

# Catholics for Peace and Justice

## JUNE 2013 Newsletter

Greetings!

Results of the WI Joint Committee on Finance meeting last Thursday are in. Good news on rent to own. More work is needed on 11x15. The details and needs are below. Immigration Reform needs your advocacy NOW. S.744 has passed in the Senate Judiciary Committee and is now headed to the full Senate. Please contact your legislators now AND consider making a quick request to your pastor and/or other staff to sign on to a Religious Leaders Statement on Immigration Reform to be delivered on June 4. More below.

With sadness and a sense of great Spirit we tell you that Jim Fowler our long time friend and companion on the journey for peace and justice, after a long stretch with cancer, went home this past Saturday. Jim has been with CPJ from the beginning, serving with the education group - leading the group over the last few years. Striving for peace and justice was in Jim's heart and soul. His large collection of shirts filled with peace, justice and Scripture was evidence of that at his mass on Thursday. Jim was also a writer and poet. We share one of his poems herein as he speaks to us with wisdom from his new position.

Blessings on your ministry



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## **Immigration Reform Needs Our Advocacy NOW**

From S. Joseph Flynn, Archdiocese of Milwaukee Justice for Immigrants Campaign

On May 21st, the Senate Judiciary Committee finished their amendment process and passed S.744, the bill proposed by the Senate bipartisan "Gang of Eight." So far, so good. In early June (probably June 10th) it will go to the full Senate for more deliberation and amendments. If/when it passes in the Senate, it will be sent to the House of Representatives where it faces a less favorable future. Meanwhile, a House bipartisan group has been crafting its own bill, still under wraps. Thanks to election pressure, we will pass an immigration reform bill. **The key issue is: What will be in it?**

### **Advocacy during this time is crucial—repeated phone calls, e-mails, letters, visits!**

For ideas, [see the USCCB Position on Immigration Reform](#). If you have direct experience with the current broken system—as an immigrant, family member, or someone who works with immigrants—share a compelling personal story. The best stories tell of harm done to innocent people, highlight inspiring achievements by immigrants, call for injustice to be remedied, and avoid anything that doesn't reflect well on immigrants. Your personal story is more powerful than any talking point.

**Phone:** [Go Here for phone numbers](#), Say who you are and where you live (city, zip code). Ask to talk to the immigration specialist. Name the issue, "I am calling to ask (name of Senator/Representative) to support humane and just immigration reform that ..." Tell why this is important to you. Close by saying you will be watching how (name) votes. (Note: If you are timid, write your script in advance and phone after hours to leave your name, city, and message.)

**Letter/Email to Congress:** [Find your legislator's contact info here](#).

**Letter to the Editor:** Be succinct. Using a personal story, address one compelling point. Follow the newspaper's guidelines, [e.g. JournalSentinal](#)

**Electronic postcard:** Visit the [JFI website](#) twice a week to click the red "Take Action" link (upper right) to send an electronic postcard to your congressional leaders.

**What impresses Congress is the persistent advocacy of ordinary folks. Urge friends and relatives to help.**

Our dangerously broken system has shattered thousands of families, traumatizing their children. Deaths in the Arizona desert average one every 24 hours. We've unmasked abuse and immigrant deaths in our prisons, many of them suicides. In 2007, we lost because anti-immigration calls outnumbered us ten-to-one. We dare not fail again.

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### **Update on 11x15 Campaign for Prison Reform**

The Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance met on Thursday, May 23, to debate and vote on 2013-15 biennial budget matters. One of those matters was funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program, the subject of WISDOM's 11 X 15 Campaign. [Click Here For Details](#) WISDOM, with the strong support of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and several other faith-based groups, had sought a substantial increase in funding for TAD [\$75 million] so that its proven approaches could be expanded statewide. The Joint Finance Committee recognized the validity of TAD programming with a small increase, from \$1 million/year to \$2.5 million/year. While likely hundreds of additional Wisconsin families will be helped by this increase, thousands of others who could have been helped still will not.

