

# JEDO Newsletter

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## Heal Country

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) recognises the importance of the focus to **Heal Country** that was expressed for NAIDOC Week (4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of July) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday. Through this theme there's a call for stronger measures to recognise, protect and maintain all aspects of ATSI culture and heritage.

This aligns well with the Laudato Si' inspired Social Justice Statement from the national Bishops, **Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor** that highlights the **call to action** which includes; 'Identify and implement ways you, your family and your community will <sup>(1)</sup> **Listen to the First Peoples**'.

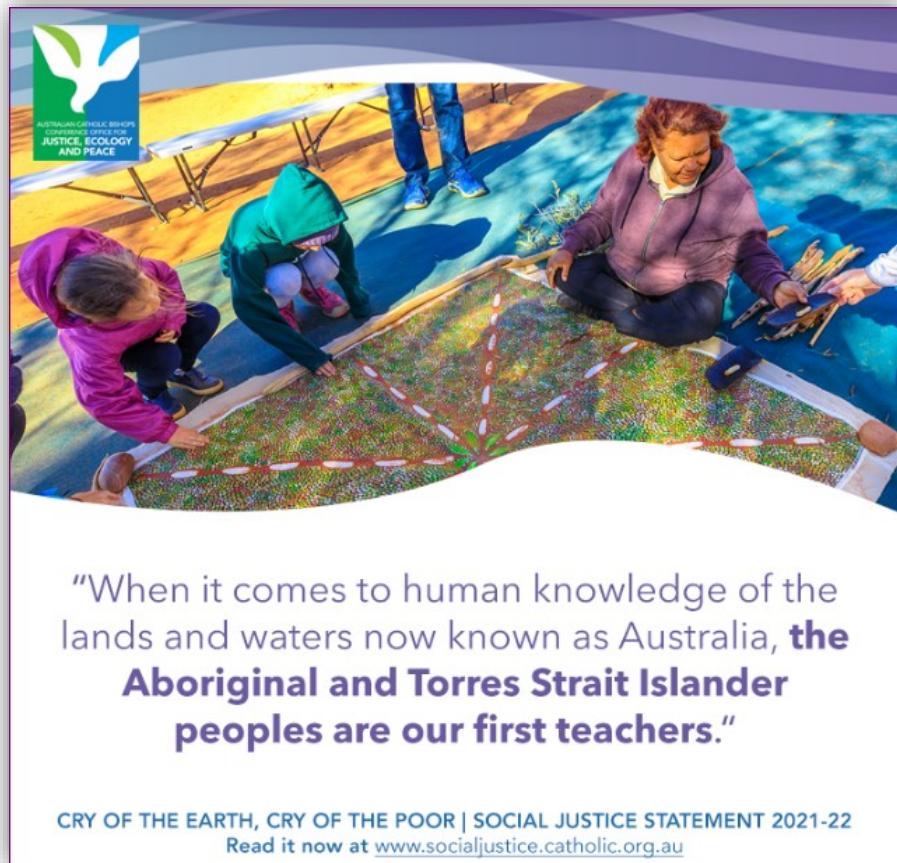
The Call to Action also calls us to <sup>(2)</sup> Reflect on the **Theological Foundations** to care for creation and <sup>(3)</sup> **Use the Laudato Si' (LS) Action Platform** to plan your next steps on the 7 year journey towards the **LS Goals**. JEDO looks forward to sharing this journey with you, with support from the ACBC **Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace**, as well as the Caritas Australia program **Catholic Earthcare Australia**.

### Stay Well – Stay Safe – Stay Connected

Wishing you  **blessings of peace and good health**

Carol Mitchell (JEDO Director)

Link to [JEDO Promotional Video 2021](#)



We welcome your inclusion and participation in our 'call to action'.

