

# Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation News

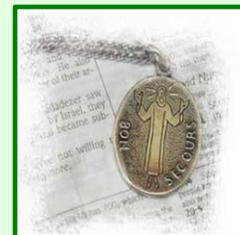
## Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours



### Commemorating United Nations Day

### Bon Secours at the United Nations

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“At UNANIMA International, we say ‘don’t talk about us without us.’  
As a Non-Governmental Organization, we continually strive to put this mantra into action.  
However, it is our grassroots members that form the backbone of UNANIMA  
International’s work and shape the basis of our UN advocacy and research.”

Jean Quinn DW, Executive Director UNANIMA International

United Nations Day is celebrated all over the world on October 24<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the anniversary of the official creation of the United Nations in 1945. Its anniversary is a reminder of the importance of its guiding principles: the cooperative spirit, universal respect for justice and international law, human rights, and fundamental freedoms.

Some of our readers may be surprised to know that the Sisters of Bon Secours have a presence at the United Nations. Through our membership in UNANIMA International – a coalition of 22 International Congregations of Women Religious under the leadership of Sr. Jean Quinn, DW – we are able to use our voice to influence global change in areas that are of concern to us such as climate change, migration and homelessness, to name a few.

I am privileged to represent the Congregation of Bon Secours on the UNANIMA Board and recently attended my first in-person Board Meeting. What an amazing experience it was to be with Women Religious from every continent working on behalf of a brighter future for our planet and all her beings! In commemoration of United Nations Day and our presence at the UN, this Newsletter offers a little glimpse of the people who serve us at UNANIMA and a summary of the good work UNANIMA is doing at the U.N. from the report Sr. Jean Quinn gave the Board.

Sr. Mary Beth Hamm, SSJ

October  
JPIC Days of Remembrance

October 2  
World Habitat Day

October 4  
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
World Animal Day

October 11  
International Day of the  
Girl Child

October 16  
World Food Day

October 17  
International Day for the  
Eradication of Poverty

October 24  
United Nations Day

October 24 – 30  
Disarmament Week

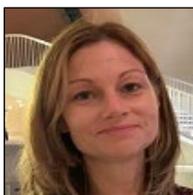
#### Meet UNANIMA International Staff



**Jean Quinn, DW** has served as Executive Director of UNANIMA International since 2017. She is the Co-chair of the NGO working group to end homelessness and was recently elected as Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development for the term 2022 – 2024 – a tremendous honor and testament to the expert leadership, influence and respect Jean has among her colleagues at the U.N. Jean also participates in several other groups at the U.N. including the Justice Coalition of Religious and Religious at the U.N.



**Lara Hicks** has been the Executive Assistant/Assistant U.N. Representative of UNANIMA International (UI) since last year after having interned at UI and contributing to climate-displacement research and advocacy. Lara represented UNANIMA at the World Family Summit at the UN in Geneva and expects to be attending COP27 in Egypt in November.



**Eliza Gelfand** is UNANIMA International's Administrative Assistant. Eliza's experiences working with the Jesuits and being part of an institution that strongly values service and social justice led her to seek out work in a mission-based organization and she chose UNANIMA.



**Sisters of Bon Secours...Women of healing...defending and caring for all creation (Mission Focus)**

## UNANIMA at the United Nations:

- UNANIMA participated in the 66<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women through these events:
  - Women's Leadership and Resilience in the Face of Climate Change; co-sponsored by UNANIMA International.
  - Climate Change: Multiple Risks for Homeless Women and Girls; co-sponsored by UNANIMA and moderated by Jean Quinn, DW
  - Positive Change for Homeless Women Through Creativity; Opening and closing remarks were given by UNANIMA International.
  - Effective Pathways for Advocacy: Empowering Women/Girls on Issues of Climate Displacement and Homelessness; opening remarks by Jean Quinn
- Jean and Lara participated in two Expert Group Meetings: "Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all" and "Megatrends & Families: Focus on Digital Technologies, Migration and Urbanization". Both Jean and Lara submitted professional papers that were presented at this event. Jean's remarks focused on urbanization and homelessness as it relates to family policy. Lara presented on climate-related migration and its effects on families.