Efforts to build on the momentum of this small but significant victory will continue into the summer as the budget progresses through the legislative process. The full legislature is expected to vote on the budget by late June before it is sent to the Governor for his consideration. Supporters are urged to continue contacting their legislators until then to express their views that significantly more funding is still needed. [Click Here to see who your WI legislators are](#) and how they can be contacted.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please reserve Thursday, August 22, 2013 for WISDOM's "Next Steps for the 11 X 15 Campaign" gathering in Madison. WISDOM's plan for that day is to bring together policy experts, academic experts, and community organizing experts to look more broadly at the changes needed in our criminal justice system, and to work collaboratively on strategies and next steps. Contact Joel Gaughan at [jgaughan1@wi.rr.com](mailto:jgaughan1@wi.rr.com) or 262-789-9736 if you have questions or suggestions.

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### **WI Religious Leader Statement – Ask Your Pastor to Sign On**

The Wisconsin Council of Churches in partnership with WISDOM and Voces de la Frontera, invites all local religious leaders in the state (pastors, rabbis, etc.) to sign on to our statement in support of comprehensive immigration reform. [Download the statement here](#) Please ask your pastor, pastoral associate, trustee, etc. to add their name by sending full contact information to [wccoc@wichurches.org](mailto:wcoc@wichurches.org) as soon as possible. The press conference announcing how many religious leaders have signed on will be held on June 4 in Racine and, of course, copies of the statement and the names of all the signers will be given to our Senators and Congressional Representatives.

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## **Nuns Are Back on the Bus for Immigration Reform From Network Lobby**

Are you ready to roll? In just a few short days, NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus is getting back on the road, and you're invited to take part in this movement to make commonsense immigration reform a reality! We're driving: 6,500 miles through 15 states, with 53 events in 40 cities to call for commonsense immigration reform! The time is now to show Congress we need just and compassionate immigration policies that reflect our values, not our fears. We'll send you new information, calls to action, and updates from the bus over the coming weeks... but we need your support now to get us--and keep us--going on the road, all the way from Liberty State Park, New Jersey to San Francisco, California. We hope you'll join us as NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus travels along our nation's borders. You can be a part of this amazing journey! Please help to "fuel" our work for justice and make a donation of \$20, \$50, or whatever you can, now: [www.nunsonthebus.org/donate](http://www.nunsonthebus.org/donate) With sincere gratitude, Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS  
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## **Joint Finance Committee Removes Rent-to-Own Exemption From WI Catholic Conference**

On a bipartisan 10-6 vote, the Joint Finance Committee voted on 5/23/2013 to remove the rent-to-own exemption from the state budget. Thank you to everyone who contacted their legislators to urge this action. Please take a moment to thank the following JFC members if they represent your district. Senator Alberta Darling, Senator Luther Olsen, Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Senator Joe Leibham, Senator Mary Lazich, Senator Glenn Grothman, Senator Jennifer Shilling, Senator Robert Wirch, Representative Cory Mason, Representative Jon Richards.  
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## **Pope Francis Urges Global Leaders to End "tyranny" of Money**

[The Telegraph, May 16, 2013](#)

Pope Francis attacked the "dictatorship" of the global financial system warning that the "cult of money" is making life a misery for millions. He said free-market capitalism had created a "tyranny" and that human beings were being judged purely by their ability to consume goods. [Read the article.](#)  
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## **Pledge to Send a Letter Against Gun Violence From WAVE**

Let's send a message to our representatives that they can't ignore -- hundreds of handwritten letters demanding background checks for EVERY gun sale, EVERY time. [To pledge to write a letter and for ideas on talking points](#) go to WAVE -- Wisconsin Anti Violence Effort  
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## **Common Ground CPJ Core Team Meeting, Fair Play, Healthcare Education, Pot Luck**

**The next Catholics for Peace and Justice Common Ground core team meeting** will take place on July 16th at 4:30 pm at the Panera on at 15040 W Greenfield Ave Brookfield, WI 53005 [(262) 641-0550]. Contact Mary Kleist [maryakleist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryakleist@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Common Ground Fair Play** - a campaign to foster greatness in public spaces. It is Common Ground's position that if public funds are used to build a new Bradley Center arena, then at least \$150 million of these funds must be used to improve Milwaukee County public schools athletic facilities and recreational spaces. [More information](#)

