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OPINION: AT WHAT COST TO OUR SOUL?

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In moments of moral crisis, certain issues break through the clutter and cacophony of the daily headlines. The U.S. government's horrific separation of children from their parents at the border is one of those moments.

President Donald Trump and his administration underestimated the degree of moral outrage that would follow this unconscionable policy, and falsely believed that a poorly-conceived executive order would resolve the crisis and suppress public pressure. But as church leaders in South Africa taught me many years ago, *Kairos*-like moments occur when our current reality becomes so fraudulent and egregious that the status quo is no longer acceptable. It is these moments when people of faith and conscience feel called to engage in increasingly bold and sacrificial action.

Today, Sojourners president Jim Wallis and I will be joining the Poor People's Campaign and other faith leaders in a nonviolent civil disobedience action in front of the White House to protest this zero-tolerance policy and the family separation crisis at the border. We will declare that the violence of policies against children cannot be tolerated. We have no illusions that this direct action on its own will change the hearts and minds of the Trump administration. But we hope and pray that our prophetic witness will ignite even greater public awareness, create more pressure, and inspire increasing political courage.

The crisis at the border continues to dominate our headlines for the second week running, but public attention is often fickle and fleeting. The Trump administration will do everything in its power to divert and deflect attention away from a crisis of its own making. Last week, the president signed an executive order ending the cruel family separation policy. But the order only adds up to a partial and flawed step: it says nothing about how, or when, the more than two thousand children living in detention centres around the country will be reunited with their parents, and it contains a series of loopholes that condition the government's ability to keep families together on available capacity and resources. Trump's threats over the weekend to deny immigrants who are seeking asylum access to due process only heightens what is at stake in this moment.

The requirements of biblical justice and Christian discipleship call us to engage in deep moral analysis to identify and redress the root causes of the border crisis. Let's be clear: this current crisis is a direct product of the president's immoral and misguided zero-tolerance policy enacted in April, and the broader crisis is a by-product of the protracted failure of the Republican-controlled Congress to negotiate in good faith to pass bipartisan, comprehensive, and just reforms to our severely broken immigration system. In the absence of a short-term or permanent legislative fix to family separation and these longer-term reforms, President Trump has and will continue to exploit this issue in ways that appeal to the fears of his base, scape-goating immigrants for our nation's ills.

Reversing these policies will require exposing both the factual lies and the moral lies that are at the heart of these policies. First, some important facts to correct lies: visa holders overstaying their visa account for vastly higher numbers of undocumented immigrants than those who cross the border illegally. Trump's obsession with illegal crossings at the border reinforces a belief that border crossings are singularly responsible for undocumented immigration. The reality is that most people come through official channels and then don't leave.

Undocumented immigrants commit far less crimes on average than American citizens. Zero tolerance is based on a false assertion that undocumented immigrants are dangerous, and may commit crimes against American citizens. The reality is that undocumented people in the U.S. are statistically less dangerous than documented American citizens.

U.S. policies toward Central America have significantly contributed to the current instability. Yet the Trump administration has pushed to cut millions of dollars in foreign aid to the region. The reality is that cutting aid will only exacerbate the conditions of an already impoverished and endangered people.

There are concrete alternatives to a zero-tolerance policy. For example, the backlog of more than 700,000 pending asylum cases could be alleviated by adding hundreds of additional judges at the border to strengthen and expedite the legal process. Refugees contributed a net positive \$63 billion to the economy over a ten-year period. Trump says that refugees represent a burden and threat to our nation's prosperity. The reality is that studies conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services show that refugees are a net positive for our prosperity.

While there are no magic bullets or simple solutions to the current border crisis, we can - and must - find solutions that are consistent with our deepest values. But behind the lies about the facts are even more insidious spiritual and moral lies, that seek to deny our shared humanity and assault our very belief in *Imago Dei* - that every person, regardless of their immigration status, is made in God's image. President Trump's consistent dehumanisation and demonization of immigrants through the use of poisonous rhetoric represents a moral lie that endangers our nation's soul.

Lies cannot be counteracted simply with data or facts. They also require assertion of moral truths. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. argues so forcefully in his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust".

So, over the last 40 days, through the Poor People's Campaign, more than 3,000 people across county participated in peaceful, nonviolent civil disobedience and moral revival in this nation. With Sojourners as a national partner in the campaign, I was able to attend the first action that took place at the Capitol, and participated last Saturday in the culminating mobilization on the National Mall.

I'm engaging in another nonviolent direct action today, because even with the president's executive order, the zero-tolerance policy, which is still in effect, is an unjust policy that degrades human personality by detaining families indefinitely.

I'm engaging in nonviolent direct action, because as a father of five- and seven-year-old sons, I can only imagine the agony of being separated from sons without any knowledge of their whereabouts and safety. The administration's family separation and zero-tolerance policy has already caused untold abuse and trauma that has no place in U.S. policy.

I'm engaging in nonviolent direct action, because as an American who cherishes our country's commitment to due process, to deny asylum seekers this opportunity is not only unconstitutional, it is morally unconscionable.

I'm engaging in nonviolent direct action, because as an ordained minister I refuse to allow politicians to misuse and abuse Scripture to justify deeply unjust policies.

It is time for sacrificial action, because the Trump administration has (at least) doubly committed political malpractice: by putting in place an unnecessary and cruel policy of family separation, only to then reverse it without a clear plan to reunite families, resulting in a bureaucratic nightmare; and by putting in place an immoral policy designed to deter and criminalise immigrants who are fleeing violence and deprivation to pursue a better life.

As the Suffer the Little Children elders' statement argues, the administration has also committed ethical and theological malpractice, by misusing and abusing Scripture to defend an indefensible policy. But this goes beyond malpractice. From a Christian perspective, we must name this as social sin. Dehumanizing and denigrating immigrants is sinful. Separating families is sinful. Comparing immigrants to insects is sinful.

Yesterday, more than 50 faith leaders from around the country joined a call to host prayer vigils on June 29, to coincide with a multi-faith prayer vigil that Sojourners and others will be holding on in front of the U.S. Capitol. The next day, on Saturday June 30, thousands of people of faith and conscience will be protesting outside the White House through the Families Belong Together rally. Also this week, more than 300 religion scholars and professors released a statement, *All Rights for All, Without Borders*, that says "We deny our faith, ethics, and humanity when we remain silent or complicit in the death and dehumanization of others". Sojourners is encouraging more communities of faith to hold vigils around the country. We are calling on clergy, faith-based organisations, and Christians everywhere to lift up prayers and candles as a recommitment to the light that can hold back these dark times.

As people of faith, we know that the darkness can never completely consume the light of moral truth. Now is the time for us to stand up and shine a light into the darkness to expose these factual and moral lies. I believe the soul of our nation, and the integrity of our faith, depend on it.

<https://sojo.net/articles/what-cost-our-soul>

COLUMBANS ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS AT US/MEXICO BORDER

19 June 2018: **The Columban Centre for Advocacy and Outreach *has issued the following statement today, in response to the US government's separating migrants families and 'caging' children:***

'Family unity is sacred. Every person has the right to seek safety. These are some of the most basic tenets of Catholic Social Teaching. Separating families at the border and restricting access to asylum stands in direct contradiction to these core values. These efforts severely limit the ability of vulnerable people coming to the southern border seeking safety to access protection. They go even further by punishing them for doing so. It is not against the law to seek asylum, yet all these policies effectively shut off access to this protection and criminalize those seeking it.

Rev Robert E Mosher, SSC, Director of the Columban Mission Centre in El Paso, Texas said: "Columbans have lived and ministered on the US/Mexico border for over 20 years. We have witnessed the devastating impacts that arbitrary increases in enforcement, including this most recent announcement, have on migrants and border communities. It is immoral to make families suffer this kind of traumatic separation of children from their parents, especially in order to obtain some imagined purpose that is thought to justify the measure - that is, to send a message of deterrence to others. This will only increase the pain of the separation of families, with violent effects on children as developing human beings. As Catholics and members of border communities, we consider it a blessing and an opportunity to serve and support those coming to the United States seeking safety and stability. We believe our federal policy should reflect the same welcome and respect that border communities themselves show, and abstain from this unethical treatment of human beings, made in the image of our Creator. We call on the administration to immediately end this practice and instead uphold the value of human dignity and family unity in all its immigration policies."

• **The Columban Centre for Advocacy and Outreach** is the advocacy office for the Missionary Society of St Columban. The Centre serves as the line of communication between Columban missionaries serving in 16 countries around the world and policy makers in Washington, DC Our mission is to work towards a more just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world by engaging in the political process guided by our Catholic faith and the Gospel.

Read more here: <http://columbancenter.org> <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35119>

MELANIA TRUMP AND PAST FIRST LADIES AGAINST 'ZERO TOLERANCE' IMMIGRATION POLICY

Carolyn McAtee Cerbin USA TODAY 18 June 2018

America's first ladies, current and former, have weighed in on the "zero tolerance" policy that is leading to migrant families being separated at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"Mrs. Trump hates to see children separated from their families and hopes both sides of the aisle can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform," Melania Trump's communications director, Stephanie Grisham, told CNN on Sunday. "She believes we need to be a country that follows all laws, but also a country that governs with heart." This was Mrs Trump's first comment on families and immigration. She has made helping children the basis for her platform as first lady, called "*Be Best*". Her husband's immigration policy, announced by Attorney General Jeff Sessions on April 8 calls for "zero-tolerance" for immigrants who cross into the country illegally through the Southwest border. In a memo, Sessions said anyone entering the country illegally will be met with "the full prosecutorial powers of the Department of Justice."

