - build resilient infrastructure and agriculture to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and even lives
- **Mobilize finance**
 - countries must make good on their promise to mobilize at least \$100bn in climate finance per year by 2020.
- **Work together to deliver**
 - finalize the rules that make the Paris Agreement operational
 - accelerate action to tackle the climate crisis through collaboration between governments, businesses and civil society.

Cry of Earth



Cry of the Poor



October 4: The Congregation of Bon Secours publicly promulgated their commitment to be part of the Laudato Si' Action Platform seven-year journey of transformation.

October 4 – November 14:

The Vatican has designated 40 Days of Prayer and Promotion for the LSAP. Prayers for each day of the week are included in this NEWSLETTER.

Consider how you will use these prayers personally and how you might encourage their use throughout the Bon Secours Family.

November 14: On November 14, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will begin offering Laudato Si' Planning Guides and many other resources to assist us in developing our Bon Secours Family Laudato Si' Action Plan. These can be found in many languages at: www.laudatosi'actionplatform.org

November – December: The International JPIC Committee and the JPIC Area Teams will be overseeing Phase I of developing our Action Plan to meet the seven Laudato Si' goals. Phase I will include collecting data from Sisters and other members of the Bon Secours family relating to the seven LSAP goals. A survey has been prepared and approved by the CT and Area Leadership for this purpose. By gathering this baseline data we will be able to see how we are already meeting the LSAP goals and what actions we might be able to take over these next seven years to address the goals even more effectively and intentionally. Results of these surveys will be shared throughout the Bon Secours family in January.

Goal 3: Ecological Economics



Goal 4: Sustainable Lifestyle



Goal 5: Ecological Education



Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality



Goal 7: Advocacy



“COP26 represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations.”

Pope Francis

JPIC Area Teams

One of the International JPIC priorities for 2021 was creating and developing JPIC Teams in each area to support the work of the International Committee, to more effectively advance our justice work in each area and to stimulate a justice culture throughout the Bon Secours Family. We are thrilled to announce that each area has successfully created their team – and just in time to shepherd the Congregation as we participate in the Laudato Si' Action Platform! In addition to the JPIC Committee members listed below, we want to introduce our team members.

France: Sr. Noelia Lara Nunez, Sr. Nathalie Longolo and Sr. Solange Vitry

Ireland: Maree Lynch and Anne Bermingham

Peru: Sr. María Apaza Asuero, Gabriela Ruiz Espinoza and Gumerinda Córdova; and Magdalena Ynes Rivadeneira Vara Correo and José Lescano Yglesias Correo

USA: Bonnie Duvall, Sr. Fran Gorsuch, Jil Krueger, Betty Lutz, Clintonette Robinson, Nick Stein and Sr. Alice Talone

Twice during 2021 these teams met via Zoom to get to know one another, to share best practices and to support each other as we do our JPIC work. Our most recent Zoom meeting on October 20 was so well received and below is a sampling of the responses our team members wrote in the chat box to describe their experience:

- Energizing! I loved the breakout rooms!
- Love the sharing, the enthusiasm for LSAP
- Enriching and motivating; dynamic
- Very inspiring and hopeful
- Great way to build camaraderie and unity of purpose.
- Excellent! I liked it; a lot of hope.
- It helped me to clarify some points
- Inspired by energy of participants.

If you would be interested in joining your Area JPIC team, please contact a committee member below.

International Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

- Sr. Teresa Margot Benites Montero, CBS (Peru)
- Eileen Fernandini, CBS Associate (USA)
- Camille Grippon (USA; France Liaison)
- Sr. Mary Beth Hamm, SSJ Chair
- Sr. Mary Leamy, CBS (Ireland)
- Sr. Anne Marie Mack, CBS (USA)
- Rachel Moccia (USA)
- Sr. Maria Pintado Peña, CBS (Peru) Co-chair
- Sr. Katherine Tierney, CBS (Ireland)
- Sr. Yolanda Morales Valiente, CBS (Peru)
- Sr. Chris Webb, CBS (USA)