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Mission and Service (not 'business as usual')

From the Director

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) trusts that through prayerful discernment, we can heed our baptismal call to be 'Good News' missionary disciples that focus on hope-filled actions. However, first we need to be open to truth-telling; to listen to first nations peoples and those who are most vulnerable and marginalized; to hear the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'; to see and acknowledge events that break bonds that unite us as one human family resulting in globalised indifference or fear – we need to recognise the signs of the times. As St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) stated: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other".

With this in mind, we are currently in a time of global crisis with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; with a climate emergency causing catastrophic weather conditions resulting in floods, fires, drought, cyclones (and more); resulting in further destruction of habitats, eco-systems and bio-diversity, leading to extinctions, food insecurity, famine, sickness or death; with narcissistic power struggles resulting in corruption, turmoil or war - including the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and all of these conditions further impacting or resulting in the movement or displacement of communities or nations of people(s). So, this is not a time to aim only for 'business as usual'. As people of faith, we are people of hope and we are called to be beacons of light – especially during Lent. Through faith-filled service, we are called to 'be more' not only to do more. We need to remember the power of prayer that can lead to global actions of solidarity – that reminds us of our interconnectedness. We need to heed the wisdom of Pope Francis: "to speak of hope to those who are desperate, it is essential to share their desperation". So, we are called to witness, accompany and share the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers. Charles R Swindell said: "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations". This can be broadened to the wisdom of Thomas Merton: "God reveals Himself, obscurely in the mystery of each new situation".

Stay Well - Stay Safe - Stay Connected

Wishing you blessings of peace and good health

Carol Mitchell (JEDO Director)



Link to Our Hopes & Fears for 2022

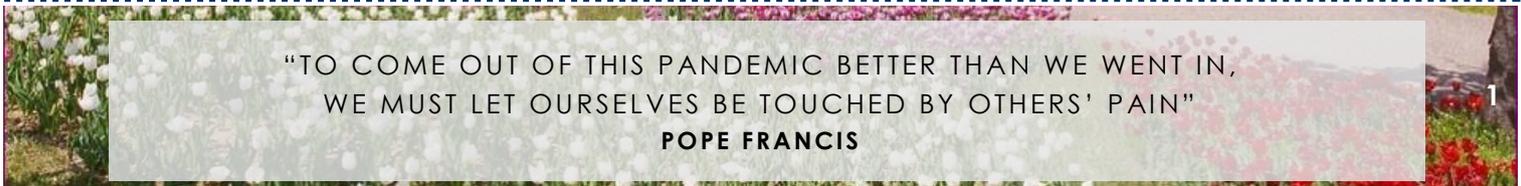
Link to YouTube Vision

2022 PASTORAL MESSAGE FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM (CONV) Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

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

"TO COME OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC BETTER THAN WE WENT IN, WE MUST LET OURSELVES BE TOUCHED BY OTHERS' PAIN" POPE FRANCIS





JEDO Advocacy & Networking

From Carol, Beryl & Bibiana:

Firstly, apologies for the delay in forwarding our SUMMER issue of the JEDO Newsletter.

We invite our Newsletter readers to appreciate the new look which corresponds (in part) with our website changes (although they're still a work-in-progress). Your feedback for both are welcomed and appreciated:

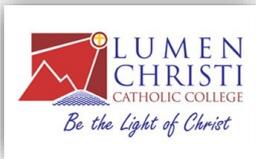
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[JEDO Easter Greeting](#) (jpg)

"Today is the feast of hope, direction, purpose, meaning and community. We're all in this together...Easter is an announcement of common hope" Fr Richard Rohr

JUSTICE



Lumen Christi - CST & Global Citizenship (19th April 2021)

It was a privilege being a part of the Staff PD Day, following the Caritas Australia on-line session facilitated by Chris Nolan (who is based in Sydney). Personal and collective calls to action were explored through the JEDO lens of CST with a focus on Global Citizenship and other spheres of influence. The vision "that all members of our College community live up to the College name in being a 'light of Christ' to others" is further supported through the College values or guiding lights of faith, excellence, welcome, example and creativity. Thanks to Caroline Watson for the invitation.