Laura Bush, wife of former President George Bush, wrote an op-ed in *The Washington Post* that was published online Sunday night. Mrs Bush wrote, "I live in a border state. I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart." Mrs. Bush, whose husband was once governor of Texas where child detention centres are being established, went on to write, "Our government should not be in the business of warehousing children in converted box stores or making plans to place them in tent cities in the desert outside of El Paso. These images are eerily reminiscent of the Japanese American internment camps of World War II, now considered to have been one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history".

Former First Lady and President Trump's 2016 presidential opponent, Hillary Clinton, tweeted, "Like so many others, I am horrified and heartbroken by what is happening to immigrant kids and families because of this administration's disastrous policies. ... As a mother and a grandmother, it's devastating to even imagine." In a further tweet, she wrote, "There is no more important test of our country than the way we treat the most vulnerable among us, especially children. We cannot turn away from what's happening on our watch - we have to act."

Speaking to reporters on Friday, a Department of Homeland Security official who declined to be identified said that nearly 2,000 children had been separated from 1,940 adults from April 19 -May 31. The disclosure was the first time the Trump administration has said specifically how many immigrant children have been affected by the zero tolerance policy. The crackdown on migrants announced by Sessions in April came after the Department of Homeland Security reported a 203 per cent increase in illegal border crossings from March 2017 to March 2018, according to the memo. The department also noted a 37 per cent increase from February 2018 to March 2018 — the largest month-to-month increase since 2011.

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2018/06/17/immigration-first-ladies-blast-separating-migrant-families/709165002/>

TRUMP CALLS FOR DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH 'NO JUDGES OR COURT CASES'

25 June 2018: President Donald Trump said on Sunday that people who enter the United States illegally should be sent back to where they came from immediately without any judicial process. Facing a public outcry and pressure even from within his Republican Party, Trump last week reversed his policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the border so the adults could be detained and prosecuted, a process that typically takes months. Since buckling on the issue on Wednesday, Trump has redoubled his criticism of U.S. immigration laws on Twitter and in speeches where he likened illegal immigrants to invaders trying to "break into" the country. "We cannot allow all of these people to invade our Country. When somebody comes in, we must immediately, with no Judges or Court Cases, bring them back from where they came. Our system is a mockery to good immigration policy and Law and Order . Most children come without parents," Trump said Sunday on Twitter. "Cannot accept all of the people trying to break into our Country. Strong Borders, No Crime!"

Trump did not differentiate between people who entered the United States to seek asylum and illegal immigrants. US immigration law provides certain rights for undocumented immigrants arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In most cases, they are allowed a full hearing before an immigration judge before being deported.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/24/trump-calls-for-deporting-illegal-immigrants-with-no-judges-or-court-.html>

US QUITS 'BIASED' UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

20 June 2018: The US has pulled out of the United Nations Human Rights Council, calling it a "cesspool of political bias". Nikki Haley, the US envoy to the UN, said it was a "hypocritical" body that "makes a mockery of human rights".

Formed in 2006, the Geneva-based council has faced criticism in the past for allowing member countries with questionable human rights records. But activists said the US move could hurt efforts to monitor and address human rights abuses around the world. Announcing the decision to quit the council, Ms Haley described the council as a "hypocritical and self-serving organisation" that displayed "unending hostility towards Israel". She was speaking alongside US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who denounced the council as "a protector of human rights abusers".

The US withdrawal follows controversy over President Trump's decision to hold a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un without raising human rights concerns. It also comes amid intense criticism of the Trump administration's policy of separating child migrants from their parents at the US-Mexico border. The UN human rights commissioner, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein called the policy "unconscionable". A number of groups criticised the move, with the American Civil Liberties Union saying the Trump administration was leading a "concerted, aggressive effort to violate basic human rights". <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/44537372>

NEW YORK: CARDINAL NICHOLS ADDRESSES UN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

25 May 2018: Trust is a key component in fighting human trafficking, Cardinal Vincent Nichols told delegates at a United Nations conference this week. The Cardinal was addressing diplomats, law enforcement officials and charities involved in the support of survivors of human trafficking as president and chair of the Santa Marta Group.

The UN's Path to Peace initiative gave its annual award to the Santa Marta Group at a ceremony in New York. Cardinal Nichols and Kevin Hyland, senior adviser to the Santa Marta Group and first independent anti-slavery commissioner, called for greater collaboration between government, law enforcement, civil society, the Church and other non-government organisations.

Cardinal Nichols said: "This is an evil crime on an international scale and, as a former commissioner for the Metropolitan Police said, it requires a concerted international response, and that is where the Church comes in. I couldn't say that but that is what police chiefs see and is why this Santa Marta partnership is growing and seeing results locally. Not only is the Church active across the world, and we must salute the religious women who lead on this, but also victims of trafficking are often hidden within migrant communities. These communities can look out for possible victims and also those victims will often go to the Church as a trusted place where the first steps can be taken towards their rescue. Traumatized victims will trust religious sisters and that first step is essential."

This focus on trusted relationships was at the heart of Sr Melissa Camardo's address to the UN. She is one of the religious women who run the Lifeway Network, an inspiring charity that rehabilitates victims in a similar way to the work of Bakhita House in London. She said: "Building trust takes time. It requires an honest assessment of failures as well as successes. Hearing police chiefs and Church leaders admit to failings demonstrates progress."

Cardinal Nichols reflected: "We need to recognise that organised crime is precisely that: organised. We are not. We need to develop these relationships and ensure the best local response by effecting and developing the resources of the Church and police across the world. To combat trafficking which exploits people, treating them as an expendable commodity where profit is the only motivation, requires a more powerful motivation. That motivation has to be a radical commitment to the human."

President of the UN General Assembly Miroslav Lajcak met with The Santa Marta Group and praised their approach. "This is a surprising alliance but effective," said Mr Lajcak.

During their visit to New York, Cardinal Nichols and Mr Hyland met with business leaders, focussing on the need to re-humanise their businesses. This need to put ethics at the centre of their businesses prompts slavery-free supply chains and also examining their fundamental business purpose.

The Santa Marta Group also met with director of the UN Office for Drugs and Crime, Simone Monasebian, who heads up the office with lead responsibility for the UN on trafficking, as well as assistant secretary-general victims' rights advocate Jane Connors. In addition to encouraging co-ordinated action at the UN, Cardinal Nichols spent a morning with religious women, Catholic charities and US Immigration and Customs officials (who take the law enforcement lead on combatting human trafficking) in New Jersey, listening to their work on the ground.

The central message, and one where the Church is able to play an important role, was the need to work together with trusted relationships. Honesty in confronting issues and reassuring victims was one of the fruits of these trusted relationships. As one law enforcement official openly said: "In this broken world, law enforcement cannot achieve anything on its own."

To find out more about the Santa Marta Group go to: www.santamartagroup.com
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34966>

SISTER IMELDA POOLE AWARDED MBE

On Saturday 9 June 2018, Sister Imelda Poole, IBVM was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in The Queen's Birthday Honours 2018, for her achievements and services to end modern slavery.

On the announcement of the award, the British Ambassador to the Holy See, Sally Axworthy, said: "I am delighted to learn that Sr Imelda Poole has been awarded this honour by Her Majesty The Queen. It is well-deserved recognition of Sr Imelda's outstanding service in combatting human trafficking and modern slavery, through the European religious sisters' anti-trafficking network RENATE which she leads, and through and *Talitha Kum*, the religious sisters' worldwide anti-trafficking network. Sister Imelda is a key ally in Her Majesty's Government's campaign to eradicate modern slavery. It is wonderful to see such a distinguished friend of this Embassy honoured in this way."

On learning of her award Sister Imelda Poole said: " This is an honour which I accept on behalf of the Female Religious and co workers who are contributing, through the mission of many international networks such as RENATE, to combating modern day slavery and on behalf of the dedicated staff of Mary Ward Loreto in Albania who are passionate in this same cause. May this award expose even further the terrible crime of human trafficking which, as Pope Francis has declared, is a crime against humanity itself."

Read more about Sr Imelda Poole in the case study written by HM Ambassador Sally Axworthy:

www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/fighting-modern-slavery to mark 2017 International Women's Day.

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NEW APP FOR DRIVERS TO HELP COMBAT MODERN SLAVERY IN HAND CAR WASHES

4 June 2018 **Source: CoE News/CCN**

Drivers are being encouraged to join an unprecedented national information-gathering campaign launched by the Catholic Church and the Church of England, aimed at eradicating modern slavery in hand car washes. Anti-slavery campaigners and other key agencies, including the police and councils, are backing the *Safe Car Wash App*, launched by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.

