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Pope names an 8th “work of mercy”

In his message “Have Mercy on our Common Home,” Pope Francis named caring for our common home as a new act of mercy, along with feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, and the other corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. Earth Day (April 22nd) is a perfect time to highlight this new act of mercy as an integral part of Christian life.



- ✿ In the Ecuadorian Amazon, the Capuchin Friars in Tiputini will host a day of prayer and action where they will collect garbage on a nature walk for both interior purification and external transformation.
- ✿ A prayer service and educational workshop will start the day in Dhaka, Bangladesh to inspire participants to care for creation.
- ✿ A diocesan wide round-table in Burlington, Vermont will explore parish initiatives for creation sustainability such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, and clean water.
- ✿ Across the United States, communities will be preparing for the massive People’s Climate March in Washington, DC to stand in solidarity with the planet and the poor.

Every act of mercy, big or small, is important. As Francis said, “As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires “simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness...”

In his message, the pope said that, “It is up to citizens to insist that [governments honor their climate commitments], and indeed to advocate for even more ambitious goals.”

On April 22nd, communities around the globe will be hitting the streets for the March for Science to celebrate climate science and evidence-based policies to safeguard our planet.

This campaign will also be the preparation weekend for the People’s Climate March of April 29th that will take place in Washington DC and across the United States. Use this weekend to host an informational session about the local march or to gather a group to create your posters and pray and reflect on the issues which you will be marching for.



“SJP West” preparing to come east!



Our provincial chapter is fast approaching, and friars are making travel plans to attend the 45th event in our province’s history. Currently eight friars of the St. Joseph Province reside in California: seven at the novitiate in San Lorenzo, and Tony Scannell in La Canada Flintridge.

Pictured left (L-R): Joachim Strupp (community member); novices Nathan Linton, Joe Babcock, Michael Dorn, and Truyen Nguyen; Tony Scannell; novice Faris Najor, and Bill Hugo, novitiate formator.

We’re anxious to see you all again soon!

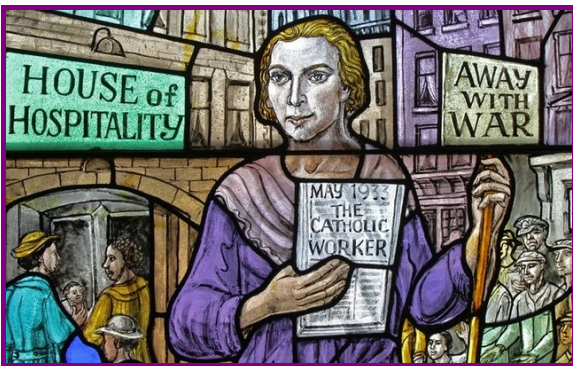
Welcoming another friar!

On Monday March 13th Madalai Muthu, Jerry Johnson and Steve Kropp welcomed Pushparaj Alphonse at O’Hare Airport as he arrived from India to live and work at Saint Lawrence Seminary. To make sure he had the best experience possible upon his arrival to the USA, we arranged for the biggest snow storm of the season to greet him! Pushparaj is 35 years old and was recently ordained. He is from the city of Chennai, where his family still resides.



L-R: Madalai Muthu, Pushparaj Alphonse and Steve Kropp at McDonald’s for a coffee break.

Women’s history month: celebrating Dorothy Day — “Kindred spirit with Pope Francis”



Dorothy Day's granddaughter and the publisher of her letters and diaries were among the speakers at a symposium about the Catholic Worker co-founder. "Revolution of the Heart: A Two-Day Celebration of Dorothy Day" was held recently at Loyola University Chicago's Lakeshore campus.

Dorothy Day and Pope Francis are "kindred spirits," the editor of Day's diaries and letters told the symposium about the Catholic Worker co-founder, noting similarities in her "revolution of the heart" and his "revolution of kindness."

"Despite their differences, they both obviously read the same

Gospels — *and read them through a Franciscan lens,*" said Robert Ellsberg, editor-in-chief and publisher of Orbis Books. Ellsberg gave the keynote address at Loyola University Chicago to kick off the two-day symposium named for one of Day's most famous quotes: "The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart."



37th anniversary of the assassination of Oscar Romero: March 24th

A Future Not Our Own

This prayer was composed by the late Ken Untener, bishop of Saginaw MI.

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

**Romero was martyred on 24 March 1980.
He was beatified on 19 May 2015.**





Chris Pelak's aunt died on 18 March after suffering with lung cancer.

Iris Gonzalez (former secretary at St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Ronnie Chapman (brother-in-law of Michael Gaffney) died on 16 March.

Jim and Tom Zelinski want to thank all who wrote with words of prayer and support at the time of our sister , Kathy's death. Our whole family appreciates the concern expressed at that time, both from friars and from many others who read the provincial notices. She passed away peacefully on March 6, after suffering from various things in recent months, and finally entering into hospice care. Thank you all very much. — Jim and Tom Zelinski.

Thanks to all who offered prayers for my brother-in-law, Robert Galloway, on the occasion of his death. I and his family are grateful. — Franklin Eichhorst

MARCH



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OPCC Zoom Conf
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Michael Dorn (B)
- 31 César Chávez (1927-1993) (B)

Pray for vocations!

Coming soon: 45th Chapter of the St. Joseph Province



2014 Provincial Chapter, St. Xavier University, Chicago



The 2017 provincial chapter begins on Monday, 5 June and ends on Friday, 9 June.