With **Catholic Social Teaching** as our guide, let us walk together as one to make a difference in our communities – to **think globally, but act locally** – within our families, parishes, schools, work, civic and leisure communities, and beyond...We welcome you on our shared journey: [www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au)

"BE A GIFT OF LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER "

ST MARY MACKILLOP OF THE CROSS



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## JEDO Advocacy & Networking

**Perth Launch of the 2021-22 SJ Statement** - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

[Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Prayer Card](#) (PDF)



'SPEAK TO THE EARTH AND IT WILL TEACH YOU'

JOB 12:8

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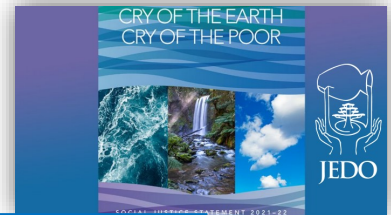
## JEDO ADVOCACY & NETWORKING

### **Perth Launch of the 2021-22 SJ Statement** - 19th August 2021

Link to '[Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor calls for economic and ecological conversion](#)' **THE RECORD**

Link to '[Invitation to the Perth Launch of the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement](#)' (pdf)

Link to '[Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - A Call to Action](#)' (pdf)



Please find below the link to the Library LibGuide to support the new statement:

<https://cms.ceo.wa.libguides.com/2021/sjs>

CEWA LibGuides: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: Social Justice Statement 2021-2022: Home

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[cms.ceo.wa.libguides.com](https://cms.ceo.wa.libguides.com)

### **LAUDATO SI' Action Plan**

"bring the whole human family together . . . for we know that things can change" (Laudato Si' # 13). We are responding to the call of Laudato Si'. With profound care for each other, our Creator, and all creation, we are building a better future together.

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

[Home - Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition \(thecatholicpetition.org\)](https://thecatholicpetition.org)

### **NAIDOC Week 2021** - 4th to 11th July 2021 and **ATSI Sunday**

Link to '[2021 NAIDOC Mass: 'Heal Country' by walking towards God, Bishop Don says](#)'

**THE RECORD**

<https://www.natsicc.org.au/2021-atsi-sunday.html>

This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday – **Heal Country**. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, a respected Ngangiwumirr Elder, artist and 2021 Senior Australian of the Year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence:

*"My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."*



"IT IS NO USE WALKING SOMEWHERE TO PREACH  
UNLESS OUR WALKING IS OUR PREACHING"

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## JEDO Advocacy & Networking

'O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures'

Psalm 104:24

### Dignity of Life

Link to '[Voluntary Assisted Dying: "We wish to provide the best care possible," says Archbishop Costelloe](#)'

THE  RECORD

"....It is well known that the Catholic tradition is firmly opposed to VAD. A recent document from the Vatican, 'Samaritanus Bonus: on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life', reaffirms the Church's perennial teaching with respect to the sacredness of human life.(1) It has been the constant teaching of the Catholic Church for the last two thousand years that no-one has the right to end their own life or to deliberately bring about the death of another, with the sole exception of the right of self-defence against an unjust aggressor.(2) This conviction about the sanctity and inviolability of human life is one of the most foundational values by which we as Catholics live..."

[Pastoral Letter - Voluntary Assisted Dying](#) (pdf)



Voluntary Assisted Dying: "We wish to provide the best care possible," says Archbishop Costello

### Inaugural World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Link to '[Prayer for 1<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & The Elderly](#)' (video clip)

#### 25 JULY WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has recently announced a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday 25 July. The theme of the day is 'I am With you Always'.

Parish and agency resources, together with a video message by Pope Francis and a selection of words is available by [Clicking Here](#).



'SO GOD CREATED HUMANKIND IN HIS IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF  
GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM'

GENESIS 1:27

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## Anti-slavery

### ACRATH Anti-trafficking Appeal and Other Fund-raising

Link to '[ACRATH launches anti-trafficking appeal with a 'call to action'](#)' **THE RECORD**

Link to '[Join Us at the Movies...BEST SELLERS](#)' (PDF)

Link to '[ACRATH 2022 Calendar Order Form](#)' (pdf)



[www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au)



ACRATH 2021 Calendar image

### ACRATH Launches Appeal

**Restore dignity and bring hope to people who have been trafficked or enslaved by**

**Funding the work of ACRATH.**

ACRATH is appealing for funds to continue its support for trafficked people. ACRATH President, Sister Louise Cleary csb, said the global pandemic had... impacted trafficked people across Australia.