The Safe Car Wash app can be downloaded for free on to Apple and Android devices. Users can open the app when they are at the car wash and pinpoint their exact location using GPS. They will be taken through a series of indicators of modern slavery ranging from practical details – whether workers have suitable protective clothing - to behavioural clues - whether they appear withdrawn. If the answers indicate a high likelihood, users will be directed to the Modern Slavery Helpline. Data from the app will be anonymised and shared with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA). Clergy will also be asked to raise awareness of the campaign in sermons and Sunday School lessons and hold events to publicise the app.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Over the last few years we have learnt more about the evil of modern slavery and we have begun to understand how it is perpetrated in our communities in plain sight. Through the *Safe Car Wash App* we now have a chance to help tackle this scourge which is damaging so many people's lives."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I welcome this very helpful and timely initiative in an area of real exploitation. As we learn to see this example of forced labour and modern slavery in our midst, we will also become more aware of the presence of this evil scourge in other sectors in our neighbourhood."

Will Kerr, Director of Vulnerabilities for the National Crime Agency (NCA), said: "This App will help to engage the public in identifying car washes, where slavery is suspected, and will also help law enforcement identify those people who may be at risk, as well as those criminals who are exploiting the vulnerable."

Roger Bannister, interim Chief Executive for the GLAA, said: "The *Safe Car Wash App* is a great way of utilising the technology so many of us have become accustomed to and the GLAA are happy to be working alongside The Clewer Initiative and the Santa Marta Group on this important piece of work."

Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner said: "The value of this app is that in addition to immeasurably improving the lives of victims of modern slavery being cruelly exploited in car washes today, it also empowers a community to act."

Professor Zoe Trodd, Director of the Rights Lab, a University of Nottingham Beacon of Excellence, said: "Car washes are completely unregulated territory and we don't know how big the sector is, how many hand car washes operate or how many persons are registered to work in them. This citizen engagement in data collection is a powerful technique with potential for mapping other vulnerable services such as nail bars."

The App is also endorsed by the National Police Chiefs' Council, the Local Government Association and the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. **Details on how to download the app can be found here:** www.theclewerinitiative.org/safecarwash

- A decade ago there were few hand car washes in the UK, but estimates now suggest that there are more than 18,000 in Britain's high streets, at the sides of motorways, and on abandoned garage forecourts.
- Many are run as legitimate businesses, but some exploit, force and threaten their workers, trapping them in modern slavery. No reliable data currently exists as to the scale of the problem, with the result that subsequent responses have proved inadequate.
- In order to help to develop a more accurate picture as to the scale of the problem Nottingham University's Rights Lab have agreed to analyse the data collected from the app over a six-month period and to report back in early 2019.
- The Clewer Initiative was launched in October with the backing of the Prime Minister Theresa May and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The three year programme is working to help the Church of England's 42 dioceses support victims of modern slavery and identify the signs of exploitation in their local communities.
- The Santa Marta Group has members in over 30 countries and brings together the heads of national and international police and law enforcement agencies along with international organisations to look at how they can work with the Church to help victims.
- The App will ask drivers to spot the possible signs of slavery including whether workers have access to suitable clothing such as gloves and boots. Where there are concerns, people are invited to call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700. Do not confront anyone at the hand car wash and make sure you are in a safe place before making the call. If someone is in immediate danger then call 999.

The indicators are:

- Do the workers have access to suitable protective clothing? Look out for gloves and boots.
- Is there evidence of workers living on site? Can you see a caravan or mattresses and bedding?
- Does anyone appear controlling or intimidating?
- Does the body language of the workers appear withdrawn or fearful?
- Do there appear to be minors working at the car wash?
- Did you pay less than £6.70 for the car wash?
- Does the car wash only accept cash?
- Did they offer a receipt?
- Did you have to pay the manager?

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REFLECTION WITH FR SHAY CULLEN: CHILD ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

Fr Shay Cullen 31 May 2018

We live in a new age of freedom of expression when the long history of suppression and cover up of the truth is breaking out and social and mainstream media have championed the voice of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. The controlling power and influence of some leaders in traditional institutions like the Catholic Church to instill fear, bury the realities, deny crimes of child abuse and silence the complainants are being challenged and their credibility has weakened.

More and more abused women are speaking out and children too are bringing criminal cases against their abusers. It is an age of truth-telling and there is more justice for the victims and survivors, thanks to the mandatory reporting of child abuse in the church and government. What was once hidden, denied and covered up by deceit, threats and lies is coming out. Bishops and priests speaking against it and fighting this evil are few but nevertheless there is strong action by many religious superiors and some bishops against the suspected abusing priests but few are ever brought to trial.

The public is slowly realising the frequency and extent of these heinous child rapes, incest and the sexual abuse of children. The perpetrators are their biological fathers, step-fathers, live-in partners, grandfathers, brothers, neighbours and clergy. The child abusers are not monsters hiding in alleyways and snatching children. Child abusers are found among ordinary people in most professions: doctors, dentists, sports coaches, teachers, swimming instructors, religious and clergy. There are secret paedophiles all around us. Justice is replacing lies and shame, telling the truth does set some of the children free. Today, all churches are being challenged and held to account. Despite the revelations and the new growing levels of awareness, what we see is just the tip of the iceberg, most cases never come to light. One in every four children is a victim of sexual abuse according to survivor groups.

Protecting the image of the institutional church has been their first priority and has led bishops, archbishops and priests to remain silent and cold and uncaring for the victims. They have lost credibility. The evidence of denial, cover-up and transferring priests from place to place has been the undoing of the church hierarchy in many countries. Many bishops have resigned. Pope Francis has said that child abuse by priests is "an absolute monstrosity, a terrible sin that contradicts everything that the Church teaches."

In Ireland, the USA, Australia and most recently Chile, widespread child abuse in the church has been uncovered. In Chile, 34 bishops offered Pope Francis their resignations after widespread child sexual abuse by clergy and the bishops either ignored it or covered it up. Some fed wrong information to Pope Francis himself during his recent visit to Chile. He denounced the allegations against Bishop Barros saying there was no evidence when in fact there was. Survivors had sent him a personal letter describing the abuse they suffered from priests, which Bishop Barros had known about.

Francis later apologised and asked forgiveness of the victims and sent his investigator Archbishop Charles Scicluna to Chile to find the truth and then invited the survivors to Rome where he asked them to forgive him for his mistake. The Chilean bishops had made greater mistakes. They confessed: "We, all the bishops present in Rome, have tendered our resignation to the Holy Father so that he may decide freely for each of us," the bishops confessed after Pope Francis had serious discussions with them in the Vatican. "We want to ask forgiveness for the pain caused to the victims, to the Pope, to God's people and to our country for the grave errors and omissions we have committed," they said in a humble apology.

Some church leaders have ignored the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 18. Jesus proclaimed that the most important in the Kingdom of God is a child, unless we become as innocent as a child we will not enter into the Kingdom and whoever accepts the child accepts him. He added that they who abuse a child causing that child to lose faith in Jesus should have a severe punishment.

Many thousands of good, honest virtuous laity, victims, survivors and clergy have stood by their faith in Jesus of Nazareth despite the child abuse scandals that have rocked the institutional Church to its foundations. Trust in some church leaders as the once unassailable teachers of morality has been tarnished. In Ireland, the majority voted recently to repeal the anti-abortion provision in the Constitution ignoring the moral stand of the institutional Church. Many priests have been tried and convicted for abusing children in different countries. They consider themselves Catholics but are not always Christian.

Archbishop Wilson in Australia is facing a possible jail sentence and Australian Cardinal Pell is on trial facing allegations of child abuse and covering it up. Pope Francis said: "We will counter those priests who betrayed their calling with the most strenuous measures. This also applies to the bishops and cardinals who protected these priests - as happened repeatedly in the past." Despite the shame, millions of good believing Catholics hold on to their faith in the universal Gospel values.

In the Philippines, Archbishop Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle has said in television interviews on the BBC *Hardtalk* and EWTN, a Catholic news channel, that in the Philippines child abusing priests are dealt with internally by the Church's canonical process and are not reported to the civil authorities. It appears that priests accused of child molestation are moved from place to place and can abuse with impunity and are above the law. It is presumed that an amicable settlement in cash is made to the parents of the child victims. This is now considered criminal behaviour and it is what has brought shame and disaster to the institutional Church in several countries and made it a target for its critics. Child abusers must be reported to the authorities and the children must be assisted to file their formal complaint. Francis who meets with survivors regularly said that child abuse by priests and cover-up by bishops ". . . is a great humiliation. It shows not just our fragility but also - let's say this clearly - our level of hypocrisy."

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CARJ MEETING FOCUSES ON GYPSY, ROMA, TRAVELLERS' EDUCATION

21 June 2018: Improving Education for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Young People was the theme of an event sponsored by the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) on Wednesday 20 June at the CARJ offices in Manor House, north London. The keynote was a talk by Mrs Hayley Dyer, Head of Crays Hill School in Essex, where the majority of pupils are from Traveller families. Mrs Dyer explained how Crays Hill had managed its educational task - resulting in a series of good Ofsted Reports and wide recognition for its success. Other speakers included a Traveller parent, a Deputy Head from Cardinal Pole, an Ursuline Sister from Brentwood, a CARJ Associate and a member of staff from the Traveller Movement. The day was chaired by Pauline Anderson, Director of Education in Derby, and herself from a Traveller background.