"The work I'm doing is political, but it has that spiritual background – it can't have one without the other"

Jean Quinn, DW



## UNANIMA at the World Family Summit 2022, Geneva

Lara Hicks attended the World Family Summit from June 28th to June 29th at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Each year, the Summit is convened by the World Family Organization and the UN Institute for Training and Research. The theme of the Summit this year was "Invest in Families – Local Authorities and Families working together to alleviate poverty and hunger, promote quality education and well-being, economic growth reducing inequalities in an inclusive environment of peace and security, and Leaving No Family Behind." Lara also took the opportunity to meet with civil society leaders based in Geneva, as well as develop connections with UN & NGO colleagues that UNANIMA International will continue to engage with at future Expert Group Meetings and Commissions.

## UNANIMA and COP27

COP27 is the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference that will be held from November 6 – 18. Egypt assumes the incoming Presidency of COP 27 with a clear recognition of the gravity of the global climate challenge and appreciation of the value of multilateral, collective and concerted action as the only means to address this truly global threat. **UNANIMA International** will be co-organizing a side event for COP27, along with several other NGOs. UNANIMA International will be able to speak to the connections between environmental concerns, homelessness, and women & children as part of a round table led by the Carmelites. Jean Quinn and Lara Hicks will attend part of COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.



UNANIMA  
Woman of Courage Award  
Maria José Cavalcante

## UNANIMA 2021 Woman of Courage Award

Every year UNANIMA International presents a Woman of Courage Award honoring women from around the world who inspire us with their courage and leadership. From April 27th to May 6th, 2022, Jean traveled to Maceio, Alagoas in northeastern Brazil and then to São Paulo in southern Brazil to present the 2021 UNANIMA Woman of Courage Award to Maria José Cavalcante, an event that had previously been postponed due to COVID-19.

The daughter of a landless poor father who worked in the sugarcane fields, Maria became a member of the Pastoral Land Commission as a young woman and worked to address the unjust land distribution and violence in her neighborhood. She was also a member of the Women's Rural Worker Movement. She has devoted her life to the struggle for land ownership for her people, even facing threats and violence from the large sugar cane owners and local police. After years of perseverance, thirty-five families including her own, were allotted the right to seven hectares of land per family. Maria shared that she was humbled that an insignificant person like her was the recipient of an international award.



## UNANIMA 2023 Woman of Courage Award

Each July UNANIMA Congregations are asked to submit nominations for the Woman of Courage Award. All the Sisters of Bon Secours are invited to send any nominations to Sr. Rosie so start thinking of who you might nominate for this honor next July. It can be any woman of courage *except* a member of your own Congregation – although there are many CBS women of courage!

### International Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Committee

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The International JPIC Committee and the JPIC Area Teams are excited to share the LSAP SMART Actions that have been developed for implementation in each Area for 2022 – 2023. Read about these inspiring actions on the pages that follow this Newsletter.

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours <http://bonsecours.org>



**Laudato Si' Action Plan**  
**Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris**  
**September 2022 – September 2023**



<b>Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality</b>			
Ecological Spirituality springs from a profound ecological conversion and helps us to “discover God in all things”, both in the beauty of creation and in the sighs of the sick and the groans of the afflicted, aware that the life of the spirit is not dissociated from worldly realities.			
<b>Transformative SMART Actions</b>	<b>Implementer</b>	<b>Measure of Success</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
The Congregation Leader and Congregation Team will host a Congregational Retreat on Ecological Spirituality via Zoom.	Congregation Team with the help of the JPIC Committee & JPIC Coordinator	Number of participants Evaluation of the retreat	By September, 2023
Revise Congregational Prayer Initiative from focus on feast days (excluding Congregational feasts) to focus on ecological spirituality in the spirit of Laudato Si. Prayers will be prepared monthly.	JPIC Coordinator and Sisters from each Area		Monthly beginning January, 2023 and ongoing