**Common Ground Fellowship and Potluck.** CG would like to offer you a gift, no strings attached. Our American society remains troublingly segregated on Saturdays and Sundays, "weekend apartheid," I call it. Despite modest advances toward integration during weekdays, we continue to be relative strangers to one another because we interact little socially. Let's take a small step toward changing that. On June 9, join us for our first (and we hope) annual COMMON GROUND FELLOWSHIP SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL. Contact Mary Kleist [maryakleist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryakleist@sbcglobal.net)

**CG Healthcare Education Seminars** The Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative is sponsoring a series of seminars [\[List of Seminars Here\]](#) to explain the health insurance reform coming in 2014. The seminars are designed for individuals without insurance, self-employed individuals, small business owners and non-profit leaders. Topics for discussion include the new insurance exchanges (market places), subsidies for purchasing insurance, the individual mandate and other important issues.

**Visit the Common Ground website** at [www.commongroundwi.org](http://www.commongroundwi.org) for more info on Common Ground.  
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## **Repeal Authorization for Use of Military Force From RootsAction**

The leading excuse for current U.S. wars, drone strikes, kill lists, renditions, imprisonments without trial, spying without warrants, the militarization of police, and gargantuan weapons budgets is the legal and rhetorical idea that the United States is involved in a war unbounded by time or space. While it took 6 years to repeal the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that

was used to justify war in Southeast Asia, after more than 11 years the Authorization for Use of Military Force -- the congressional resolution that launched the "war on terror" -- has not been repealed. Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who cast the only vote against the AUMF in 2001, has introduced a bill to repeal it. [H.R.198 would repeal the AUMF](#) for two reasons: because Congress is Constitutionally bound to decide matters of war and cannot legally hand off that responsibility to its executive, and because Congresswoman Lee's somber predictions, when she stood alone against this madness and was subsequently obliged to hire security protection, have been proved right: the Authorization has been used and abused to an ever greater extent as an aggrandizement of executive power and a justification for the erosion of our civil liberties. [Consider asking your Representative to co-sponsor and your Senators to do the same.](#) You can view a short video of Rep. Lee's prescient and powerful remarks in 2001.

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### **Voices for Creative Nonviolence - "Covering Ground to Ground the Drones" June 10**

It's not too late to join our new walk, "Covering Ground to Ground the Drones."

We'll be walking an average of 15 miles per day from June 10-23. We begin at the Rock Island arsenal in Rock Island, IL where drone parts are made and stored. We'll walk 194 miles along the Mississippi River and over the rolling hills of Iowa until we reach the National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines, planned site for a new drone facility where soldiers would remotely control weaponized drones over other countries. The Obama administration has increasingly relied on armed predator drones in its continuation of Bush-era "War on Terror" policies. An estimated 4,700 people have now been killed by some 300 US drone attacks in at least four countries. This walk aims to raise awareness that these killer drones are soon to be piloted from right here in the Midwest. Not keen on walking that much? You are welcome just to join us for our rallies and public forums in Clinton Iowa and the Quad Cities June 8-9, Muscatine June 11, Iowa City June 14, Grinnell June 19, and Des Moines June 21-23. [Please see our website's walk page](#) for more details including a new Frequently Asked Questions section. For further info, or to register, please email [buddy@vcnv.org](mailto:buddy@vcnv.org) or call 773-878-3815.

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### **Join SOA Human Rights Activists at Fort Benning**

Mark your calendars, please consider joining human rights activists at the SOA [[What is School of the Americas and SOA Watch?](#)] Vigil at Ft Benning the weekend of November 22, 23, and 24th. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Fr. Larry Rosebaugh, and Linda Ventimiglia's tree climbing action on the base at Ft Benning. Recently, the Pentagon lost its Court Case over refusal to release names of SOA/WHINSEC graduates and Efraim Rios Guatemalan Dictator has been found guilty of Genocide. We must continue our work for justice and close the School of the Americas! For more information contact Barb M. at [jandb@wi.rr.com](mailto:jandb@wi.rr.com)

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### **Pax Christi - Pacem in Terris at 50**

This year, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's papal encyclical Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth). The document was published on April 11, 1963 and was the first encyclical specifically addressed to all people of good will. As we celebrate the anniversary, we will be featuring resources, articles and other items of interest that are related to Pacem in Terris. [For the most recent posts on Pacem in Terris, click here.](#)