Those present recognised that Traveller pupils have very low rates of educational achievement and attendance and very high rates of early school leaving and exclusions - and they are often victims of bullying. This meeting was an opportunity to explore how to support these young people and their schools and families.

Key themes running through the day included:

- building trust among GRT parents and young people
- increasing awareness of GRT culture among staff, pupils and the wider community
- recognising the reality of wide-spread bullying
- addressing literacy as a priority for young people and adults
- recognising the limitations of 'zero tolerance' and 'one size fits all'
- having alternatives to exclusion
- recognising the skills of GRT young people and providing opportunities for them to develop those skills

The CARJ Traveller Support Network includes more than fifty individuals and groups, from different backgrounds, who have a commitment to the wellbeing of GRT communities. The Network meets three or four times a year and works in partnership with others who support GRT communities.

For more information see: www.carj.org.uk
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35128>

BISHOP MCALEENAN ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Statement from Bishop Paul McAleenan, lead bishop for migration and refugees of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, on the occasion UN World Refugee Day 20 June 2018:

"On this World Day for refugees, I call on our society as a whole to reflect on how we can better help refugees, both through welcoming them into our society and communities, and through supporting refugees globally. In his message for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis said "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate". A society is judged by how it treats the most vulnerable within it, and in England and Wales we must do more. As Catholics, we should welcome refugees into our communities, reaching out to the most vulnerable groups through the community sponsorship scheme for Syrian refugees. We should also keep refugees in our prayers, and look on practical ways to help. Our society must be mindful of the challenges and abuses refugees face, and look to protect them. Currently, in England and Wales refugees and asylum seekers can be indefinitely detained, often made destitute, and face unprecedented levels of hate crime. Refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated and their cause promoted so they can flourish and contribute to our society. We must recognise the value and gifts that they bring - instead many currently face barriers to work, effectively barring them from our society.

Refugees abroad, and the organisations that care for them, also need support, and I commend the work done to support those groups. In his message on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis stated that "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." I hope that we will continue to see Christ in the refugees we welcome and support."

Link: www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/Subjects/Refugees-and-Migrants
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35122>

NOTTINGHAM: PAX CHRISTI ANNUAL GATHERING

Pax Christi members and supporters attending the Annual Gathering of Pax Christi in Nottingham on 2 June heard chair Holly Ball outline a time of transition and long-term planning as the movement prepares for the retirement of its General Secretary, Pat Gaffney, in spring 2019 and a change in its Peace Education work when Matt Jeziorski leaves this summer.

The movement is in a stable financial position and planning will include a commitment to develop a theology and practice of active nonviolence; the strengthening of peacemaking communities around the country and a deepening of Pax Christi's work with teachers, chaplains and schools. Pax Christi currently has 1,100 members who contribute around 15% of income and 1,700 supporters, mostly parishes, who support the annual Peace Sunday appeal to the tune of around £102,000, 43% of income.

Administrator, Fausta Valentine, thanked members for their ideas and engagement in their own parishes on Peace Sunday. Pax Christi team member Valerie Flessati spoke of plans to commemorate the lives of Catholic COs from the FWW on 2 October, International Day of Nonviolence and of joint work in preparation for Remembrance Day that will enable parishes and groups to raise a much-needed commitment to peacemaking in this season. A new logo/image has been created entitled '*No More War: Let's make peace happen!*'. Pax Christi's on-line shop attracts much attention and new nonviolence resources, including *Choosing Peace - the Catholic church and Gospel nonviolence* were presented.

Speakers Maya Evans and Max Brookman Byrne up-dated the gathering on drone warfare today. Maya, a campaigner who has worked with *Voices for Creative Nonviolence* related her experiences in Afghanistan, where the continued use of drones has a major impact on young people in particular, creating fear and damaging their health. She spoke of 'signature strikes', where information is gathered about potential targets who may be deemed terrorists and of the way in which the military calculate their tolerance for 'collateral' damage - equating the value of a target in terms of the number of civilians who might be killed in the process.

Max, an academic researching and teaching international law at Lincoln University, spoke of the need to develop and use political and ethical challenges to drone warfare in addition to legal challenges, which can all too often justify their use. Concepts of self-defence and necessity often dominate discussion about the use of armed drones making it very hard to uphold claims that they are illegal.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, President of Pax Christi, commented on the drone warfare discussion in his homily, speaking of the importance of truth - seeking and highlighting the distinction between legality and morality. As people of faith, we are called to challenge the legality of actions when they cross the line of morality and ethics. He was joined in the celebration of Mass by Bishop Patrick, Bishop of Nottingham. The day was supported by the Nottingham J&P Commission who worked behind the scenes to make the day so successful.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35015>

PAX CHRISTI WELCOMES TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT: FIRST STEP TO PEACE

12 June 2018: Pax Christi International has welcomed today's first step towards rapprochement between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

In a statement they say: "This summit will make history if it enables the two parties to come to the negotiating table and lays a foundation for peace. We hope that the Singapore summit can lead to new relations between the two countries. Dialogue, diplomacy and cooperation should replace hostile behaviour. Durable progress on de-nuclearisation and peace should also include South Korea, Japan and China. Although the two leaders' joint statement declares their commitment to the peace and prosperity of the Korean Peninsula and the world, Pax Christi International regrets the absence of more specific commitments towards that goal.

Essential points are missing in the document that should be taken up if future talks are to actually lead towards disarmament and a durable peace:

- Both countries should take conclusive steps towards complete and verifiable de-nuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula, not only North Korea. The peninsula is not de-nuclearised if it remains under threat from U.S. nuclear weapons.
- Both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea should join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and North Korea should rejoin the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). This is part of a five-step proposal for disarmament - **see:** www.icanw.org/action/trump-kim-summit-ican-launches-roadmap-to-denuclearisation-of-korean-peninsula/ issued by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) which includes Pax Christi International.
- The US and North Korea should pursue the successful completion of a peace treaty between both Koreas to replace the armistice from the Korean War, also as a follow-up of the historic Panmunjom Declaration of 27 April 2018.
- The US should raise concerns for human rights in North Korea as a condition to lift economic sanctions. Up to 120,000 people continue to be arbitrarily detained in political prison camps - **see:** www.amnesty.org/en/countries/asia-and-the-pacific/north-korea/ It is imperative that human rights are taken up in future talks, as their protection is intrinsically linked to peace and security.

Importantly, this outcome opens doors for confidence-building measures and dialogue among all interested parties. Pax Christi International urges the two Koreas, the US, China, Japan and Russia to add to the momentum created since the Winter Olympics by implementing bilateral and multilateral follow-up actions, for example, by opening the railroad line between North and South Korea, having new nuclear weapons reduction talks between the US and Russia, and the US and North Korea deciding to open offices in their capital cities before the end of 2018."

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CHRISTIAN AID WELCOMES FIRST UK BANK TO DROP COAL PROJECTS

31 May 2018: Responding to the announcement from RBS that it will stop financing new coal projects as well as the exploration and extraction of tar sands, Christian Aid's Senior Private Sector Adviser, Keval Bharadia, said: "We've been watching carefully to see which UK bank would be the first to introduce a global ban on financing coal power projects and RBS has won that prize. This pipeline of finance is crucial to whether or not we will successfully tackle climate change. If the money keeps flowing to these projects then the dirtiest energy sources like coal will continue to be burned and the world's poor will continue to suffer the consequences of climate change. We now need to see Barclays and HSBC follow suit and join the ranks of responsible project lenders. They recently announced new energy policies but only delivered half-hearted measures that mean they are still profiting from the dirtiest energy industries. We urge them, and Standard Chartered who are yet to make an announcement, to introduce global bans on coal power projects immediately."

Whilst RBS has banned project finance to a range of fossil fuel projects, it will continue to provide general lending to coal companies but with tighter restrictions. It will only deal with coal companies that derive less than 40% of their revenues from thermal coal or less than 40% of their electricity from coal.

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VIEWPOINT: WHAT IS JUSTICE AND PEACE?

Frank Campbell 14 June 2018

Not too long ago a Catholic diocese advertised for a Justice and Peace worker. The job description referred to responsibility for the rights and well-being of disabled persons and also looked for some catechetical competence. It indicates the wide misunderstanding of the scope of J&P. In thinking about this failure, I realised that there is a divide between what might be called pastoral work and a striving for more radical changes. Take health care provision as an analogy. There is a broad division between paramedics, first aiders, and emergency departments on one hand, where we react to illness and accident, and on the other hand community concern about the impact of heavy drinking, drug abuse, and childhood obesity. The first group we think of as reactive whilst the second we see as proactive.

It may be that pastoral work in the Church context encounters the same divide. We respond to crises and casualties in our communities with 'first aid' responses. The second category of needs, however, requires quite different analytical tools and treatments, and new strategies to remedy social and economic dysfunction. It will involve confronting social injustice. Take the example of the asylum issue. We offer clothing, food donations and secretarial support. Beyond that some people may try to exert direct influence on parliamentarians and the Border Agency. In general, parishioners are happier and more comfortable with the first aid option than with activism which has political roots.