Servite College - A More Just World (17th June 2021)

Following on from a Caritas Australia session in early June at the College, the opportunity to explore social justice through the JEDO lens of CST and thinking, in these pandemic times, was appreciated. Right relationships were discussed through the lens of biblical, distributive, restorative and retributive justice and by 'reading the signs of the times'. Thanks to Paul Curtis for his support of the JEDO session for 'A More Just World'.



Mel Maria Catholic PS - CST & Social Justice (23rd August 2021)

The invitation to explore CST and thinking (through the JEDO lens) at the staff PD Day (Pater Noster and Mel Maria staff) from Joanne Scouler was appreciated. With the Mercy charism based on the ideals/values of Catherine McAuley as a guide, namely, justice, respect, compassion and service, Catholic identity as well as mission and service were further discussed. The school motto, 'Unity is Strength' and mantra, 'Making a Difference Every Day', supported the call to personal and collective action as missionary disciples. Thanks also to Principal, Paul Hille for his support for the JEDO session.



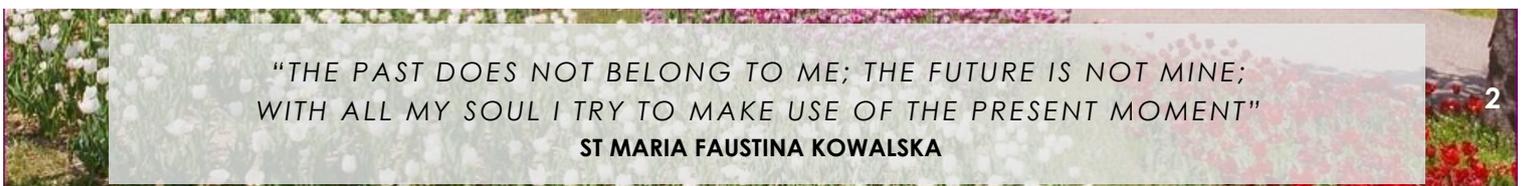
CSSWA Symposium - Walking with His People - 24th & 25th November 2021

The JEDO Director welcomed the opportunity to attend the inaugural CSSWA Symposium highlighting Archdiocesan Outreach Services. Well done to Director, Steve McDermott and Grace Kurniawan for facilitating the event.

Link to '[CSSWA Walking With His People Symposium](#)' (Flyer)

Link to (The Record) '[CSSWA Symposium highlights more can be done to highlight the voices of women & children](#)'

Link to (The Record) '[CSSWA Symposium highlights need for community to do more](#)'



"THE PAST DOES NOT BELONG TO ME; THE FUTURE IS NOT MINE; WITH ALL MY SOUL I TRY TO MAKE USE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT"

ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



JEDO Advocacy & Networking

ECOLOGY



Catholic Earthcare PARISHES

www.catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes/

Join the three parishes registered in WA: St Peter the Apostle, **Inglewood**; Christ the Living Vine, **Australind**; and Our Lady Queen of Peace, **Broome**.

BECOME AN EARTHCARE PARISH

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) in which he implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has now established the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

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Catholic Earthcare has made it easy for **parishes** to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming *Living Laudato Si'* communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

Register via the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/earthcareparish>



Catholic Earthcare SCHOOLS

For more information and to have self-assessments approved, please email gwen.michener@caritas.org.au

Become a Catholic Earthcare School at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

Link to [Catholic Earthcare Schools in WA](#)



Catholic Earthcare FAMILIES

www.catholicearthcare.org.au/laudato-si-families/

CE Families Coordinator: Alice Carwardine W: www.overturnthetables.net

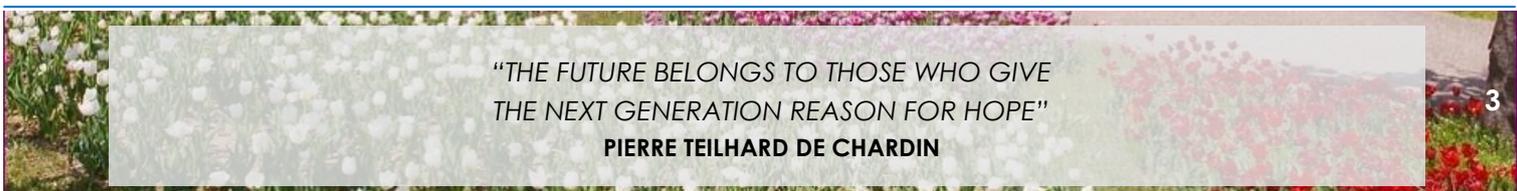
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Link to [Earthcare Families information video](#)