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### **Immigration Rally and Program Outside S. Johnson's MKE Office – May 30**

#### **From Kathleen at New Sanctuary Movement**

I just got back from a training and lobbying session in Washington, D.C. with our Senators and Representatives. I could see the impact that our national organizing efforts have on the Senators and Representatives. Let's keep the momentum going locally as well. Join us for our next action outside of Senator Johnson's office so he can hear our concerns and testimonies. Rally and program outside of Senator Johnson's Milwaukee office, When: Thursday May 30th at 4:00 PM, Where: 517 East Wisconsin Ave, Purpose: Senator Johnson supports a border security bill. He is open to the pathway to citizenship on a piecemeal process. He is not making family unification a priority. At this rally immigrant families will share their stories and let him know that legalization needs to be a priority and that we will not settle for less. [Flyer](#) Questions? Kathleen, New Sanctuary Movement Coordinator at Voces de la Frontera, 414-643-1620 x208

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### **VillageGreen Street Fair – Jun 1**

Join Four Corners at the VillageGreen Street Fair. The Fair is a family-oriented outdoor festival that aims to provide information about green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. Companies, artisans, entertainers, and speakers blend together in a fun and friendly environment to promote global interests and personal well-being. Village Green Street Fair goers can learn about the advantages of taking steps towards living a healthier and greener life. June 1, 2013. 9am to 4pm Wauwatosa Village.

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### **Immigration Law: From Ya'll Come! to Ellis Island to "Secure Communities" – Jun 1**

As comprehensive immigration reform finally seems possible, take advantage of this three-hour workshop on immigration law presented online on Saturday, June 1, via live stream by immigration attorney Attracta Kelly, OP, JD, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian. The two 1½-hour sessions will provide activists and other concerned individuals with substantive background on U.S. immigration law: what has been, what is, and what could be. Please see the attached flyer for more details on the workshop, including registration. If you/they are interested and unavailable on June 1, after June 5 it will be on the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Website under "Publications". [Flyer with info](#)

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### **Pax Christi USA 2013 National Conference – Jun 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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### **From Land Organism to Gaia; The Land Ethic Evolving – Jun 20**

Pick up a newspaper or listen to the news and you'll quickly see that our understanding of the Earth and our relationship to it has never mattered more. The Gaia Theory offers insights into climate change, energy, health, agriculture, and other issues of great, if not urgent, importance. On Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm, join Martin Ogle, long-time advocate of and educator on Gaia Theory for an evening exploring Gaia Theory and its fertile symbiosis with the Land Ethic. Gaia Theory offers a holistic framework – intellectual and emotional – with which Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic can rise to challenges of the 21st century. Learn how all elements of Earth's surface – organic & inorganic; human & non-human; mind & matter – are enmeshed as a single living system. Consider the awesome implications of this synergy for sustainability, environmental health and human well-being! Martin Ogle is founder of Entrepreneurial Earth LLC. He retired in 2012 from a 27 year career as Chief Naturalist for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Thursday, June 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church, W299N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, WI . Sponsored by Plowshare Center, Waukesha County Green Team, InTec and Ameriprise Financial. [Flyer](#). Questions?

[info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org](mailto:info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org)

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### **Dirty Wars by Jeremy Scahill Book Discussion at Boswell Books – Jun 21**

#### **From Peace Action**

Friday, June 21, 2013, 5:30 pm at Boswell Books, 2559 N Downer Ave, Milwaukee Milwaukee native Jeremy Scahill recently released a new book and film, Dirty Wars. Come out to Boswell Books for a brief book discussion with Peace Action Wisconsin. In Dirty Wars, Jeremy Scahill, author of the New York Times bestseller Blackwater, takes us inside America's new covert wars. The foot soldiers in these battles operate globally and inside the United States with orders from the White House to do whatever is necessary to hunt down, capture or kill individuals designated by the president as enemies. See the movie at the Downer Theater directly afterward. Exact show time of film to be announced. For advance tickets, call Peace Action Wisconsin at 414-964-5158. For more information, email [info@peaceactionwi.org](mailto:info@peaceactionwi.org). In the meantime, [watch Jeremy Scahill discuss Dirty Wars on Democracy Now!](#)

