

## Catholics for Peace and Justice

### APRIL 2013 Newsletter

Alleluia! The hope and love of the risen lord is upon us! "In God's hand is the soul of every living thing and the life breath of all humankind." *Job 12:10*

We begin the Easter season with our thoughts on creation and the abundant gifts that God has given us – all of us, to be shared and cherished. We invite each of you to join us on Saturday, April 13 for "***Finding Our Place in the Web of Life***" as we reflect on the dynamics of creation, ecology and our faith journey. What better way to celebrate Earth Day and the resurrection of our Lord. [Please join us and pass the word to others.](#)

Blessings on Your Ministry



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### **Finding Our Place in the Web of Life**

A Day of Reflection: Saturday, April 13, 9 am -3 pm with Margaret Swedish at the MU Alumni Memorial Union, 1400 W. Wisconsin Ave. Cost: Free Will Donation at the door. New discoveries of the vastness of the universe have reshaped our sense of place and purpose as humans living on this one small planet in one of billions of galaxies. Meanwhile, as we make these discoveries, we are encountering ecological crises across our planet that are threatening the future of life, and they, too, are becoming our teachers, revealing us to ourselves. We will explore these dynamics and what they tell us about this moment of transition, the implications for the journey of faith. Our presenter Margaret Swedish was director of the Religious Task Force on Central America and Mexico in Washington DC from 1981-2004, a national organization founded by Catholic religious leaders that addressed issues of human rights and US military and economic policy in the region. Since 2006 her work has been focused on the ecological crises now confronting humanity, offering presentations, workshops, and retreats through her project, Spirituality and Ecological Hope. Sponsored by Catholics for Peace and Justice and The Marquette Center for Peacemaking. [Flyer](#) [More Information and On Line Registration](#) Contact: Jim Gill at 262-547-6555 x306 or [jgill@stmarywk.org](mailto:jgill@stmarywk.org)  
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### **More Ideas from the World Cafe**

A significant volume of thoughts and ideas emerged from the Social Justice Ministry World Café held in March. As follow on to the synopsis we provided in the March Newsletter, we are providing a recording of the final Café Conversation along with a listing of the numerous observations, experiences, and wisdom recorded at each of the tables. The summary is informative with many excellent working experiences shared. We are continuing to sift through the commentary to discern what actions, education, events and opportunities we can offer or coordinate so that we can all continue to work together for the greater good. As you sift through the details, we welcome your thoughts and continued participation. We as an organization will be working to make resources, tools and communication more accessible to our wider community. We hope that you will continue to join us. [Social Justice Ministry World Café Notes](#).  
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### **Update on Milwaukee Justice for Immigrants Campaign – Focus on Family Unity**

On April 8, 2013, the so called “Gang of 8” senators are due to introduce their bill for comprehensive immigration reform. As we await the introduction of this bill, members of the committee are in the process of verifying the current positions of our legislators and opportunities for visits and attendance at town hall meetings.

Delegates at the Milwaukee Justice for Immigrants Campaign agreed that focusing on the issue of family unity has been the message most acceptable to Catholics on all political sides. Focusing on family unity and human dignity should be our lead theme when presenting and discussing comprehensive reform. It follows that preserving family unity requires a path to citizenship for undocumented persons. Here are some of the most recent concerns regarding family unity and the Senate “Gang of 8” legislation.

Are you new to the Justice for Immigrants Campaign?

The Catholic Church supports these 5 basic elements for Comprehensive Immigration Reform:

1. Provide a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the country.
2. Preserve family unity as a cornerstone of our national immigration system.
3. Provide legal path for low-skilled immigrant workers to come and work in the United States.
4. The U.S. should treat asylum seekers, refugees, and other forced migrants with respect and dignity.
5. Address the root causes (push factors) of migration, like persecution + economic disparity.

Good explanations of the Catholic bishops' position on Comprehensive Immigration Reform can be found in [The Feb 12, 2013 testimony of Most Rev. Jose H. Gomez to the Senate Committee on Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#)

[The Justice for Immigrants Parish Kit](#)

More links and resources are available at [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

[Send a Justice for Immigrants postcard to your representatives](#)

[Simple resources, and tools](#) you can use to involve your parish or a segment of your parish with the Justice for Immigrants Campaign.

