

19 June 2020 Newsletter

Newsletter: June 19, 2020



We pray that you are all surrounded by the blessings of creation in this time of great challenges. We have made several updates to the website that we would like to share with you and also, to request your participation to grow the seeds that we have planted. A [webinar on Laudato Si'](#) was well received and is posted on Youtube. We also want to draw attention to this special Laudato Si' Anniversary year, the Season of Creation 2020 and the [World Refugees Day Event](#) on Saturday, June 20.

Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, 24 May 2020 - 2021

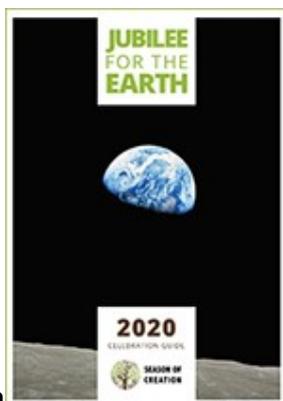


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DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

[The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Human](#)

[Development](#) has announced that May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021 will constitute a special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year. The multi-year roll out plan is available on [SowingHopeForThePlanet.org](#) in six Languages.

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The Season of Creation

This year, the theme for the season is “Jubilee for the Earth”. This guide will help you learn about the season and plan to celebrate it. More resources, including webinars and prayer services, a Facebook group, and photos, are

available online. Please visit SeasonOfCreation.org to access all the materials.
Booklet: [EN](#) - [ES](#) - [FR](#) - [DE](#)

Constellation Commitments: Sowing Hope for the Planet



At the May 2019 USIG Plenary, the Constellations met in groups to determine commitments, related to the "Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor." The [Campaign website Goals page](#) has a map that designates the 36 constellations. Each constellation has a link, which lists the needs, commitments and accomplishments of the sisters in their particular countries. Please help us with the growth of this project and contribute any of the good work that you have done that you would like to share! We welcome your participation.

[Link to Constellation Commitments](#)

Laudato Si: Reflecting on a Global Plan



[This webinar was presented on 10 June](#) and the video is hosted on the UISG Youtube channel. Presenters included **Fr. Albert Parise, mccj, Sr. Catharine Barange**, Sisters of St. Joseph de Lyons and **Laura Noctor-King**. Pope Francis calls us to ponder how: "Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan". (LS 164) These words underlie the exciting session that explored a global plan for Laudato Si'. Please subscribe to the UISG channel!

[Link to Video](#)

June & July International Days

19 June - *International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict* highlights the criminal practice of sexual violence and its prevalence across the globe. This day invites support for victims and the pursuit of the elimination of sexual violence as a war tactic and "impediment to peace."

20 June - World Refugee Day is motivated by the need to protect the dignity and safety of refugees. It serves as a platform for raising the awareness of governments of the plight of refugees and motivating them to extend quality help to these people.

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SHARING THE LIVES OF REFUGEES

Join us on **World Refugee Day 2020** for an online event, as our speakers give an overview of forced displacement, the impact of COVID-19 on our refugee brothers and sisters, and Pope Francis's message of being close in order to serve.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Carolina Gottardo, Australia Country Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
- Sister Carmen Elisa Bando, SSPS, Jesuit Refugee Service Greece
- Taban Patrick Consantino SJ, Licentiate Student, Gregorian University

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Father Thomas H. Smolich SJ, International Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
- Donatella Parisi, Communications Coordinator, Centro Astalli

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Saturday, June 20, 2020, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm CEST

Register for this virtual event: bit.ly/SharingTheLivesOfRefugees

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4 July - *International Day of Cooperatives* Income inequality is rising around the world, but solutions do exist. The co-operative model contains aspects of sustainable development and is based on ethical values and principles. The International Day of Cooperatives champions and supports people-centered and self-sustaining cooperative enterprises. According to a recent estimate, cooperatives around the world employ or are the main source of income for more than 279 million people—almost 10% of humanity's total working population. Different studies have confirmed that, by comparison with employment in other sectors, cooperative jobs tend to be more sustainable over time; show a smaller gap in earnings between higher and lower-paid positions; and are more evenly distributed between rural and urban areas.

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- [Updates on Laudato Si', TSSF Cameroon.](#) This presentation covers activities the congregation has sponsored to address pollution and land mismanagement, reforestation and "Care of our Common Home", and education efforts surrounding the concept that "environmental issues are human issues".
- [Care For our Common Home - FMA Philippines.](#) The Provincial Educating Community of FMA Philippines organized a camp , highlightsinclude study of Laudato Si, the urban farming at the Mary Help of Christians

Agricultural School, the mangrove-planting at the Silonay Mangrove Conservation and Ecopark, and much more.



15 July - Youth Day 12 World Youth Skills Day seeks to raise awareness that a large number of youth have low levels of achievement in basic literacy and numeracy and calls for a substantial increase in the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills. This day serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth.

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- [Laudato Si' in the Secondary School](#) - a powerpoint with useful educational materials
- [Teaching Kinds to Care for God's Creation](#) - Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, Sisters of Saint Joseph. A 30-session booklet for the implementation of Laudato Si on Care for our Common Home.



18 July - Nelson Mandela Day Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist and politician. His work focused on dismantling apartheid and developing democracy in South Africa. This international day promotes his work by focusing on poverty, discrimination and pro-democracy activism. The UN urges action against poverty and for the promotion of social justice through conflict resolution and protection of human rights, inspired by Mandela's contributions to democratic struggle and peace advocacy.

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28 July - World Hepatitis Day Hepatitis 325 million people are living with hepatitis A, B or C. Types A and B are preventable with vaccines. Type C does not have a vaccine, but it is curable with antiretrovirals. However, these medications are extremely expensive. This international day focuses on prevention, testing and treatment as well as the theme of "Invest in eliminating hepatitis" and the focus includes universal health care.

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- [Doctors Without Borders](#)

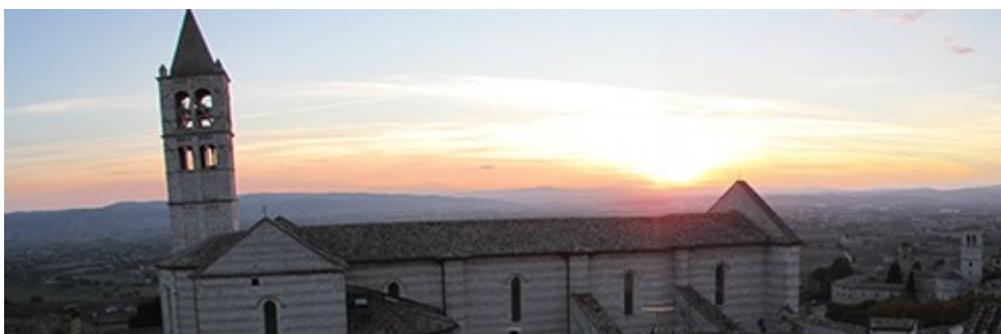


30 July - World Day Against Trafficking Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. Since 2003 the UN Office on Drugs

and Crime ([UNODC](#)) has collected information on about 225,000 victims of trafficking detected worldwide. Globally countries are detecting and reporting more victims, and are convicting more traffickers. This can be the result of increased capacity to identify victims and/or an increased number of trafficked victims.

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- [IMPACTS OF MINING](#), JPIC Integrity of Creation Working Group presents A See, Judge, Act Reflection. Available in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Italian.
- **Prayer on Artisanal Mining** - a prayer for those who work in mines. Available in [EN](#) , [FR](#)



Thank you for all the work that you have done and the contributions you have made!

Campaign Coordinator Sowing Hope for the Planet.