"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO GIVE
THE NEXT GENERATION REASON FOR HOPE"
PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN



Social Justice Action



SLAVERY-FREE

ACRATH – A slavery-free Easter

Link to (ACRATH) <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

Link to (CathNews) [‘Creating a Slavery-Proof Parish’](#)

Link to (CFE Flyer) [‘What does a Slavery-informed Parish Look Like?’](#)



LAUDATO SI' (LS) Week (Australia – ACBC supported): 16th – 24th May

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/04/18/laudato-si-week-16-24-may/>

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-resources/>

Link to (Liturgy Notes) [Celebrating Laudato Si' Sunday 2022](#)

LAUDATO SI' (LS) Week (internationally): 22nd – 29th May

Listening & Journeying Together

Link to (YouTube Vision) [Pope Francis Invites Us to Laudato Si' Week](#)

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

<https://www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/laudato-si-movement/>

<https://livinglaudatosi.com/>

Link to (Eureka Street) [Climate Change and Duty of Care](#)



DEVELOPMENT



Your support is needed

You can provide vital relief to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga, along with the current COVID-19 crisis in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. With your support, our partners on the ground can respond immediately when crises strike.

Link to [Emergency Appeals: Afghanistan Crisis | Caritas Australia](#)

Link to [Pacific Emergency Appeal: Tonga Volcano and Tsunami Emergency | Caritas Australia](#)

PEACE



‘Dialogue between generations, education and work: Tools for building lasting peace’

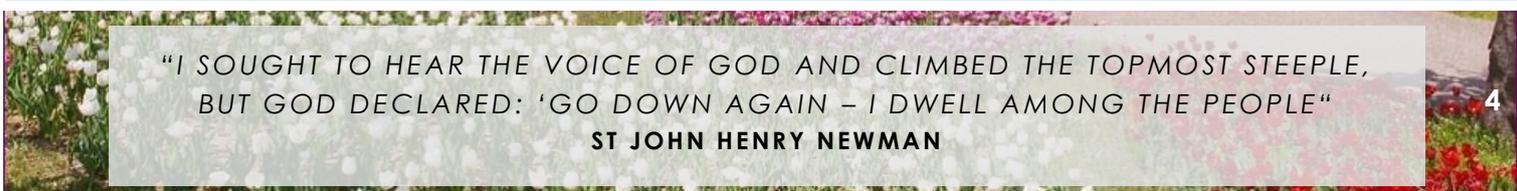
Link to [55th World Day of Peace Message](#)

Link to [World Day of Peace Discussion Guide](#)

Link to [ACBC Prayer for Ukraine \(&MR\)](#)

ACBC: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholics-urged-to-pray-for-people-of-myanmar/>

Vatican News: [Myanmar coup anniversary: Cardinal Bo urges Christians to be 'wounded healers' - Vatican News](#)



“I SOUGHT TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD AND CLIMBED THE TOPMOST STEEPLE,
BUT GOD DECLARED: ‘GO DOWN AGAIN – I DWELL AMONG THE PEOPLE’
ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



Upcoming EVENTS

FEDERAL ELECTION

The national bishops (through the ACBC) have provided a paper for your consideration to assist with your discernment for the **2022 Federal Election** being held on Saturday 21st May – Towards a Better Kind of Politics. This includes **A Prayer for the Election** which we have also made available separately.



Link to (ACBC) [Towards a Better Kind of Politics](#)

Link to (ACBC) [A Prayer for the Election](#)



PLENARY COUNCIL

Link to [Walking in the Spirit – Prayer Pilgrimage towards the Second Assembly](#)

Link to [PlenaryPost # 45](#)



SYNODAL CHURCH

“Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel ”

ST INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION: ‘SYNODALITY IN THE LIFE & MISSION OF THE CHURCH’



Link to (ACBC) [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops](#)

Link to (Columban Missionaries) [Columban Centre hosted a consultation on Interreligious Dialogue for the Synod of Bishops](#)

Link to (CathNews) [Columbans host interreligious dialogue for Synod](#)

Link to (The Holy See) [Pope Francis to Catholic Action Movement](#)