“Immigration reform is not about politics. It is about the biblical call to welcome the stranger and care for the least of these. We have a moral responsibility to fix the broken immigration system that is hurting our brothers and sisters.

[Both Republicans and Democrats agree](#) that a solution should include a roadmap to citizenship for the 11 million aspiring Americans who are contributing to our society.” *Sojourners*

[Immigrants Held in Solitary Cells, Often for Weeks](#)

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### **Most Say Unauthorized Immigrants Should Be Allowed to Stay**

[Pew Research Poll, March 28, 2013](#)

Majorities across all demographic and political groups say there should be a way for unauthorized immigrants who meet certain requirements to stay in the U.S. legally. But there are mixed views as to whether unauthorized immigrants should be eligible for citizenship. In 2011, there were about 40 million immigrants in the United States -- 11.1 million, or 28%, were in the country illegally. 71% of Americans say there should be a way for them to stay legally with 43% saying they should be eligible for citizenship and 24% eligible for permanent residency. 27% say they should not be allowed to stay.

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### **The 11x15 Campaign: Information and How to Get Involved**

On March 14 nearly 1000 Wisconsinites gathered in Madison to meet with their legislators. Their message? - to take solid steps to cut Wisconsin's prison population in half by 2015. In Wisconsin, we know we have too many people in our prisons and through pilot programs, studies and the experience of other state's programs, we know that Treatment Alternatives and Diversions (TAD) work as an alternative to incarceration. These programs are cheaper and more effective than jail and prison time for low-risk offenders. Every day we wait for change is a day of wasted money and wasted human potential. We are not any safer. Our state's incarceration rate has grown dramatically in recent decades. The system we now have is wasteful (we spend more than twice as much per year on Corrections as our neighbors in Minnesota, though we have similar populations), it is ineffective (our overuse of prisons and jails makes us less safe than we would be if we used more alternatives), and it is unfair (the racial disparities in Wisconsin's prison system are among the worst in the nation).

Incarceration comes with a cost. We pay a huge human price for our overuse of incarceration. Families and communities have been destroyed. The cost of Corrections in Wisconsin has risen from under \$200 million per year in 1990 to more than \$1.3 billion in 2011 – more than we spend on the entire UW Education system. There are effective options. The good news is that TAD programs are being proven effective every day in our state. Counties have established numerous programs: drug treatment courts, mental health courts, day report centers, universal screening, and more. We are learning, decisively and overwhelmingly, that alternatives to incarceration are

effective by most any measure:

What can you do? - [Learn More about This Issue](#) - [Presentation](#) - [Impact Assessment Summary](#) - [Brochure](#)

**Take Action:** [Sign A Petition to Legislators](#) - [Write Your Representative](#)

[Visit Your Representative](#) with [Catholics at the Capitol on April 10](#)

[Attend a State Joint Finance Committee Hearing](#) and stand with others requesting funding for 11X15

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### **It's Time to Rethink Prison**

[James E. Causey, March 19, JSOnline](#)

While waiting for our charter bus to leave for Madison to appeal to lawmakers to come up with alternatives to prison, William Harrell looked out the bus window and pointed out all the boarded-up houses along a stretch of N. 5th and Locust streets. It seemed as though every other house was boarded up. "I bet you drugs and alcohol addiction played a big part in this problem," Harrell said. "I've seen this before." Harrell, the founder of the Table of the Saints - a group designed to help those who are incarcerated to make a positive transition back into the community - knows from experience the dangerous impact of drugs. He battled a crack addiction that got the best of him for a number of years. Drugs caused him to lose his wife and the respect of his children, and it cost 10 years of freedom due to his subsequent incarceration. [Read full article](#)

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### **Wisconsin State Legislative Joint Finance Committee Public Hearings**

The Joint Finance Committee will hold four public hearings around the state to get feedback from Wisconsinites regarding the 2013-2015 State Budget. The hearings will be held in Greendale (April 4), Green Bay (April 8), Lake Delton (April 10), and Baldwin (April 18). [Here are the details on the schedule of meetings](#). If you are unable to attend a public hearing but still want to be heard, submit your written comments to [budgetcomments@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:budgetcomments@legis.wisconsin.gov) or mail them to JFC Clerk, Room 305 East, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.