**Goals:** LSAP Goal 1: Responding to the Cry of Earth  
LSAP Goal 2: Responding to the Cry of the Poor

<b>LSAP Goal</b>	<b>SMART Actions</b>	<b>Specific</b>	<b>Measurable</b>	<b>Achievable/Relevant</b>	<b>Timebound</b>
<b>Goal 1 Responding to the Cry of Earth</b>	To reduce use of fossil fuels.	To reduce the use of fossil fuels (petrol) for community cars from 79% to 50%. Increase our percentage of electric and hybrid cars. As of July, 2022 our car fleet of 30 cars consists of 3% electric, 18% hybrid and 79% petrol.	We will calculate the percentage of petrol cars remaining at Sept 2023.	We have included resources in 2022 budget and will include more in 2023 budget.  We believe this action is relevant in our efforts to respond to Laudato Si goal	30th Sept 2023
	To allocate a percentage of land to biodiversity and re-wilding.	We will allocate 25% of green space in Cnoc Mhuire to biodiversity and re-wilding. Currently 0% is specifically allocated.	We will review in Sept 2023 to calculate the percentage allocated.	We will discuss with our landscape professionals and rewilding experts to select section to be allocated.  We believe this action is relevant in our efforts to promote the natural eco systems.	30th Sept 2023
<b>Goal 2 Responding to the Cry of the Poor</b>	To provide housing for Ukraine families fleeing the war in their country.	We will allocate 2 houses (Dublin & Cork) for use by Ukrainian families through a government agency for 6-12 months.	There will be evidence of the houses being occupied.	A health & safety audit of the properties has been carried out and minor remedial works are being completed. A number of sisters are willing to assist the families to settle in the neighbourhood.  This is part of the country's response to the war in Ukraine and will open opportunities to provide services for those who are displaced.	30th Sept 2023



### **GOAL N° 1 The Cry of the Earth**

*Spread awareness regarding preservation and establish actions in the use, reuse of ecological resources with communities, associates, local authorities and associates.*

#### **SMART 1.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT:**

- Health services, water infrastructure and basic sanitation managed in coordination with local governments at the end of the project.

#### **SMART 1.1. GOALS HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT:**

- 60% of the proposals made by the technical team of the Sisters of Bon Secours were articulated with the local governments for the improvement of the water infrastructure in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos at the end of the project.
- 60% of the proposals made by the technical team of the Sisters of Bon Secours were articulated with local governments for the improvement of basic sanitation in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos at the end of the project.

### **GOAL N° 2 The Cry of the Poor**

*Promote decent work and entrepreneurship of the economically poor and migrants in order to seek their acceptance in society.*

#### **SMART 2.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

2.1.1 Children under five years of age who have improved their nutritional status and anemia in the localities of Huacho and Los Ranchos

#### **SMART 2.2 GOAL PROJECT PROMOTION OF THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN AT THE SILOÉ CENTER**

2.2.1 Children pay good attention in their classes and are accompanied in their homework by parents with a good school level.

2.2.2 Children at the Siloé Center receive sufficient and adequate food.

#### **SMART 2.3 GOAL PASTORAL PROJECT MISSION “I ENRICH MY LIFE AND ALSO YOURS”**

2.3.1 Students of various grades are supported by the loan of a modem with internet access and a tablet to attend virtual classes.

#### **SMART 2.4 GOAL MISSION PROJECT “Bon Secours accompanying and relieving human suffering with hope”**

- Patients improve the care and knowledge of their health.
- Patients receive doctor visits and medicines

#### **SMART 2.5 GOAL PASTORAL PROJECT: HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN THE BETEL AND ANGELIQUE GEAY COMMUNITIES**

- Support 5 low-income children with tuition and school supplies

#### **SMART 2.1 GOALS HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

- 10% increase in the number of boys and girls under five years of age who consume hearty and balanced meals in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.

- Reduced by 12% the number of boys and girls under five years of age who suffer acute diarrheal diseases in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.
- 15% increase in the number of boys and girls under five years of age with complete vaccinations for their age in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.

#### **SMART 2.2.GOALS PROMOTION OF THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AT THE SILOÉ CENTER**

- At the end of the project, 80% of boys and girls complete their math assignments.
- At the end of the project, 60% of children from the Siloé Center have the optimal weight for their age

#### **SMART 2.3 GOALS PASTORAL PROJECT MISSION “I ENRICH MY LIFE AND ALSO YOURS”**

- 90% of students in various grades strengthen their skills and values in caring for the environment, making good use of resources in the year 2022.
- 90% express their gratitude through community solidarity actions for the care of the common home.

