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Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (**JEDO**) **within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia** (**WA**) invites those of faith and good will to heed the **urgent call** for prayerful discernment and action to **care for our common home.** As Pope Francis stated in his encyclical or letter, **Laudato Si'** (launched in 2015) for everyone in the world as one human family: *"We have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to* ***hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"*** (LS # 49).

The Social Justice Statement (SJS) from the national bishops through the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) recognises the **signs of the times** through the eyes of those most affected (SJS, p 4). It draws wisdom from the wells of Scripture, through theological foundations and Catholic Social Teaching (CST). It calls for listening to and learning from the world, including expert climate scientists; and it recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples for their ongoing stewardship of country as the First Australians, stating *"we need to learn how to listen more attentively to them"* (SJS, p 13).

With this point in mind, it was an added blessing to receive the **JEDO Message Stick** made by Cheryl Lennox-Bradley at the Perth launch of the 2021/22 SJS.

Stay Well – Stay Safe – Stay Connected
Wishing you **Advent blessings** of **peace, joy** and **love**

Carol Mitchell (**JEDO** Director)

Link to '**JEDO Christmas Blessings**'

Photo (L to R): **Robyn Collard**, **Levi Widnall**, **Donella Brown** and **Cheryl Lennox-Bradley**

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

"I BELIEVE THAT GOD IS IN ME AS THE SUN IS IN THE COLOUR AND FRAGRANCE OF A FLOWER – THE LIGHT IN MY DARKNESS; THE VOICE IN MY SILENCE"

HELEN KELLER

JEDO Advocacy & Networking

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

"LORD, GRANT ME A SIMPLE, KIND, OPEN, BELIEVING, LOVING AND GENEROUS HEART, WORTHY OF BEING YOUR DWELLING PLACE"

JOHN SERGIEFF

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

Very heavy rain at the Perth launch of the Social Justice Statement '**Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**' didn't dampen the interest of those in attendance at Newman College in Churchlands.

Following the Welcome to Country from Nyungar Yorga, **Robyn Collard**, **Bishop Don Sproxton** then launched the critical Statement in Perth. This was further supported by **Cheryl Lennox-Bradley** and **Levi Widnall** from Prendiville Catholic College and **Nigel Hayward** (former WA rep. for Catholic Earthcare Australia).

The SJ Prayers were read by Newman College students Tyler Connelly and Mackenzie Webb; **Donella Brown**, Director of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the JEDO Director and **Dcn Paul Reid** (Caritas), who also briefly highlighted the Catholic Earthcare Youth Eco-Summit. However, now is the time to equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss and ecological sustainability; with those most affected by the **Cry of the Earth** and **Cry of the Poor** central to our **call to action**.

JEDO can assist you on this journey. admin.jedo@perthcatholic.org.au

Thanks to Simon Martino and Hannah Parker from Newman College for their support as venue hosts.

Link to **Laudato Si' Action Goals** www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

Season of Creation

www.seasonofcreation.org

Link to 2021 Celebration Guide **A Home for All?** Renewing the *Oikos* of God (pdf)

COP26 - UN Climate Summit - 31st October to 12th November 2021

Link to '**COP26 Explained**' (pdf) www.ukcop26.org/

Link to '**Worlds Top Three Christian Leaders Climate Appeal Ahead UN Summit 2021**'

Link to '**COP15 and COP 26 - A Call to Action**'

JEDO Staff & CoM (Fr Kelvin Barrett is absent) with the JEDO Message Stick

"MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH PASSION AND MAY IT FOLLOW YOU ALL OF YOUR LIFE"
SR HELEN PREJEAN

JEDO Advocacy & Networking

"We will have time to debate what went wrong in the war in Afghanistan, but in this critical moment we must listen to the voices of Afghan women and girls. They are asking for protection, for education, for the freedom and the future they were promised"

Malala Yousafzai

Link to '**Increase Afghan Intake, Archbishop Coleridge Urges PM**' (pdf)

Link to '**Catholic Support for Afghans**'

