

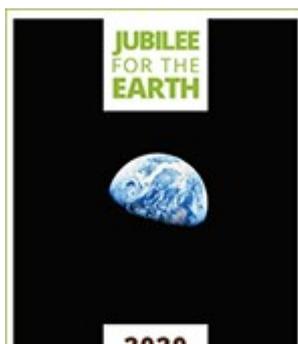
Newsletter: August, 2020



Dear participants in Sowing Hope for the Planet,

On August 6 and 9, we remember the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Our prayers are with the people of Japan and for a world of justice and a solidarity of care for one another. Let us pray for the abolition of all nuclear weapons and an end to the nuclear arms race. In this difficult time, we unite in Solidarity praying for healing and peace in our world.

Please pray for the victims of the tragic explosion in Beirut last Tuesday. [Pope Francis prayed](#), "Let us pray for the victims, for their families; and let us pray for Lebanon so that, through the dedication of all its social, political and religious elements, it might face this extremely tragic and painful moment and, with the help of the international community, overcome the grave crisis they are experiencing." Caritas Internationalis has launched a relief effort for the victims. For more information, [follow this link to their website](#).



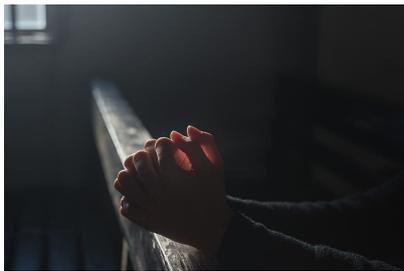
This issue starts with the Season of Creation, which this year has the theme, "Jubilee for the Earth. Please visit SeasonOfCreation.org to access all the materials. [Download the booklet here](#) (Versions also available in [ES](#), [FR](#), [PT](#), [IT](#) & [DE](#)). The Season of Creation will be from September 1 to October 4.



We are very grateful to Sr. Kathy Schmittgens, SSND, for preparing a series of peaceful and enriching videos for the Season of Creation "Jubilee for the Earth". The videos are available on the Sowing Hope for the Planet YouTube channel, [Planet Hope](#), in six languages:



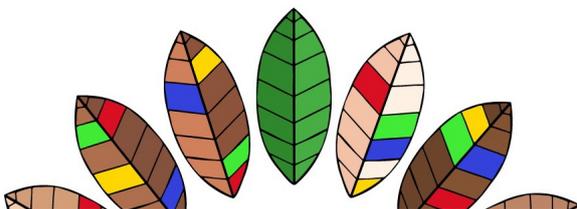
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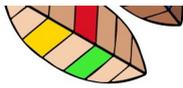
Please save the date for **September 17, 2020**, for a special webinar prayer service which will be prepared by different constellations. The prayers will be for the *Season of Creation* with the theme, *Jubilee of the Earth*. **Morning: 9:30 am to 11:00 pm, Rome time in EN, IT. Afternoon: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Rome time in EN, ES, FR and PT.**

This is an opportunity for us to be in solidarity with the needs and hopes of our Sisters and Brothers in these countries. We hope that you will be able to join us! More information will be posted as it is available at Sowinghopefortheplanet.org.

Amazoniza-Te/Amazonize Yourself



We would like to tell you about videos and an upcoming webinar planned for the Season of creation, the "Amazonize" awareness raising



AMAZONIZA-TE

project and beautiful new resources from our Portuguese speaking members. The Church and civil society organizations are launching

an awareness and care campaign for the Amazon called to "Amazonize yourself". This is an important effort for us to know what is happening in to the land and the people. The statements are available on our website in [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#) and [DE](#).

Amazonize yourself: Church and civil society organizations have launched an awareness and care campaign for the Amazon on July 27, the "Amazoniza-te" (Amazonize yourself) Campaign. Organized by the Episcopal Commission for the Amazon of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil ([CNBB](#)) in partnership with other ecclesial and civil society organizations, the initiative appears sensitive to the context where violence against traditional peoples is aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic. We are facing a situation where deforestation and land grabbing, fires, legal and illegal mining are being intensified, becoming agents of proliferation of coronavirus in the Amazon region communities.

There are **new resources in Portuguese** to help develop this theme available on our website such as [Breve Histórico Da Congregação Das Servas Da Santíssima Trindade](#) and [Uma Prática Da Laudato Si](#).

In response to requests, we have added two new categories in the [Resources](#) section of [SowingHopeforthePlanet.org](#). , "**Refugees & Migration**" and "**Indigenous**". Materials have already been submitted for these areas, but we would appreciate your contributions to grow this section into a resource for everyone concerned with these areas.

August International Days



9 August—[International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) calls attention to globally



accepted mini-mum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of indigenous peoples, recognizing efforts that uphold these standards and promoting continued support on their behalf.

- **QUERIDA AMAZONÍA FROM A WOMAN´S PERSPECTIVE**, Ursulines of Jesus present an opinion piece on the apostolic exhortation Querida Amazonía from a woman's perspective. In , and

12 August—[International Youth Day](#) focuses on the vital role and unique perspective that young people have in the pursuit of global goals such as eradicating poverty and promoting sustainability.



- **PHILIPPINES** - . The Provincial Educating Community of FMA Philippines organized a camp for young people, parents, teachers, and Sisters which aimed to deepen understanding of Laudato Si and their call to be stewards of creation and to work for the cause of the environment.



19 August—[World Humanitarian Day](#) provides an opportunity for solidarity with the millions around the world who need humanitarian assistance to survive by honoring the work of those fighting for change and encouraging further advocacy.

- [Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis, Cameroon celebrates 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si](#). This celebration is centered on the believe that change is impossible without motivation and process of education.

23 August—[International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade](#) and its Abolition honors the efforts of those who have resisted the slave trade in the past and supports the fight against servitude today.



- **SOUTH SUDAN**, A prayer and reflection using the Laudato Si PowerPoint and action taken in Cueibet Parish- Gok State, Diocese of Rumbek (South Sudan)



29 August—[International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#) - stresses the goal to cease nuclear testing, because of its powerful and negative effects on human life and the health of the Earth.

- [The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) has many resources, including the [Catholic Response to Nuclear Weapons](#), prayer cards and bulletin inserts and many more.



We hope that you are surrounded by God's love, peace and happiness. We want to thank all who have contributed to making this project grow, especially in increasing the amount of resources in many languages. Without your contributions, this work would not be possible. We are grateful for everything that you have done and continue to do!

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