#### **SMART 2.4 GOALS MISSION PROJECT “Bon Secours accompanying and relieving human suffering with hope”**

- 400 vulnerable people benefited from food baskets.
- 180 beneficiaries with medical consultations, medicines, laboratory tests and other procedures.
- 540 patients receive medical care and treatment for their illnesses through the 10 medical health campaigns carried out in 2022.

#### **SMART 2.5 GOALS PASTORAL PROJECT: HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN THE BETEL AND ANGELIQUE GEAY COMMUNITIES**

- 5 children received tuition help and school supplies
- The 5 children who received tuition help and school supplies finished with excellent grades the 2022 school year.

#### **SMART 2.6 GOALS PROJECT: SHELTER HOME FOR BATTERED WOMEN “HOGAR BELEN” 2022-2023 IN OPERATION**

- **Opening of the shelter house: September 2022**
- **14 women sheltered and accompanied**
- **Interaction with state institutions for legal agreements and other**

### **GOAL N° 4 Adoption of sustainable lifestyles**

In the path to conversion adopting new lifestyles in favor of ecology and the integral health of all living beings.

#### **SMART 4.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

- Children under five years of age who have improved their nutritional status and anemia in Huacho and Los Ranchos.

#### **SMART 4.2 GOAL GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT**

- Train selected families to improve good healthy practices

#### **SMART 4.1 GOAL. HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

- 10% increase in the number of children under five years of age who consume hearty and balanced meals in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.
- 12% decrease in the number of children under five years of age who suffer acute diarrheal diseases in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.
- 15% increase in the number of children under five years of age with complete vaccinations for their age in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.

#### **METAS SMART 4.2. GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT**

- At the end of the project, 50 families improved their health practices.

### **GOAL N° 5 Ecological Education**

*Celebration of spiritual days to promote ecological spirituality in our Buen Socorro communities, associates, pastoral agents and others.*

#### **SMART 2.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT**

- Children under five years of age have improved their nutritional status and anemia in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.

#### **SMART 2.2 GOAL PASTORAL PROJECT MISSION “I ENRICH MY LIFE AND ALSO YOURS”**

- 120 students aged 9 to 13 years old are promoted to improve their socio-emotional capacity and communication skills through face-to-face and virtual inter-learning workshops with ecological themes and activities.

#### **OJETIVO SMART 2.3 SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN IN TIMES OF CRISIS PROJECT**

- 30 families trained to improve their self-esteem and personal relationships with their family and community.
- Request beneficiaries academic performance report

#### **SMART 2.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT**

- 10% increase in the number of children under five years of age who consume hearty and balanced meals in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.
- 12% decrease in the number of children under five years of age who suffer acute diarrheal diseases in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.
- 15% increase in the number of children under five years of age with complete vaccinations for their age in the towns of Huacho and Los Ranchos.

#### **SMART 2.2. GOALPROYECTO PASTORAL MISIÓN “ENRIQUEZCO MI VIDA, TAMBIÉN LA TUYA”**

- 70% of the students know themselves and manage to improve their socio-emotional capacity through playful and communicative activities.
- 50% of families and teachers aware and involved in activities to promote and develop the project.

#### **SMART 2.3. GOAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN IN TIMES OF CRISIS PROJECT**

- 30 families developed practices of coexistence and quality of life
- 30 Students report improvements in their academic performance.

### **GOAL N° 7 Community engagement and participatory action**

*Disseminate the work of Peruvian national representation organizations of indigenous peoples to advocate in defense of their rights.*

#### **SMART 2.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

- Incidence in health services for quality care in gestational health

#### **SMART 2.2 GOAL PROMOTING THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AT THE SILOÉ CENTER**

- Children receive sufficient and adequate nutrition

#### **SMART 2.1 GOAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT IN HUACHO AND LOS RANCHOS**

- At the end of the project intervention, 80% of pregnant mothers in Huacho and Los Ranchos have an institutional delivery
- At the end of the third year of project intervention 80% of pregnant mothers in the Huacho and Los Ranchos localities have at least 4 prenatal check-ups.