Clearly the skills, empathy and competences needed to provide first aid (listening, empathy, some material resources) are different from what the political analysis requires (advocacy and a willingness to confront injustice in systems and structures and damage to people). Another way of seeing this divide is to see first aid as predominantly a process initiated by a helper with a place in society offered to someone who is disadvantaged or marginalised. Rescue or 'salvation' is coming from above from the helper. When we turn to the second mode of intervention, we see that change can only come about when the will and capacity exists for people to diet, take exercise, show self-restraint and self-respect. The process is sustained by those who want to change themselves. They will have been empowered to read the signs of the times in their own life experience. When the Latin American theologians spoke of 'a new way of being church' they had this process in mind.

Something of the same transition can be seen in CAFOD which began as an aid agency raising funds to alleviate poverty in the developing world. CAFOD has moved towards enabling workers to become self-sufficient. The whole concept of development moved from being what CAFOD and others can give to people in need in the global south, and became an equal partnership, enabling people to realise their own potential. This is a move from paternalist aid to self-empowerment.

There are implications in all this for a Church which hitherto has been hierarchically structured, paternalist with a controlling centralised power base and a clerical perspective on change. One wonders whether the Church hierarchy could see the significance of El Salvadorean theologian Jon Sobrino's point about salvation coming to us from the poor. If the transition I described has come about in various contexts, it is fair to ask whether the same transition could not be useful for the structures and mission of the Church herself. Bishop Crispian Hollis once said that the mind-set of privatised religion could be tolerated because it presented no threat or challenge in a post Christian society. A clerical, centralised and authoritarian Church leaves the laity disempowered. In this context, initiative is stifled and women are second class members.

If it is agreed that the current structures of the Catholic Church are failing the missionary task, then radical changes will be required with new objectives and priorities. The Church for too long refused to see the need for proper data or sociological analysis and the value of the human sciences. What seems to be promoted at present is meditation, spirituality, personal retreats and precisely the privatised religion Bishop Hollis saw as otiose.

What the faithful need is a liturgy which finds a focus in community needs and concerns, reverence for the planet, sustainability, work for peace, respect for human rights, work, and the economy. Such a church could indeed be rooted in gospel values and empowered to pray with conviction, *'Thy Kingdom Come'*.

• **Frank Campbell is a Justice and Peace activist in Portsmouth Diocese** <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35094>

MERSEYSIDE: LANDMARK CHURCH WINS COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD

Eddie Tulasiewicz 26 June 2018

SS Peter, Paul and Philomena Roman Catholic Church in New Brighton, Merseyside, also known as the Dome of Home, has won a national competition for its innovative audio tour which brings to life the story of the Second World War for local children. The *'WWII Audio Tour'* at SS Peter, Paul and St Philomena church won the Marsh Innovative Church Project Award, announced at a ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral in London on 26 June 2018. The church received a £1,000 prize.

A free WWII audio tour for primary schools and the local community tells the story of how this church helped people during the Blitz and how it earned its nickname. The tour was made possible following major repairs and redevelopment in the church to create a welcoming church including an accessible toilet, kitchenette, shop, and social space.

The judges commented: "This project is strong on community engagement, imagination, and innovation. We particularly liked the successful engagement with schools, raising awareness about local history and heritage and bringing generations together and the past to life."

The Marsh Innovative Church Project Award, run jointly by the National Churches Trust, the UK's church building support charity, and the Marsh Christian Trust, is a competition to find the Christian congregations running the best community activities in a church building, made possible through the installation of new facilities or through improved access. The awards show the positive impact of installing new facilities in churches and local communities, and on harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers. www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35158

BRIDGET AND CAROLINE STEP OUT FOR IRAQI CHRISTIANS

Source: ACN 26 June 2018

Staff from the North West Office of Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need are walking to five cathedrals to raise awareness and funds for Iraqi Christians. Caroline Hull and Bridget Huddleston have completed walks from Lancaster Cathedral to Salford Cathedral and from Salford to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Next on their list is the 30-mile trek from Liverpool to Wrexham Cathedral which is set to take place in early July.

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool, will bless the pair before they set off from Liverpool, and stops will include St Mary of the Angels, Hooton and the Poor Clare community in Hawarden, Flintshire. "We are excited about the next leg of our journey through the North West", said Caroline, ACN's NW Manager. "ACN is playing a huge role to support Iraq's Christians as they return to rebuild their lives on the Nineveh Plain, and Bridget and I were moved to take on this challenge to support our brothers and sisters in Iraq."

The walkers carry a 'pilgrim passport' with them and a priest signs them in and out at each stop along the way. Bishops and parish priests throughout the region have offered their support through blessings, hospitality and publicity. Two bishops, Bishop John Arnold of Salford and Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham, have even found time to walk a few miles alongside Caroline and Bridget to show their solidarity with Iraq's Christians.

Generous benefactors from all over the UK have sponsored the walks, and the two walkers are extremely grateful for donations of any size. Bridget said: "Any amount - large or small - will help to ensure a brighter future for these ancient communities of Christians. We are committed to helping them to return to the places where their families have lived and worshipped for generations."

The final ACN Cathedral Walk for Iraq will take place on 14th-15th September and will follow a route from Wrexham to Shrewsbury Cathedral via Ellesmere in Shropshire.

Caroline added: "Our walks have challenged us in many ways, but whenever our spirits flag due to sore feet or hot weather, we remember how lucky we are not to be fleeing for our lives carrying babies and dragging suitcases. Unlike so many of Iraq's displaced Christians, we know where we are headed and that a cup of tea and a warm welcome await us."

To learn more about the ACN's Cathedral Walks for Iraq and to sponsor Caroline and Bridget, please visit:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walks4iraq or contact ACN's North West Office 01524 388739 nw.office@acnuk.org
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35155>

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO - A SAINT AT LAST!

29 May 2018

Ten days ago, at an ordinary consistory of cardinals held at the Vatican, Pope Francis told us that the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero will happen in a ceremony in St Peter's Square on the morning of Sunday 14 October during the Synod on Young People, which takes place in Rome during that month. Great joy erupted at the declaration - not only in El Salvador, Romero's own country, but across the world. The new Salvadoran Cardinal, Gregorio Rosa Chavez, declared that he will no longer be hailed as '*St Romero of America*' but as '*St Romero of the World*'. It sounded at first like a rhetorical flourish; but, on reflection, it's a simple statement of the truth for he will be a saint of the Catholic (meaning universal) Church.

Romero, who is described as the first martyr of Vatican II, will be proclaimed a saint together with Pope Paul VI, who brought the Second Vatican Council to its conclusion and implemented its reforms. Romero had great affection for Paul VI; and he in turn gave Romero unconditional and uncritical support during very difficult times. In the same canonisation ceremony four others will be sanctified: two Italian priests, Francesco Spinelli and Vincenzo Romano and two religious sisters, one German and one Spanish, Catherine Kasper and Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa. The crowds in St Peter's Square and the surrounds will be huge for such a great occasion.

Many who admire and revere Blessed Oscar Romero have already indicated that they will travel to Rome to be present at the event. The Archbishop Romero Trust will try to offer guidance to those who have worked and prayed for the canonisation and who now wish to be present and to participate. This will be done in conjunction with Anthony Coles who has organised pilgrimages to the martyrdom site and holy places associated with Oscar Romero in El Salvador - as well as regularly taking groups to Rome.

Although the date for the canonisation is now known, details of other activities that usually accompany such events have still to be announced. These might possibly include a prayer vigil and a celebratory Mass of Thanksgiving (on the Monday morning) in one of the major basilicas in Rome. The Archbishop Romero Trust in Britain is proposing to order tickets for the canonisation Mass and will hope to be able to provide them to the members of its '*Friends of Romero*' network who indicate that they plan to go to Rome for the canonisation Mass. On the Trust's website, www.romerotrust.org.uk, ICN readers can still sign up as a '*Friend of Romero*'.

Whether making a lightning visit simply for the canonisation ceremony itself, or even if staying a little longer for other events, many or most people can make their own arrangements for flights to Rome and also for overnight accommodation there. They will then be able to collect a ticket for entry to the Mass from a location in Rome on the day before. However, as an alternative, a two and three night 'package' is available (which will include accommodation, receptions, some meals, tickets and transfers to the various events) and can be booked through Anthony Coles. For either of these it is important to register interest with Anthony Coles by email to arctc@btinternet.com or in writing to 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX.

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SHREWSBURY PARISH CELEBRATE NEW STATUS AS 40TH 'LIVESIMPLY' COMMUNITY

9 June 2018: A group in Bridgenorth, Shrewsbury, has received a prestigious national award for their efforts to reduce their waste, support local community projects and improve the environment. Earlier this month, parishioners at St John's the Evangelist, presented their project - the fruition of over a year's work - to charity assessors, in the hopes of gaining a *Livesimply* award. The award, championed by the international development charity CAFOD, is only given to groups who have made significant sustainable changes.