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### **Common Ground Core Team Meeting, Delegates Assembly and Update**

The next **Catholics for Peace and Justice Common Ground core team meeting will take place on April 16th at 4:30 pm** at the Panera on at 15040 W Greenfield Ave Brookfield, WI 53005 [(262) 641-0550]. We will be talking about the latest updates on Common Ground campaigns, the CPJ CG group and doing a DIG [Discovery in Groups] session to find out the concerns you have for our community. Visit the Common Ground website at [www.commongroundwi.org](http://www.commongroundwi.org) for more info on Common Ground.

The **Common Ground April Delegates Assembly will take place on Sunday, April 21st, 3 to 4:30 pm** at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center. To learn more about Common Ground and attend the Common Ground Delegates Assembly, contact Mary Kleist at [maryakleist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryakleist@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Krolkowski at [MKrolkowski@chw.org](mailto:MKrolkowski@chw.org).

**Common Ground Overview & Relational Meeting Workshop:** Learn about Common Ground, why we organize, and how to organize - with a focus on relational meeting skills. Date: **Wednesday, April, 24 6:30 to 8:30 pm** at St. Anthony on the Lake Catholic Church, W280 N2101 Prospect Avenue, Pewaukee. Contact Mary Kleist at [maryakleist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryakleist@sbcglobal.net) or Mary Krolkowski at [MKrolkowski@chw.org](mailto:MKrolkowski@chw.org) to attend.

The Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative has received its certificate of authority from the state of Wisconsin. This is an important step towards our goal of enrolling individuals and small employers beginning October, 2013 for January 1, 2014 coverage. For more updates on this campaign, Milwaukee Rising and Education go to [www.commongroundwi.org](http://www.commongroundwi.org)

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### **WI State Legislation Introduced to Reduce Gun Violence**

Representative Melissa Sargent co-sponsored a bill that would require background checks for ALL gun sales in

Wisconsin. According to WAVE [Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort] on March 21, Elvin Daniel spoke to legislators of losing his sister in the Brookfield spa shooting last October. He's a gun owner and NRA member. And he's a strong supporter of background checks for all gun sales. Because he knows it might have prevented his sister's killer from ever getting a gun in the first place. According to two recent Wisconsin polls, 89% -- including more than 80% of gun owners -- support background checks on all gun sales. WAVE is asking concerned citizens to [ask their representatives to co-sponsor legislation to require criminal background checks](#) for all gun sales. Go to [www.waveedfund.org](http://www.waveedfund.org) for 5 things you can do right now to help curb gun violence.

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### **Rep. Melissa Sargent: Why wait on gun control?**

[The Capital Times](#)

First, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of a bill that would require background checks for all gun purchases in Wisconsin. Under current law, guns sold by licensed dealers require a background check. This bill would impose the same requirement on private gun sales. About 40 percent of all gun buyers escape a criminal background check because they're going through unlicensed dealers. This so called "gun show" loophole has been allowing people who cannot legally possess firearms to get their hands on guns. There are strong data that show most people agree that the law should apply equally to everyone.

Second, I recently co-authored legislation with Sen. Fred Risser that would prohibit concealed weapons from being carried in our state Capitol. The purpose of this legislation is two-fold. It would clear up a confusing policy in which guns are allowed in some chambers of the Capitol, but not others. It also protects thousands of families and school children that travel to the Capitol each year. Their safety is of the utmost importance. Adding individuals carrying concealed weapons into this environment creates an inherent risk.

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### **Federal Legislation on Gun Violence**

[From WAVE \[Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort\]](#)

Join people across America and call Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson to express your opinion on gun violence and gun control

Senator Baldwin -- (608) 264-5338

Senator Johnson -- (920) 230-7250

[Or Send an email](#) Here is a script:

1. Give them your name and tell them where you're from, so they know you're a constituent
2. Tell them that you expect them to vote for Senate Bill 649, which requires a criminal background check for every gun sale in America.
3. Ask them to support legislation to keep military style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines off our streets.