**SMART 2.2 GOAL. PROMOTING THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AT THE SILOÉ CENTER**

- At the end of the project, 60 % of the children receive sufficient and adequate food.

**MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

To verify compliance with goals and objectives, all projects will be monitored bimonthly and evaluated at the end of year 2022-2023.



**Laudato Si' Action Plan**  
**Sisters of Bon Secours USA**  
**September 2022 – September 2023**



In light of LSAP survey results and the conversations the JPIC USA LSAP Task Group had with the USA Leadership team, the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours USA will focus on LSAP Goal 5 (Ecological Education) and Goal 6 (Ecological Spirituality) for the year September, 2022 – September, 2023.

- Engaging in and fostering ecological education and embracing an ecological spirituality will enable us to live into and out of the emerging expression of the Bon Secours charism of compassion, healing and liberation for Earth and all her beings.
- The Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center offers us an opportunity to advance both of these goals in new, exciting and evolving ways.
- We will build on and expand the SMART actions below each year of the LSAP journey.

**Goal 5: Ecological Education**  
 Ecological Education is about re-thinking and re-designing institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology in order to foster ecological awareness and transformative action.

Transformative SMART Actions	Implementer	Measure of Success	Due Date
By December 2022, the JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will hold an educational session for the RCC managers on the principles of Laudato Si' and best practices for implementing programs that foster ecological education.	USA Leadership Team with the JPIC USA LSAP Task Group	Written evaluation; Percent of managers who participate	December 2022
The USA Leadership Team will work with HR and RCC leadership to have a Laudato Si professional goal incorporated into each RCC staff's annual planning for 2023.	USA Leadership Team; HR; RCC Leadership	A Laudato Si goal is incorporated into the planning process for 2023	January 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will meet with Linda Culp to explore the possibility of creating a section on Ecological Spirituality/Education in the RCC Bookstore.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group; Linda Culp	Number of meetings with Linda	August 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will have at least two meetings with relevant RCC staff to explore the possibility of creating additional educational signage about the environmental efforts at the RCC.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group; Relevant RCC staff	Number of exploratory conversations	August 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will ensure a public screening of <a href="#">The Invitation</a> occurs at the RCC in Spring 2023 with at least 50 people in attendance.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group; RCC staff	Number of people in attendance	April 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will have initial conversations with Sisters Academy Baltimore, Bon Secours Community Works, Asylee Women's Enterprise (AWE) and Cristo Rey, Richmond about ways we can partner in advancing Ecological Spirituality and Education.	JPIC USA Task Group; Directors of these Organizations	Number of meetings with each school	August 2023
The Sisters of Bon Secours will explore preserving a portion of their land to natural habitat.	USA Leadership Team In consultation with CT	Number of exploratory conversations	August 2023
The USA Leadership Team with the JPIC USA Task Group will organize an educational session about the Sisters of Bon Secours property at Marriottsville and use of the land.	USA Leadership Team; JPIC USA LSAP Task Group	Number of people in attendance at session	August 2023
The Sisters of Bon Secours will research options such as: land trusts, easements, deed restrictions and the transfer or selling of development rights, for the protection of our resources and will investigate their ramifications. The future decisions for our land will be based on what we develop.	USA Leadership Team in consultation with CT	Number of options researched	August 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will continue work on the Native American Land Acknowledgement process by identifying and inviting local tribes to be involved in the process.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group	Number of invitations sent and accepted	August 2023

**Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality**

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Transformative SMART Actions	Implementer	Measure of Success	Target Date
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will ensure a Laudato Si' retreat for all employees at Marriottsville is offered.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group in collaboration with RCC staff and/or the Employee Activity Committee	Written evaluation; Percent of employees who participate	August 2023
The JPIC USA LSAP Task Group will recommend that the Sisters host 4 seasonal outdoor Masses/prayer services to highlight the connections between creation and communion.	JPIC USA LSAP Task Group in collaboration with the Sisters	Number of outdoor Masses/prayer services held and attendance	August 2023