Over the past year, the group has created a meditation garden in the church grounds and started a tree planting scheme. They have organised litter picking in the local cemetery and have linked with Hilley farm to support their woodland projects. The group has also taken part in charity work including supporting the local Macmillan Cancer Appeal, holding a collection of plastic bottle tops for Birmingham Children's hospital and supporting parents who have recently arrived from overseas through their toddler group. Due to their exceptional efforts, the group was awarded the status of being a *Livesimply* group.

Two of the assessors, Eileen and Vin Brennan, said: "We spent a lovely day with St John's Parish, Bridgnorth for their *Livesimply* assessment. We spoke to Fr Iain and many parishioners about their *Livesimply* actions. The group was full of praise for the involvement of St John's Primary school. "They have certainly met the criteria for the award which we were able to inform them at the end of the meeting". Member of the group, Mary Gilbert, said: "We were delighted to receive the *Livesimply* Award and will be meeting in August to plan the next stage of our *Livesimply* Campaign."

There are now over 40 groups across England and Wales who have been presented with the award. They are hoping their example will inspire others to also take up a simpler way of living.

Find out how you can get involved at: www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply

NEW COURSE TO EXPLORE WAYS WE CAN HELP PROTECT OUR PLANET

6 June 2018 **Bishop John Arnold, Bishop for the Environment for the Bishops' Conference writes:**

The Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, has opened the eyes of many people, both within the Catholic Church and beyond, to the serious and increasing damage that we are inflicting on our planet - our common home.

With his gift of connecting so many different aspects of our lives together, Pope Francis draws together pollution, climate change, poverty, economic migration, human dignity and other social ills and has challenged us to recognise what is happening. He urgently challenges us to set out ways in which we may restore our world. Although he describes the current state of the world he also declares that there is time and every reason to hope that environmental degradation can be reversed.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of *Laudato Si'* is being aware that each one of us has a responsibility and all of us can take up the challenge, whoever we are. In order to help us to respond to this enormous and daunting challenge placed before us by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) is producing a programme, which will be free to download from the website or can be purchased on DVD, setting out various ways in which we as individuals, and within our families and communities, may take practical measures to begin to reverse the damage we are doing to our planet.

CaFE was created in 1996, with encouragement from Cardinal Basil Hume, to help Catholics better understand their faith through visual presentations and discussions and so become better equipped to live it in daily life and share it with others. In the last twenty years CaFE has produced over thirty quality filmed courses which have been used to great benefit by many of our parishes. This latest course, *Global Healing*, is free. Its official launch will take place on Creation Day, 1 September. It has been commissioned by the Bishops of England and Wales and is specifically designed to help people engage creatively with the vital spirituality of an "ecological conversion" highlighted in chapter 6 of *Laudato Si'*.

The programme has been filmed on location at the Eden Project, at a Franciscan Friary in Dorset and a wind farm in Cambridgeshire. Its descriptions and visual presentations help in understanding the reality of the damage being done and the various opportunities and possibilities that are within reach to reverse the process of pollution. *Global Healing* draws on interviews with a number of people well able to encourage us.

Participants include Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Dr Carmody Grey, Environmental specialist now working with CAFOD, Sr Margaret Atkins, author of "*Catholics and Our Common Home*", Fr Augusto Zampini, Formerly of CAFOD and now working in the Vatican on these matters, Fr Kevin Irwin from the United States, Fr Sean McDonagh, and Br Loarne, a Franciscan from Greyfriars, Oxford.

Global Healing is also drawn from the work of CAFOD and its experience and understanding of Climate Change in the Global South where the damage is greatest among the poorest people of our planet who have done least to cause it.

While the DVD presents a great deal of material, there will also be a *Global Healing* website full of resources and ideas for deeper, practical application. *Global Healing* is ideally designed to be shared over a supper with a parish group, with film clips, prayers and suggestions for discussion. Extra sessions will be available on the website which would be ideal for a short course, perhaps for the Season of Advent.

The essential first step is to recognise the problems of damage to our planet - our common home. When we acknowledge the situation we have created, either through ignorance or greed, we can begin in earnest to reverse the damage and secure a healthy world for future generations.

Watch the Global Healing Trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/271687885/760c8cd084>

For more information see: www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

FAITH LEADERS' INVITATION TO JOIN SEASON OF CREATION

15 June 2018: Ahead of the Season of Creation, faith leaders have issued the following letter today:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, "But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?" (Job 12:7-9, NRSV)

Once every year, from September 1 to October 4, we as members of the Christian family set aside time to deepen our relationship with the Creator, each other, and all of creation. This is the Season of Creation, which began in 1989 with the first recognition of the day of prayer for creation by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Church, and which is now embraced by the wider ecumenical family. During the Season of Creation, we join together to rejoice in the good gift of creation and reflect on how we care for it. This season offers a precious opportunity to pause in the midst of our day-to-day lives and contemplate the fabric of life into which we are woven.

As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gift we share. As the psalmist sings, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1-2).

During the Season of Creation, we ask ourselves: Do our actions honor the Lord as Creator? Are there ways to deepen our faith by protecting "the least of these," who are most vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation?

We invite you to join us on a journey of faith that challenges and rewards us with fresh perspective and deeper bonds of love. United in our sincere wish to protect creation and all those who share it, we join hands across denominations as sisters and brothers in Christ. During this season, we walk together towards greater stewardship of our place in creation.

"O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent" (Psalm 104:1-2).

In God's grace,

Archbishop Job of Telmessos, Permanent Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the WCC, on behalf of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew; Most Rev & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Cardinal Peter KA Turkson, Prefect, Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, World Council of Churches; Rev Dr Chris Ferguson, General Secretary, World Communion of Reformed Churches; Bishop Efraim Tendaro, Secretary-General, World Evangelical Alliance; Fr Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary, Conference of European Churches; Rev Dr Martin Junge, General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation; Mr Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary, ACT Alliance.

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CREATION DAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Following the example of the Orthodox Church, in 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. According to Pope Francis, "*This offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.*"

Suggestions for ways of celebrating this day as individuals, parishes or groups: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer>

A Useful Liturgical Resource - The Liverpool Archdiocese J&P Commission together with CAFOD Liverpool has prepared **Creation Time resources** for 2016 and 2017 containing praying with the gospels, stories from our time and *Laudato Si'*. The 2018 resource will be ready in the late Summer. This will then provide a complete course for the three years of the Church's liturgical cycle. **Download at** <https://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/resources/creation/>

New publications:

Just Food? Food and Farming for a Sustainable Future Edited by Barbara Butler

This Christians Aware publication aims to raise awareness of farming in the world today and its contribution to food security. It urges more support for sustainable family farming. £12 + £4 p&p from **Christians Aware** www.christiansaware.co.uk

Transport Now and in the Future – What are the issues? John Ray Initiative

Carbon emissions from transport is a major issue for the UK as it seeks to meet its commitments to the Paris Agreement. What are the ethical and theological issues? How do we make sensible personal decisions? Papers and audio files from a recent conference. **Free to download from** www.jri.org.uk

Tenants of the King Operation Noah

New study guide on the Churches taking action on climate change. Includes Bible-study booklets, leaders materials and a series of short videos, has been developed to explore the Biblical foundations of creation care, and the practical steps that individuals and churches alike can take in response. **From** www.operatonnoah.org

The Climate and Migration Coalition - excellent videos and podcasts on various issue linked to climate change and refugees. One is 'Goodbye Paradise' about the Maldives and climate change. <http://climatemigration.org.uk/>

BOOK: *SEEKING COMMUNION*

Seeking Communion: A Collection of Conversations by Joseph Victor Edwin SJ.

The title of this book doesn't give you much of an indication of what it's about - and for that reason you might skip the book if you spotted it in a bookshop. But please don't! Despite its bland title, it contains valuable bits of wisdom. It is a collection of interviews with a number of people from across the globe, focusing on religion (particularly Islam and Christianity), religious identity, interfaith and inter-community relations, conflict-resolution and peace-building-matters that continue to greatly matter today, as they always have.

A Catholic priest with a PhD in Islamic Studies who teaches Islam and Christian-Muslim relations at a leading Catholic centre for higher religious learning in Delhi, the compiler of the book, Joseph Victor Edwin, is well qualified for the task he has taken up. He has put together interviews with 25 people (24 men and one woman) from different parts of the world who are engaged, in different capacities, in trying to promote dialogue, understanding and peace among people who follow (or claim to follow) different religions.

One major focus of work for many of the interviewees is promoting better relations between Christians and Muslims, who, taken together, form a considerable majority of the world's population. Given the fact that historically, relations between Christians and Muslims in large parts of the world have been conflictual (and this remains the case in many places today), the work that these individuals are engaged in is particularly important.

The interviewees include academics, social activists and priests. Some are Muslims [all Sunnis, it seems], while the rest are mostly or entirely Christians [the majority of them Catholics]. They are based in different countries in Asia, Europe and North America. Some of the interviewees work mainly at the scholarly level, while others are engaged in 'grassroots' activities. No matter what their geographical location or professional background, the interviewees are all concerned with promoting inter-community harmony. In their interviews they dwell on their own understandings of religion in the context of, among other issues, questions of religious pluralism and interfaith relations. But this book isn't just about theology. Many of the interviewees also share - and this really adds to the book's value-their personal experiences of interacting and engaging in dialogue with people of other faiths.