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### **Campaign for Governor to Accept Federal \$\$ for Coverage of the Uninsured**

A number of organizations locally and nationwide are campaigning for Governor Walker and our state legislators to accept federal funding to provide health coverage for the uninsured. The Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) determined that this part of the ACA was optional for states. As a result, many governors, including Governor Walker, have rejected this federal funding. While accepting the federal funds would allow for increased eligibility up to 138% of the federal poverty line, Governor Walker proposed restrictions that would deny coverage to those presently eligible. Basically, we are asking that governors accept billions of dollars in federal money, infuse their states with an economic boost, and provide a modicum of justice for those living in poverty by providing healthcare.

Organizations advocating for expansion of health coverage to the uninsured with links to resources and information [NETWORK – National Catholic Social Justice Lobby](#) [Nuns on the Bus]

[Wisconsin Council on Children & Families](#)

### **Common Council Resolution on Aid to Israel**

**Take Action:** Milwaukee Residents, have you signed on yet to our Request to the Milwaukee Common Council? If Yes, thanks and let us know at [svirgine@earthlink.net](mailto:svirgine@earthlink.net) . If not, please go to: [www.milwaukeeneeds.org](http://www.milwaukeeneeds.org) Enter your zip code and ask your Alderperson to Sign On to the Resolution to Request Congress and the President to Stop Military Aid to Israel until they End the Occupation of Palestine. The US sends Israel over \$3 billion every year for military aid. This money is used to support Israel's occupation of Palestine and the Holy Land. The occupation forces destroy homes, orchards, infrastructure, and violate the human rights of Palestinians. Milwaukee's share of this aid is \$7 million every year. Why would any taxpayer choose to have their tax money used in this way, especially in view of Milwaukee's urgent financial needs? While it is true that the City Council cannot directly change this policy, they can make their displeasure known to Pres. Obama and our Congress members. History shows that most major policy changes have their beginning at the local level where the voice of the people is more likely to be heard. If you agree that this policy needs changing, please join us in this effort, by going to [www.milwaukeeneeds.org](http://www.milwaukeeneeds.org) and asking your Alderperson to vote 'Yes' on this Resolution. For more information contact S. Virgine Lawinger at [svirgine@earthlink.net](mailto:svirgine@earthlink.net)

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### **Pro-Life Means Anti-Drone**

[If life is sacred, how can we justify the random killing of innocent children?](#) By Jack Hunter, "The American Conservative", October 26, 2012

My pro-life position is simple: Life is sacred. Life is so sacred that for it to be taken there must be an extremely good reason—and there are few good reasons. Convenience is certainly not a good reason. This innate sanctity of human life is something virtually all civilized people recognize despite one's politics. Even those who identify as pro-choice are only comfortable with abortion to the degree that they can downplay or dismiss the humanity of the subject at hand.

The drone strike program that was controversial during the Bush administration has grown dramatically under President Obama. The logic behind drone strikes is plain—the ability to eliminate terrorist targets with unmanned aircraft means we don't have to endanger U.S. military personnel. But the grim reality of these strikes drastically undermines any good intentions. The method has quickly become an everyday nightmare for average Pakistanis. In September CNN reported that a recent study showed that drone strikes "are too harmful to civilians, too sloppy, legally questionable and do more harm to U.S. interests than good." [Read the full article.](#)

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### **Human Trafficking Victims Can Text "BeFree" to Get Help**

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), operated by Polaris Project and supported by a grant from the HHS Administration for Children and Families, has made it easier and safer for victims of trafficking to seek help. On March 28, Polaris Project announced that human trafficking victims can now send a text to "BeFree" (233733) and immediately connect with the NHTRC hotline (1-888-3737-888). [For more information, see the media alert](#)

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### **Environmental Resources from our UCC Friends**

The United Church of Christ inaugurates Mission 4/1 Earth a shared resurrection witness for Planet Earth beginning on April 1 and throughout the Easter season for 50 great days of greening up, powering down and shouting out for the environment! They provide a [great resource manual](#) , [video](#) and [other resources](#) for excellent ideas that can be incorporated into your parish/congregation or personal commitment.

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### **Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis Resource for Churches**

Even in the midst of growing concern about environmental issues, we frequently continue to take our water for

granted. We do not behave as if water is a gift from God. And, we continue to behave as though water is limitless, despite increasing examples of draining aquifers and water-stressed cities. Blue Revolution is a study and discussion guide produced by the National Council of Churches Eco Justice Program [The Blue Revolution Resource](#).