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE of PERTH

Link to '[A RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY: ETHICAL PURCHASING](#)' (video clip)

Link to '[MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT](#)' (pdf)



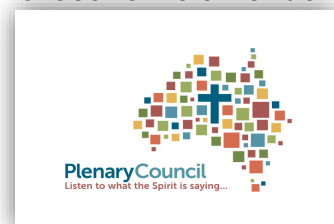
### FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

**Plenary Council Fan The Flame** (Link to 'Fan The Flame' Resources)

The below content has been taken from Edition 38 of the Plenary Post:

*It is almost three-and-a-half years to the day since we announced that Pope Francis had given his approval for the Catholic Church in Australia to hold a Plenary Council. It was a long journey from the seeds of a national gathering until that approval, and the time since the official period of preparation began has seen the Church traverse drought, bushfire, floods and an ongoing pandemic... but led by the Holy Spirit and supported by a cast of thousands across the country, we're within touching distance.*

To be kept informed of the progress of the Plenary Council, you can sign up to receive the e-Newsletter, The Plenary Post: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenary-post>



**"WE CALL ON ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH AND GOOD WILL TO TAKE ACTION AND OPPOSE MODERN SLAVERY IN ALL ITS FORMS"**

**POPE FRANCIS**

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## Meet the JEDO Committee Member.....

**Name:** Deacon **Paul Reid**

### Background

I'm married to Charmianne. We have two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren. I was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Perth 15 years ago and in that time have served in my home parish of Mundaring. In 2017 I was appointed, and remain, Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia in the Archdiocese of Perth and subsequently appointed Social & Ecological Justice Animator for WA/SA. An animator's role is to bring to life the mission and goals of Caritas Australia by inspiring and guiding a team to facilitate connection with the Australian Catholic and wider community through tangible action for social & ecological justice within the WA & SA region.

I also currently serve on the Committee of Management for the Western Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office.



### Why did you join JEDO?

One of the purposes of JEDO as stated in its current mandate is "To work closely with...Caritas Australia and Catholic Earthcare Australia." Effective 1 July 2020 Catholic Earthcare Australia was integrated with Caritas Australia.

For me, it's an imperative that I be an active member of the committee in this alignment between JEDO and Caritas Australia, in our quest to:

- end poverty and injustice through the realisation of human dignity for all people
- uphold the principles of Catholic Social Teaching which underpin our work, such as dignity of the human person, the common good and the stewardship of creation
- our collective responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth.

### What are you passionate about?

- Putting Christ, and those that we serve, at the centre of all that we do
- Bringing hope through action in my ministry and my connection with the wider community
- Being true to my 'Diakonia', meaning the call to serve the poor and oppressed.

### If your friends and family could describe you in THREE words, what would they be?

Perhaps my friends and family are the people to answer that question.

### **'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'**

**Download your copy of the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement [HERE!!!](#)**

**- We would love to hear from you -**

**Tell us how you (your parish or school) are promoting the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement**

The 2021-22 Social Justice (SJ) Statement resources are now available for download ([SJ Statement](#); [Action Card](#); [Liturgy Notes](#) and [Prayer Cards](#)). These can be obtained from the

ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**"THERE'S A MOMENT WHERE YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE  
WHETHER TO BE SILENT OR STAND UP"**

**MALALA YOUSAFZAI**



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## OSJ Social Justice Diary - June to August

(Linked to the **JEDO** online Calendar for Social Justice Planning)

4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<b>World Environment Day</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	World Oceans Day
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	World Day Against Child Labour
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	World Refugee Day
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Beginning of Refugee Week
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Day of the Seafarer
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Beginning of <b>NAIDOC</b> Week (Heal Country)
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ( <b>ATSI</b> ) <b>Sunday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Sea Sunday
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Nelson Mandela International Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Inaugural <b>World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>World Day Against Trafficking in Persons</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Schools Tree Day

4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
5 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	NtI Launch of the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement ( <b>Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</b> )
9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	International Youth Day
19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	World Humanitarian Day
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	International Day Against Nuclear Tests
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>Social Justice Sunday</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances

"WHAT BREAKS YOUR HEART ABOUT THE WORLD? ACT ON THAT!"

ANGELA MAIERS

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## In our next JEDO Newsletter

- Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor
- Youth Eco Summit
- Anti-Poverty Week
- Parish Promotions and **Social Justice Action**
- **JEDO** Networking, **JEDO** Advocacy, and more...

*"PEOPLE SAY, WHAT IS THE SENSE OF OUR SMALL EFFORT?' THEY CANNOT SEE THAT WE MUST LAY ONE BRICK AT A TIME, TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME"*

**Dorothy Day**



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**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**



End poverty. Promote justice.  
Uphold dignity



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*"YOUR WORLDVIEW IS NOT WHAT YOU LOOK AT. IT IS WHAT YOU  
LOOK OUT FROM OR LOOK THROUGH "*

**Fr Richard Rohr (The Universal Christ)**