



Investing in Our Future



Rev. Edouard Isango Nkoyo, Auxiliary Bishop of Kinshasa, DRC with priests and the "Children of Joy" liturgical dancers at the Mass of blessing for the new Bon Secours house and chapel.

A budget is a moral document that outlines our priorities and highlights our values because what we spend our money on reflects what is important to us. Through careful management of our investments, the Sisters of Bon Secours are securing the care and future of current and new vowed members and expanding our ministry around the world for years to come. We do this with support and guidance from the International Investment and Stewardship Committees made up of Sisters, staff, investment advisors and volunteers.

Our investments are carefully managed to avoid companies whose products or services are not aligned to our mission or Catholic social teaching. Our exclusions are designed around our wish to avoid profiting from human exploitation or products and services that cause harm to humans or the environment.

We seek to invest in companies that play a positive role in the global response to climate change, provide for basic needs like nutritious food and healthcare, and enhance the common good by promoting safety, addressing mental health care, and strengthening communities. We also participate in impact investing and have provided loans to organizations that provide capital to underserved communities to support sustainable agriculture, affordable housing, healthcare and economic development around the world including Peru, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the USA.

A subset of our investments is used for the purposes of shareholder advocacy. In the USA, publicly traded companies are owned by their shareholders and are accountable to them. We purchase small shares in companies that we would not normally support like gun companies and mining companies to engage these companies in dialogue and file shareholder resolutions on environmental and social policies for all shareholders to vote on. This is a strategy that many Religious employ in the US to hold companies accountable for implementing policies and practices that support workers and the environment.

We are investing not only in the future of Bon Secours but also in the future we want to see. A future with less violence and more opportunity, a future with less sickness and more thriving, a future with less pollution and more clean water, a future where the earth is preserved for generations to come.

JPIC Days of Remembrance

March 3

World Wildlife Day

March 8

International Women's Day

March 22

World Water Day

March 25

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

April 7

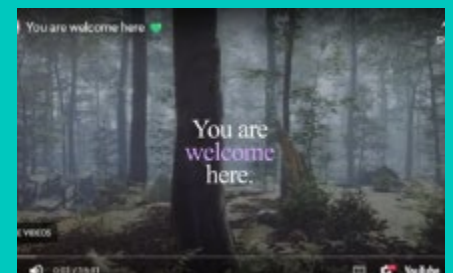
World Health Day

April 22

International Mother Earth Day

Laudato Si Lenten Reflection

1. Find a quiet place and a comfortable position.
2. Connect with the natural rhythm of your breathing while the video below is playing.
3. Return to this video throughout Lent, letting this simple practice become a regular rhythm that grounds your prayer, your actions and your discernment in love.



JPIC Recycling Across the Globe



Photo, Andres Poveda

Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme legislation, aimed at boosting recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans, officially came into operation on 1 February 2024. The regulations were introduced to meet EU recycling targets. The law requires consumers to pay a small refundable deposit (.15 or .25) on plastic bottles and aluminum/steel cans. Deposits are returned via vouchers when empty, undamaged containers are brought to retail reverse vending machines like the one pictured above.

This bottle and can return program has already transformed recycling in Ireland. Since its launch in February 2024, recycling rates for containers have risen dramatically – from 49% before the program began to 91% today. With approximately 1.8 billion containers placed on the market each year, this represents hundreds of millions more bottles and cans being recycled.

The government program has delivered visible improvements in communities nationwide. Bottle and can litter has fallen by half across the country since the launch, while coastal monitoring shows the cleanest shorelines in 25 years.

**NON-VIOLENCE:
THE CURE FOR A HURTING WORLD**

JPIC WEBINAR - MARCH 21, 2026

Marie Dennis Kanini Kimau

Join the JPIC Committee for a webinar about the principles of non-violence. Our guest speakers from Pax Christi International will share how to live in active peace.

8am - 9:45am: Peru
9am - 10:45am: USA
1pm - 2:45pm: Ireland/Great Britain
2pm - 3:45pm: France/DRC

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Thousands of schools, clubs, and charities including Bon Secours Hospital in Cork, Ireland have engaged with the program, using container returns as a fundraising tool. Patients at the hospital in Cork are invited to put their plastic bottles in the bins provided, and these are returned through the Deposit Return Scheme. The money collected is donated to Bon Secours JPIC efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as other charitable organizations around the world.

Recently a donation was received by the JPIC committee and the Sisters in the DRC and they were able to support local families suffering from violence, as well as begin planning for a neighbourhood clean up project.

In France the government is piloting a similar glass bottle deposit-refund program in four regions with plans to expand nationwide while also considering legislation to ban plastic water bottles under 0.5 liters by 2027.

In the USA, Sisters and other advocates have been working for 2 years to advocate for a similar "bottle bill" for Maryland. Last year Sisters met with legislators about this important bill, and this year we are signing petitions to advance the bill. Hopefully Maryland will have a program similar to that of Ireland and France in the future.



Recycling Bin, Bon Secours Hospital, Cork, Ireland

This FREE online program empowers volunteers to bring Laudato Si' to life through prayerful reflection and bold action. It begins April 15.

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