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### **Fair Trade and Four Corners for Spring**

Four Corners of the World Fair Trade store and SERRV international artisans invite you to celebrate the coming spring with some of their new products. (Well, we hope spring is coming.) Four Corners is located at 5401 W. Vliet Street in Milw. Phone: 414-443-9606 E-mail: [info@fairtrademilwaukee.org](mailto:info@fairtrademilwaukee.org) [See this Flyer](#) **MISSION STATEMENT:** Working for Peace by Achieving Justice through Fair Trade.

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### **Praying Pacem in Terris on the 40th Anniversary of the Encyclical**

From Pax Christi USA - In 1963 when, in the midst of the Vietnam War, racial tension, the Cuban missile crisis, the feminist movement and the Cold War, Pope John XXIII addressed his encyclical to all people of good will, and not just to the Catholic population as his predecessors had done. His message of economic, social/cultural, and political rights became the foundation for the growing peace movement that would take root in the U.S. some 10 years later, i.e. Pax Christi USA.. [The free resource from Pax Christi is available here.](#)

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### **Earth Care Resource Fair – April 7**

The tradition of the Earth Care Resource Fair continues at St. Catherine's on 51st and Center Streets on Sunday, April 7, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We have 11 vendors presenting why there really is climate change, water conservation, gardening, lawns, weatherization of homes, Fair Trade, eco-justice by Walnut Way, and Interfaith Earth Network. Free lunch, Free drawings for Rain Barrels, Energy efficient light bulbs composter and more. Come after church services and enjoy some food, free gifts, and wonderful people like you concerned about the earth! Enter the double doors on 51st St. All are welcome. [FLYER](#)

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### **Catholics at the Capitol – April 10, 2013**

The registration is now available for “Catholics at the Capitol: Reclaiming the Common Good in the Year of Faith 2013” to be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison. The keynote speaker will be the Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen. Registration is \$37 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Secondary or full-time post-secondary students can register for \$12. The registration deadline is April 1, 2013. Registration materials are available on our website: [www.wisconsincatholic.org](http://www.wisconsincatholic.org)

[On line registration](#) [Registration Flyer](#)

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### **Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence – April 10**

Screening of the film and Q & A with guest panel. The documentary frames gun violence as a Disaster and public health issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting creates a ripple effect that impact individuals, families and communities. Trigger is seen through the eyes of those most impacted by gun violence: emergency room chaplains and surgeons, survivors and victims' families, former ATF officials, police officers, school counselors, students and community leaders Wednesday, April 10th at 7 pm at Marquee Theater, Union South, UW Madison Campus. [More information](#) [source for purchase of video](#)

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#### **Truth and Justice for El Salvador Tour – April 14**

An important presentation featuring Marina Ortiz of the Pro-Historical Memory Commission and Bethany Loberg of SHARE El Salvador. Sunday April 14 at 6:30 pm at Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave, Milwaukee. Marina Ortiz has worked with the Pro-Historical Commission for ten years. As a child she was separated from her family and disappeared. At age eighteen, Pro-Busqueda helped reunite her with her family. She has worked to help other families find their disappeared loved ones ever since. Bethany Loberg has lived and worked in El Salvador for four years and currently accompanies SHARE's human rights work. She previously worked with CAUSA, Oregon's Immigrant Rights Coalition. Contact Tim Muth 414-215-0748 for more information. [RSVP your attendance](#)  
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#### **Celebrate Earth Day with the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi – April 20**

Self-guided tours with interactive components will be the featured Earth Day activities on April 20 on the Motherhouse grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, 3221 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis. All the activities are open to the public and there are no fees for attendance or for parking. The tours will be outdoors and will highlight the large vegetable garden, compost area and new hoop house, existing fruit orchard, future urban forest and trail system, bee pods and hive boxes, bat house, grape arbor, wetland restoration and hermitage. Maps of the grounds will be provided for everyone taking part in the program. In case of rain, as many of the displays as possible will be moved inside. The tours will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include an opening session with refreshments in Troubadour at the Motherhouse. All the events will have some interactive component. Earth Day was started in the United States by Wisconsin's own Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 to create awareness for the Earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts. It was taken international in 1990, and today more than 500 million people in 175 countries observe the event. The official Earth Day for 2013 is Monday, April 22.  
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#### **Greener Oconomowoc Earth Day – April 21**