Link to '**JRS Australia urges Action for Afghanistan**'

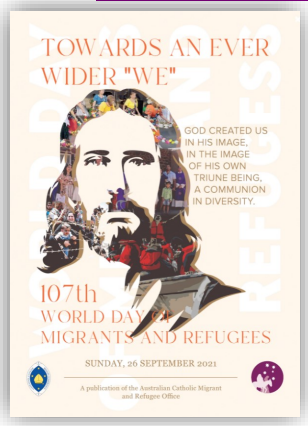
Link to '**CAPSA Urges Federal Government to Do More to Protect Afghan Refugees**'

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
Justice, Ecology and Peace
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

World Day of Migrants and Refugees / Migrant & Refugee Sunday - 26th September 2021

Link to '***Towards an Ever Wider We***'

Link to '***Message of Pope Francis WDMR 2021***' *(pdf)*



Link to '***Migrant & Refugee Kit 2021***' *(pdf)*

Link to '***A History of World Day of Migrants & Refugees***' *(pdf)*

Link to '**Fratelli tutti - The Encyclical of Pope Francis on fraternity and social friendship**'

Link to '**From the Same Womb - Cardinal Turkson**'

www.acmro.org.au

www.humandevelopment.va/en

Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

Anti-Poverty Week 17th to 23rd October 2021

- www.antipovertyweek.org.au

Link to **Imagine a world** (videoclip)

'For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true'

Ephesians 5:8-9

- https://www.centrecare.com.au/valuing-children-initiative
- https://valuingchildreninitiative.com.au/

'I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE'
JOHN 8:12

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Safeguarding Office - New Resource

Link to '*A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence*' (pdf)

Link to '*Pastoral response to Domestic Violence addressed in latest resource*' (**The Record**)

ACRATH - 16 Days of Activism

www.acrath.org.au

Link to '*16 Days of Activism*'

Link to '*ACRATH 2022 Calendar Order Form*' (pdf)

Link to '*Fair Trade Fortnight - Christmas Shopping Guide 2021*'

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal - Lifelink 2021

www.lifelink.com.au

CARITAS ADVENT 2021 & Global Gifts

Resources for both primary & secondary are available online at www.caritas.org.au/advent

Caritas invites your school community to journey with us each week of Advent as we work for a world full of hope, peace, joy, and love!

What better time to spread hope than in the season of giving? By giving a **Global Gift**, we bring hope and joy to some of the most vulnerable families in our world. We also bring a smile to our loved ones when they find out we've given hope and joy on their behalf. Both cards and e-cards are available at www.globalgifts.org.au

COVID-19

Link to '***FAQs and Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccination***' *(pdf)* www.catholic.org.au

Link to '**Cardinal Peter Turkson on the Vatican's Commission for Covid-19**' (video clip) www.humandevelopment.va/en

Link to '**Is it Ethically Sound to Take the COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine?**' (video clip) www.aus.jrs.net

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus

"GOD IS ALIVE. GOD IS LOVE. LOVE IS PULLING US ON TO DO NEW THINGS AND WE NEED TO TRUST THE POWER OF GOD IN OUR LIVES TO DO NEW THINGS" **SR ILIA DELIO**

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SYNOD 2021-2023

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international **Synod of Bishops**, which has the theme: "**For a Synodal Church**: **Communion**, **Participation and Mission**". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. For more information go to www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

SYNOD of Bishops Prayer (pdf)

1st January 2022

Link to article on '**55th World Peace Day: Education, work and dialogue between generations**'

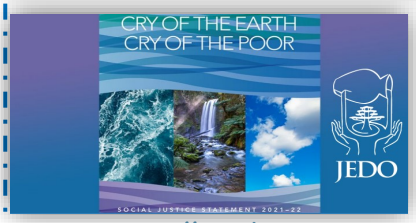
DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Youth Eco-Summit - Aquinas College

Link to '**Catholic Earthcare Youth Eco-Summit: Climate Clever Schools**'