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### **Jobs: Career TOOLS Conference - June 25**

Are you 19 or older and unemployed? Transform and empower your job search at the Career TOOLS Conference on Tuesday, June 25, 2013! Join us at the Archbishop Cousins Center, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee 53235, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this FREE, all-day career event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Catholic Charities, and Cardinal Stritch University. The day includes more than 30 educational sessions and interactive workshops ideal for young adults, mature workers, long-time unemployed or individuals who have recently lost their jobs. Receive helpful feedback during one-on-one resume reviews and interview practice sessions, as well as other valuable sessions including: Work Smarter, Not Harder: A Wellness Approach to Getting Your Next Job, The Power of Spider Web Networking, LinkedIn For Beginners and the Essentials. Supporting organizations include 40 Plus of Southeast Wisconsin, Bell Ambulance, Inc., Direct Supply, Independence First, Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Manpower, Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative, Toastmasters (District 35 Speakers Bureau) and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. **Pre-registration required due to limited seating.**

[Event Page](http://tinyurl.com/2013tools) [ <http://tinyurl.com/2013tools> ] which includes conference info and flyer.

[Volunteer Page](http://tinyurl.com/ToolsVolunteer) [ <http://tinyurl.com/ToolsVolunteer> ] Volunteers are needed for this event

[Registration Page](http://tinyurl.com/2013careertoolsticket) [ <http://tinyurl.com/2013careertoolsticket> ] All admission tickets for participants and volunteers are at this site

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### **The Penokee Hills & Bad River Sloughs Art Exhibit, Reception, & Program – June 27**

Interfaith Earth Network and the Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin invite you to join them at a reception and program for the Penokee Hills art exhibit. Learn more about northern Wisconsin's internationally celebrated Bad-River-Kakagon Sloughs Complex, recognized under the RAMSAR Convention for Wetlands and awarded the Blue Globe Award in 2012. Hear how a proposed 22 mile long open pit mine could contaminate this pristine area, hosting approximately 40 percent of all coastal wetlands within the Lake Superior basin. Thursday, June 27 Riverside Park Urban Ecology Center 1500 E. Park Place, Milwaukee 5:30-6:00 PM: Appetizers, visiting and browsing through the art show (closes June 29) 6:00-6:30 PM: Music with the Strawberry Moon Women Singers, a Native American hand drum group and Honor Song by Ron Preston, who has served as Arena Director for Milwaukee Indian Summer and selected Head Man Dancer for Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque 6:30-7:00 PM: Presentation by Jim Uhrinak, Land Restorationist and Wildlife Ecologist, Secretary of the Milwaukee Audubon Society The Natural History, Geography and Unique Conditions of the Penokee Hills and Mining Impact 7:00-7:15 PM: Questions and Interfaith closing prayer. [See flyer for details](#)  
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### **Catholics for Peace and Justice Common Ground Core Team Meeting – July 16**

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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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### **REFLECTION AND PRAYER**

#### **Ecumenism in the Streets**

#### **Reflection from Frank Pauc**

"Unitatis Redintegratio" and "Nostra Aetate". These two documents from Vatican II are probably the main reasons that I remain a Catholic. Respectively, they refer to the Church's views on ecumenism among Christian denominations, and the Church's view of non-Christian traditions. These two documents opened a door that has allowed me to experience whole new worlds. They have allowed me to connect with people that I never would have met otherwise. [READ THE ENTIRE REFLECTION](#)  
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#### **We—The Savior And Me**

**By Jim Fowler [A short note to us all]**

The Creator created all,  
All He created He did by love,  
We, as He, must do by love,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all;

Imperfect and sinners though we are,  
Tempted and act by evil we may,  
However horrid—we are loved,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all;

So acknowledge the gentle knocker,  
Allow His love to be your love,  
Love as the world knows not how to love,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all;

By His love He is with us all forever,  
By this same love I as well are with you forever,

Please wed yourselves to this love,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all;

Before anything else was—love was,  
Above all that is—love is,  
After all else is gone—love remains,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all;

From simple smile to Holy rapture—you must love,  
From birth to death to birth again—you must love,  
We, the Savior and me, love you all,  
We—Love—You—All!!!