Some of the crucial issues that the book deals with are: how faith in and commitment to a particular religion and witnessing to it among others can go along with respect for other religions and their adherents; the contemporary importance of interfaith and inter-community bridge-building; varied purposes and forms of interfaith dialogue and collaboration; religion as a means for promoting peace, as opposed to its misuse as a vehicle for fomenting conflict; theological arguments to counter radicalism in the name of religion; the need for rethinking religion in a contextually-relevant and spiritually-elevating manner, firmly foregrounding the issue of peaceful relations with people of other faith backgrounds; and religious identities and related issues of exclusivism and supremacism.

The light, conversational manner of the interviews, all geared to seeking interfaith communion, makes for easy reading, enabling even so-called non-specialists to easily understand issues to do with religion that some theological 'experts' often unnecessarily complicate in their writings. In the context of horrific conflict in the name of religion in large parts of the world today, this book is a precious gift, reflecting an enduring hope for peace.

Seeking Communion: A Collection of Conversations by Joseph Victor Edwin SJ. Published by Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Delhi, and Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad. ISBN: 978-81-8465-649-7

Reviewd by Dr Yoginder Sikand

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34963>

SCHOOLS AND YOUTH EDUCATION WORKER

Pax Christi is seeking a Schools and Youth Peace Education worker to take forward and develop its well-respected education work.

Do you have a passion for peace and education, knowledge of developments within the Catholic education world, can deliver presentations with confidence and produce educational resources? Are you are looking to make a difference in our world and enjoy working independently yet share common work within a small team? This could be the job for you.

The salary will be in the range of £31,000 to £33,000 and is a permanent position, subject to continuing funding. There is a six month probationary period. The role will involve significant travel within the UK and working outside core hours. Start date late August – but some negotiation possible. Closing date for applications: 13/7/18, Interviews scheduled for 2/8/18

For more info and application form go to: paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/

Outgoing Schools and Youth Education worker Matt Jeziorski writes: I am leaving the Pax Christi Peace Education hot-seat after nine happy years. I will be around until mid-August and I look forward to working with many of you before then. In an article for the latest edition of *the Universe Education Supplement* I champion the value of peace education in schools. Reflecting on Pope Francis's words that we can all be artisans of peace I explain how, by fostering a culture of peace, our schools can play a central role in the forming of those peacemakers that our world so urgently needs.

The full article can be read here: <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Creating-a-culture-of-peace-in-our-schools.pdf> - well worth reading and passing on to others.

We wish Matt all the best for the future – Ed.

'HOW LONG, LORD?' FAIROUZ CHANTS IN SOLIDARITY WITH JERUSALEM AND GAZA

More than fifty years have passed since Lebanese Fairouz artist released her song for Jerusalem, *'The flower of cities'* in 1967. Today, and in the aftermath of the recent Gaza massacre, Lebanon's most renowned artist returns with *'Ela Mata Ya Rabbou'* (*How long, Lord?*), a hymn adapted from chapter 13 of the Book of Psalms, which she dedicates to the Jerusalem and Gaza.

The hymn is accompanied by a video, in which Fairouz appears chanting chapter 13 from the Book of Psalms whilst an icon of Christ on the cross is seen behind her. In the verses, we read that the psalmist is lamenting to God, asking Him when he will be relieved from his hardships. The video then proceeds to show pictures of Palestinians during the six-week-long *'Great March of Return'* protests that started on Land Day (anniversary of Palestinian lands confiscated in 1976) on March 30 and led up to May 15, the 70th anniversary of the Nakba – the exodus when 700,000+ Palestinians fled or were expelled from their homes during the 1948 Palestinian war. The protests were a reminder of the Palestinians' Right of Return according to United Nations Resolution 194. Between March 30 and May 19, there were 113 dead Palestinians and thousands wounded in Gaza.

During her singing career, Fairouz spoke about the plight of Palestinians and their right of return in songs like *'I don't forget you Palestine'*, *'We will return someday'* and *'Jerusalem's ancient streets.'* Fairouz, who was born into a Syriac Orthodox and Maronite family, had also released two hymn albums; *Good Friday Eastern Sacred Song* and *Christmas Hymns.*

To listen to the hymn, please click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2eHfV_uMw4
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34990>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE *IN THE SHELTER OF EACH OTHER THE PEOPLE LIVE*

There is still time to book for the Annual Justice & Peace Conference, 20 – 22 July 2018.

Information and booking forms available at www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference or contact Ann Kelly, Administrator
Tel: 020 7901 4864 Email: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

The conference will explore the concept of 'home' in our divided and unequal world, reminding us that our own well-being is never assured while others are excluded; that we all have something to give to and receive from the other, including those considered of no value in our society.

SPEAKERS:

Revd Al Barrett, vicar on an estate in Birmingham, will speak on: *'Can anybody hear me? Christian discipleship in Brexit Britain, in the shadow of Grenfell Tower'*

Theologian David McLoughlin will speak on *'Living with others in the presence of our strange God'*

Sarah Teather from Jesuit Refugee Service will speak from her experience of accompanying refugees.

John Grogan, Labour MP for Keighley and Ilkley, will look at how we can build a more inclusive Britain.

WORKSHOPS:

Housing Need and Homelessness: Towards a Culture of Encounter (Housing Justice)

Those in Peril on the Sea – the world of seafarers (Apostleship of the Sea)

Empowering People in Poverty (Church Action on Poverty)

Two Sides of the Same Coin – poverty and exclusion in the UK and the global South (Centre for Justice & Theology)

A Place for Those Affected by Imprisonment in Our Communities (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

Encountering the Other - Interfaith Relations (Columbans)

The Importance of Public Services (Sally Ruane, Reader in Social Policy, De Montfort University)

Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery (Medaille Trust)

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse (National Board of Catholic Women)

All Things are Connected – what does 'home' mean for nature? (Mary Colwell, writer, producer and naturalist)

Making local and global connections around gun and knife crime (Pax Christi)

Share the Journey Caritas Global Campaign on Migrants and Refugees (CAFOD)

We are a Travelling People – Catholic Travellers at the Heart of the Community (National Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers)

Protecting Our Created Home – examining the real progress towards the abolition of nuclear weapons (Christian CND)

Faith and Light communities of those with learning disabilities and their families and friends (Faith and Light Leeds).

Families welcome: Discounts available for families with children, and some bursary funds to help families and young adults.

Plus: 'Your Time' session where delegates create the agenda; Just Fair Market Place with representation from around 30 organisations; inspiring liturgies; free time activities – walks, reflection groups, or just enjoying the grounds at The Hayes Conference Centre <https://www.cct.org.uk/the-hayes/virtual-tour>

The conference is organised by National Justice & Peace Network in partnership with Apostleship of the Sea, Church Action on Poverty, Housing Justice, Prison Advice & Care Trust.

JUNE

30 Pilgrimage Against Poverty walk: Monton, Salford – cancelled due to lack of demand www.church-poverty.org.uk

30 Friends of Sabeel & Kairos Britain Conference 10am-5pm Oxford. Now fully booked.

www.friendsofsabeel.org.uk/events/251/friends-of-sabeel-uk-kairos-britain-conference-2018-oxford/

30 June – 8 July SPEAK UP FOR CLIMATE CHANGE 2018 National week of action. Many major charities (such as CAFOD) are inviting people to become part of a national conversation about how Climate Change is affecting our lives – and to have that conversation with people that can change things such as our MPs.

Resources: www.theclimatecoalition.org/speakupweek and www.cafod.org.uk

JULY

7 Mass of Thanksgiving for CAFOD Volunteers in Lancaster Diocese at St Wilfrid's Catholic Church, Preston at 12.15pm, with a light lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall. For catering purposes please let Patrick Gardner know if you will be attending. pgardner@cafod.org.uk

10 CWDF Forum 6.45-9pm The Unity Centre, Cuppin St, Chester CH1 2BN. Speaker Helen Tandy on the topic of *Ethical Investment & Divestment*. Contact 01244 350323/383668 or bernard.payne691@btinternet.com

13 Carnival of Resistance against Donald Trump's visit to the UK. Hundreds of thousands of people up and down the country will join forces to show that his rhetoric of hate and divisiveness isn't accepted here. Find out about events happening in your region (details coming soon.) Organise your own event. Join the mass protest in central London. Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever you're planning: pledge to join the carnival. www.stoptrump.org.uk

20 –22 ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE: 'In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live' The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Information and booking forms available at: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/ or contact: The Administrator, NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX 020 7901 4864 admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

1 September – 4 October Season of Creation

Beginning with the World Day of Prayer on September 1 and continuing throughout the month Christian churches and faith communities around the globe are praying, celebrating and taking action for creation. There are suggestions for activities and prayer resources at: <http://seasonofcreation.org/> and www.columbans.co.uk/creation-time/

7-9 The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" in Liverpool on 7 - 9 September 2018

7-9 THE PARALLEL PROGRAMME - This aims to support the event in the Echo Arena by exploring a wide understanding of Eucharist and providing events for those who couldn't get tickets for the main event. **See below for a comprehensive list of events.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL, 7/8 SEPTEMBER

CAFOD will be holding a workshop and display as part of the Parallel Event programme that is happening alongside the official Congress. If you have missed out on being a delegate from your parish why not come and volunteer with us and experience the many fringe events in the city centre that weekend. We need you to help in our venue (church close to the Cathedral) and/or to act as a steward. Please email Bridget on bfenwick@cafod.org.uk to offer your help or let Patrick, your CAFOD Lancaster Coordinator, know on pgardner@cafod.org.uk. Travel expenses will be paid.