Greener Oconomowoc is pleased to announce the 2013 Earth Day Bike Summit will be held on Sunday April 21st from 11am to 4pm at the Oconomowoc Arts Center (641 E Forest Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066). One of the special features of our Bike Summit will be the Building Bridges Bike Forum. The goal of the forum is to give planners, bicycling clubs, advocacy groups and bicyclists of all levels the opportunity to meet one another, exchange ideas and learn more about the support networks active throughout SE Wisconsin (i.e. Milwaukee to Madison).” Enjoy a locally sourced brunch, meet WI bike experts and people from area bike clubs, free bike safety checks sponsored by Wheel & Sprocket, Bike helmet fittings and \$10 helmets for sale, building bridges bike forum, speakers, a film and more. [FLYER](#)  
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#### **Honoring Aldo Leopold – Green Fire – April 21**

Elm Grove Village honors Aldo Leopold, a respected Wisconsin citizen by showing the film, Green Fire, free of charge. The event is open to preteens through adults. A professional story-teller will provide entertainment for children four years and older who will also have the opportunity to engage in a spring craft and seed-growing activity. Elm Grove business coupons will be shared with families who participate. Date Sunday, April 21 at 2 pm at the Elm Grove Library 13600 Juneau Blvd, Elm Grove, WI 53122 For information call 262-782-6717 .  
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### **Immigration Reform Today – April 29**

On Monday, April 29, 2013, Bishop Gerald Kicanas will address issues pertinent to Immigration Reform Today and its relationship to our call as faithful Christians. Presentation will take place at Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Troubadour Room at 3221 S. Lake Drive, Saint Francis, WI. [See attached Flyer](#) with directions. The flyer states that the program is for Sisters and Associates/Affiliates; however, the public is also invited. For more information, contact Diana DeBruin, OSF at 414-640-0974 or [ddebruin@lakeosfs.org](mailto:ddebruin@lakeosfs.org)  
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### **Pax Christi USA 2013 National Conference – June 14-16**

This conference is entitled, "Remembering the Past with Gratitude, Living the Present with Enthusiasm, Embracing the Future with Confidence and Hope," and will observe the 40th anniversary of Pax Christi USA. Speakers include Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB and Rev. Bryan Massingale, STD. There will be workshops and a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for a prayer ritual. Location: the Sheraton Gateway Hotel at the Atlanta Airport in Atlanta, GA [More information and registration](#)  
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### **Interfaith Day at Miller Park – Save the date Aug 19**

Join the interfaith community for the fourth annual Interfaith Day at Miller Park for an exciting 7:10 p.m. Brewers vs. Cardinals game on Monday, August 19, 2013. ALL faiths are welcome! We have blocked out seats for this game and will make it as simple as possible for you to purchase tickets and be seated with your congregation, friends and family. Keep checking our website at [www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org) for information on when and how to purchase tickets. Until then, please SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us on Monday, August 19.  
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### **Prayer**

#### **Praying Pacem in Terris'**

#### **From Pax Christi in preparation for their 40th anniversary**

"Peace will be an empty sounding work unless it is founded on TRUTH, built according to JUSTICE, vivified and integrated by CHARITY, and put into practice in FREEDOM." (#167)

God is our first and greatest Truth.

In wisdom, God created diversity and variety.

A community comprised of all peoples.

Holy One, as members of Pax Christi USA, we pray...

banish from our hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Transform us into witnesses of truth, justice and love.

Enlighten leaders of nations so that they may, in addition to caring for the welfare of their citizens, also defend and guarantee the great gift of peace. May they overcome barriers that divide, cherish the bonds of mutual love, understand others and pardon those who have done them wrong.

May all people of the earth come together as brothers and sisters, and may the most longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among us. AMEN

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### **Reflection**

#### **Mary Magdalene, The Chosen Disciple**

The Gospels unanimously report that the Lord first appeared to Mary Magdalene following his resurrection. Three of the four Gospels, moreover, maintain that Jesus' first post-resurrection appearance was to Mary alone, and all the accounts include some description of Mary's bewildered, frightened and joyful reactions as well as the condescending dismissal she initially received when she shared the good news with the others. [Read the full reflection.](#)