It was a privilege to be present at the student led Catholic Earthcare Youth Eco-Summit held at Aquinas College on Friday 3rd September. There were about fifty student representatives from various Catholic secondary schools, as well as virtual attendance from St Mary's College in Broome and St Joseph's College in Albany. The day began with an outdoor performance of the Kangaroo Dance by the Aquinas College Indigenous Dance Group. This was appropriate given the current Social Justice Statement from the national Bishops, **Cry of the Earth – Cry of the Poor**, stated (p 13): "*When it comes to human knowledge of the lands and waters now known as Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are our first teachers*". The leadership qualities and passion demonstrated by the students at the Youth Eco-Summit were outstanding, including from the two student hosts, Tobias from Aquinas College and Sascha from Santa Maria. As Bishop Don Sproxton mentioned in his address to the students: ***"We have an obligation to look after the environment, our faith calls for it".*** I look forward to witnessing or learning more about their prioritised actions.

Link to '**Ecological Justice Calendar 2022**'



'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: (**JEP**) www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

"IT IS OUR HUMBLE CONVICTION THAT THE DIVINE AND HUMAN MEET IN THE SLIGHTEST DETAIL IN THE SEAMLESS GARMENT OF GOD'S CREATION, IN THE LAST SPECK OF DUST OF OUR PLANET" ***POPE FRANCIS (LS #9)***

JEP Social Justice Diary - September to November

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

1st September 2021	**World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation** (Pope Francis_video clip)
	Beginning of National Biodiversity Month
	National Wattle Day
5th September 2021	**Season of Creation** begins (1st September to 4th October 2021)
	International Day of Charity
	National Child Protection Week (5th to 11th October 2021)
7th September 2021	National Threatened Species Day
9th September 2021	**R U OK? Day**
10th September 2021	**World Suicide Prevention Day**
12th September 2021	**Safeguarding Sunday**
16th September 2021	International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21st September 2021	**International Day of Peace**
24th September 2021	World Maritime Day
26th September 2021	**Migrant and Refugee Sunday**
	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

1st October 2021	**International Day for Older Persons**
2nd October 2021	International Day of Non-Violence
4th October 2021	World Habitat Day
	Mental Health Week (9th to 16th October 2021)
10th October 2021	**World Mental Health Day**
11th October 2021	International Day of the Girl-Child
13th October 2021	International Day for Disaster Reduction
15th October 2021	International Day of Rural Women
16th October 2021	World Food Day
17th October 2021	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
	Anti-Poverty Week begins (17th to 23rd October 2021)
24th October 2021	**World Mission Sunday** (Pope's Message - PDF)
	United Nations Day
	Disarmament Week (24th to 30th October 2021)
	World Mission Day
5th November 2021	World Tsunami Awareness Day
6th November 2021	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
10th November 2021	World Science Day for Peace and Development
14th November 2021	**World Day of the Poor** (Pope's Message - PDF)
16th November 2021	International Day of Tolerance
20th November 2021	Universal Children's Day
25th November 2021	**International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**
	Start of **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

"THE GOD OF LIGHT IS ALSO THE GOD OF DARKNESS. WHY WOULD WE NOT EXPECT GOD, THEN, TO BE IN THE DARK SPOTS OF OUR LIVES AS WELL AS IN THE LIGHT?" **SR JOAN CHITTISTER OSB**

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- **Catholic Earthcare Parishes, Families & Schools**
- **A Synodal Church**
- Parish Promotions and **Social Justice Action**
- **JEDO** Networking, **JEDO** Advocacy, and more...

"The journey of peace, love and non-violence will lead us one day to see God everywhere, at all times, in everyone and all things. From then on, we will live in the beatific vision"

Fr John Dear (The Beatitudes of Peace)

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Catholic Earthcare AUSTRALIA — A PROGRAM OF Caritas AUSTRALIA

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"OUR MANIFESTO IS THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, WHICH MEANS THAT WE WILL TRY TO BE PEACEMAKERS"

DOROTHY DAY