29 Jubilee Debt Campaign National Event The Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret St, Birmingham B3 3BS. Join The Jubilee Debt Campaign to celebrate 20 years since their Jubilee 2000 campaign. You can expect a workshop about debt issues in 2018, rousing speeches, a city-centre stunt, catching up with old friends or making new ones, food and refreshments and films. Come for a couple of hours or the whole day. To register contact clare@jubileedebt.org.uk or phone 02073 244728

OCTOBER

7 HOMELESS SUNDAY IS MOVING DATES - After consulting with partners and supporters, we've decided to move Homeless Sunday to a new date this year, to coincide with the beginning of the winter season for church and community night shelters. www.housingjustice.org.uk

24 Chester to Newport Peace Train - an event being organised by the Hereford Peace Council to ask Parliament to ensure that the UK becomes a signatory to the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty. A number of the Hereford Peace Council and supporters will ride a regularly scheduled Arriva train on the South Wales/North Wales line from Chester to Newport. At each stop along the route, they will collect any written messages and add them to the 'mail bag'. Each participating organisation will have a representative waiting on the platform to personally hand over their letter or petition. Messages from Chester will be delivered to the Peace Train at the entrance to Chester station. Chester CND will organise an opportunity for a press photograph as we hand over our letters to the Hereford Group, important for reaching out to the public here. If you take part, we'll let you know, nearer the date, the train leaving time and our final arrangements. Contact Dai Owen, Joint Convenor Chester CND on 01244 679051 or email chestercnd@gmail.com

- Many items taken from the daily e-bulletin Independent Catholic News www.indcatholicnews.com an invaluable free resources for up-to-date J&P news, events and in-depth articles.
- Sign up for comprehensive weekly e-bulletins from National J&P Network (plus copies of this newsletter and back issues) and resources at www.justice-and-peace.org.uk or contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk 0207 901 4864

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SEPTEMBER 7 –8

Friday & Saturday 12-9pm *Welcoming the stranger: Irish immigration through to modern day asylum seekers and refugees*

An exhibition in an historic Liverpool Irish immigrant parish examining both the history and current issues of migration, asylum and refugees. Displays, statistics, stories and voices about what it means to journey in search of a new life in the United Kingdom. There will also be information about the Home Office Community Sponsorship Scheme and how churches can be involved. St Anthony of Egypt Church, Scotland Road, Liverpool L5 5BD.

Friday & Saturday 11am-3:30pm *Broken TV series: a discussion with Director Jimmy McGovern*

A viewing of a selection of episodes of the television series *Broken* about an inner-city priest from the North of England and the people around him in his community. Exposition, Mass, and refreshments are followed by the screening of an episode with behind-the-scenes commentary by the director Jimmy McGovern. Includes discussion about the issues raised by this important series and living the Eucharist in daily life. St Francis Xavier Church, Salisbury Street, Liverpool L3 8DR

Saturday 12-6pm *Environment: 'On the altar of the world'* - Exploring a sacramental theology of creation with representation from NJPN, CAFOD and the Northern Dioceses Environmental Group. Talks, discussion and hospitality. Includes family-friendly activities. St Philip Neri Church, 30 Catharine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL. Preceded by **NJPN gathering 11- 12**

Saturday 12-6pm *Food for the Hungry: practical responses to physical hunger* - A city centre event looking at the issues surrounding hunger and food poverty today. With input from Feeding Liverpool, Church Action on Poverty, and Micah (two Cathedrals foodbank). This event includes panel discussion about the causes of hunger and offers the opportunity to respond by making and delivering food in the city centre to hungry and homeless people. There will also be a space for quiet prayer in support of this work. St Vincent de Paul Church, St James Street, Liverpool L1 5EE

Saturday 12-6pm *Food for the Hungry: practical responses to physical hunger - 'I am the Bread of Life'*

Learn how to make bread from scratch at Nugent kitchen with other activities while the dough is rising. (Includes session based on '*I, Daniel Blake*.') Epsom Street Community Centre, Epsom Way L5 2QT

Saturday 12-6pm *Reconciliation and the Eucharist with Pax Christi*

Pax Christi will host sessions looking at reconciliation, forgiveness, peace and the Eucharist. Includes stories of reconciliation in families, in our country and globally. Plus meditation with the Pax Christi ICON. Our Lady of the Reconciliation de la Salette Church, 39 Eldon Street, Liverpool L3 6HE

Saturday 3-6pm *Eucharist, the Bread of life*

An opportunity for interdenominational sharing about the place of the Eucharist in living our Christian faith. Join clergy and lay people to discuss Jesus's saying '*I am the Bread of Life*' and what Christians call the Lord's Supper, Memorial, Eucharist and Communion. Our Lady & St Nicholas, Liverpool Parish Church, Old Churchyard, Chapel Street, Liverpool L2 8TZ
CAFOD will be at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Hall Lane, Liverpool L7 8TG on Saturday

PLANNING FOR 'PARALLEL' EVENTS as at 24/5/18

Eucharist: The Bread of Life - Interdenominational sharing on how we understand Eucharist.

Conversation between Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Bishop Paul Bayes and a Free Church leader.

St Nicholas, 5 Old Church Yard, Liverpool L2 8GW 5.15 – 6.15 Saturday – ticket only via Eventbrite – going online Friday 29 June

DIAKONIA: who feeds the hungry? Food for the hungry 1

Practical responses to physical hunger

Coordinated by the Liverpool deacons. Fr Kenny Hyde & team; High School chaplains; MICAH: two Cathedrals food bank; Church Action on Poverty: workshop and petitions; Josh Fenton-Glynn, End Hunger UK Campaign Manager.

St Vincent de Paul, St James Street, Liverpool L1 5EE. Saturday

Food for the hungry 2

Feeding Liverpool: sharing stories over food

Bread making; Parishioner involvement; Virginia Moffat workshop on '*I, Daniel Blake*

The Epsie Nugent Kitchen, Epsom St Community Centre, Epsom Way, Liverpool L5 2QT

Welcoming the Stranger

Immigration into the North West from the Great Famine through to modern day Asylum Seekers/Refugees

Coordinated by Liverpool J&P

The inputs will include: vocabulary; reasons for migration; journeys; process of application; 'failed' asylum seekers; destitution; statistics; range of voices and stories. St Anthony, Scotland Rd, Liverpool L5 5BD 11.00 – 3.00 Saturday

Reconciliation

Coordinated by Pax Christi

Meditations with Pax Christ ICON '*Christ is Our Reconciliation*'; Jenny Sinclair with T4CG's perspective on reconciliation; family friendly activities; discussion panel of women

NB. This event is no longer at Our Lady of Reconciliation, Eldon Steet, Vauxhall, Liverpool L3 6HE due to a structurally unsafe building – now being held at St Philip Neri, 30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL Saturday

Reconciliation

Matt Jeziorski (Pax's Youth worker), James Trewby (Columban's Youth worker), Bishop John Rawsthorne and Ms Janette Porter – aimed at Yr 9s from across the archdiocese – good take-up so far – if places are available by mid-July they may be offered out further afield . Contact Steve Atherton for enquiries: s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk 0151 522 1080
Invitations sent to all High Schools in Archdiocese Notre Dame HS, Great Homer St, L5 5AF Friday

Environment: 'On the Altar of the World' Explorations of a sacramental theology of creation
NJPN in main church

Northern Dioceses Environmental Group in community rooms, including Creation Time resource booklet; Caritas (Diocese of Salford); BoB boxes; Eco-bricks; T4CG; guided meditation on the sacred in the everyday.
WELCOME; RECONCILIATION; LISTENING; OPEN TO THE DIVINE; SHARING; MISSION/DISSMISSAL
St Philip Neri, 30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL Saturday

CAFOD

Sacred Heart, Low Hill, L7 8TN

Being a Eucharistic Community An invitation to conversation and cake St Michael's, Horne St, L6 5EH

City walk

Mgr Peter Fleetwood Including info on Sheppard/Warlock memorial Printed info for self-guided walk

Different groups will be offered responsibility to organise each event in detail.

Delegates will be able to 'dip in' to events rather than stay for a whole day.

Each event will be structured with a timetable; offer a range of activities; offer the same input more than once; have family friendly activities available; have child friendly activities available; have interactive elements; have non-interactive elements e.g screens for video clips, etc <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FGObtu-EMI> have resources that delegates can take away; offer suggestions for development for delegates to consider.

Steve Atherton s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk 0151 522 1080 is the overall contact person but individual contacts for each venue will be on the publicity for the event.