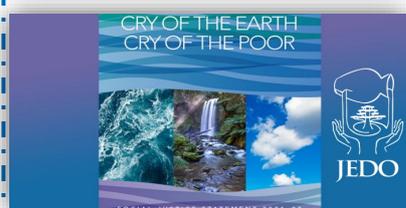


ATSI SUNDAY - 3rd July 2022 (Resources Coming Soon)

NATSICC <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2022-atsi-sunday.html>

“Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, ‘Who could be the Master of those beautiful things?’ I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay Him homage”

St JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



‘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

“TODAY’S PRIME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE MUST BE TO FORM MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS... WHO CANNOT EVEN CONCEIVE OF LOVE OF GOD WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE LOVE FOR THE LEAST OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS” PEDRO ARRUIPE SJ



OJEP Social Justice Diary - December 2021 to February 2022

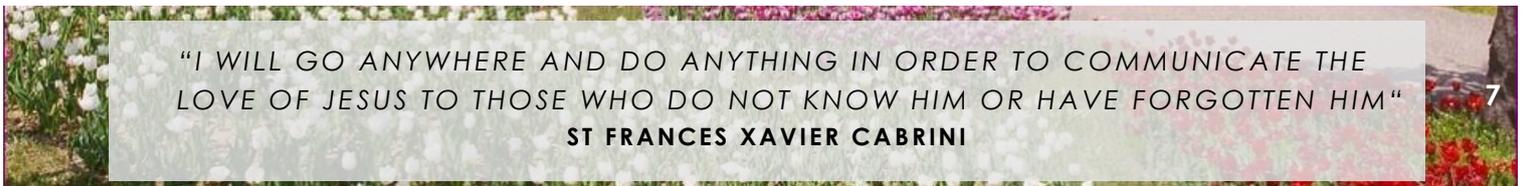
(Linked to the JEDO online Calendar for Social Justice Planning)

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| 2 nd December 2021 | International Day for the Abolition of Slavery |
| 3 rd December 2021 | Intl Day of Persons with Disabilities |
| 5 th December 2021 | World Soil Day |
| | Intl Volunteer Day |
| 7 th December 2021 | Intl Civil Aviation Day |
| 9 th December 2021 | Intl Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide |
| | Intl Anti-Corruption Day |
| 10 th December 2021 | Human Rights Day |
| 11 th December 2021 | Intl Mountain Day |
| 12 th December 2021 | Intl Day of Neutrality |
| 18 th December 2021 | <u>Intl Migrants Day</u> |
| 20 th December 2021 | Intl Human Solidarity Day |

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| 1 st January 2022 | <u>World Day of Peace</u> (linked to 55th World Day of Peace Message - pdf) |
| 26 th January 2022 | <u>Australia Day / Survival Day</u> |
| 27 th January 2022 | Intl Day of the Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust |



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| 1 st February 2022 | World Interfaith Harmony Week (1 st to 7 th February) |
| 2 nd February 2022 | World Wetlands Day |
| 4 th February 2022 | <u>Intl Day of Human Fraternity</u> (linked to YouTube Video) |
| 6 th February 2022 | Intl Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation |
| | Waitangi Day |
| | Word of God Sunday |
| 8 th February 2022 | <u>World Day of Prayer and Reflection Against Human Trafficking</u> (Feast Day of <u>St Josephine Bakhita</u>) |
| 11 th February 2022 | <u>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</u> (linked to Thirtieth World Day of the Sick - pdf) |
| | Intl Day of Women and Girls in Science |
| 20 th February 2022 | <u>World Day of Social Justice</u> |



"I WILL GO ANYWHERE AND DO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM OR HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM"
ST FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



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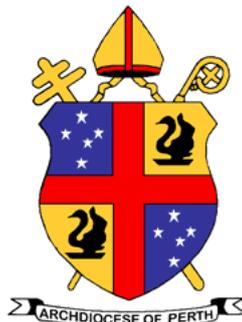
- 'Towards a Better Kind of **Politics**'
- 'Blessed are the **Peace-Makers**'
- JEDO **Advocacy, Networking** & more
- **Social Justice Action** / Upcoming **Events**
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"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'"

Mary Anne Radmacher



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"GOD HAS CREATED ME TO DO HIM SOME DEFINITE SERVICE. HE HAS COMMITTED SOME WORK TO ME WHICH HE HAS NOT COMMITTED TO ANOTHER. I HAVE MY MISSION"
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