

Catholics for Peace and Justice

NOVEMBER 2013 Newsletter

‘How many poor people there still are in the world! And what great suffering they have to endure!’ “A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table.” With these words, Pope Francis aimed directly at the void between our presumed Christian moral values and the shameful reality of human experience. The good news... the Great Recession, the recent government shut down, budget cuts, and what to do about the deficit have provided the opportunity for good people from all groundings and experience to a deeper moral discussion - a discussion that seeks to find a common balance, that addresses disparity and empowers all people to live with dignity and joy.

In multiple venues this month, our social justice community is engaging in this deeper discussion. The list of events is below.

AND on November 16, Catholics for Peace and Justice is co-sponsoring "Alberta's Oil Sands, A Visit to the Heart of the Industry" with Margaret Swedish. We invite you to come, learn, and participate in a discussion on our ecological future. Please promote this event widely to your networks.

With Thanks and Blessings on your ministry,



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Alberta's Oil Sands, A Visit to the Heart of the Industry – Nov 16

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 am to Noon at the Urban Ecology Center, Community Room, 1500 E Park Pl., Milwaukee. Join us for a presentation and conversation about Alberta's oil sands, Wisconsin's role in support of the industry, and what we can do to alter course toward a new energy future. In September, 2013 Margaret Swedish traveled the length of the Athabasca River to Ft. McMurray for an immersion into the story of the Canadian tar sands industry and its impacts on the environment and First Nation communities downriver. Come see and hear what she and others witnessed. More in the Event Listing below. [Register Here](#) [Flyer](#) Co-Sponsored by Catholics for Peace and Justice.
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"Same Kind of Different as Me" - Book Review

by Paul Schneider

"Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore is a true story of a poor black Louisiana share cropper named Denver Moore who befriends a rich white art dealer, Ron Hall, through his wife Deborah at a Texas soup kitchen. The men's friendship changes both of their lives as they learn from each other and grow in their faith through love, compassion, and caring. If you've ever thought that you had something to share with those you consider "less fortunate", you may find, like Ron Hall, that it's our self-righteous attitudes and material possessions that actually blind and inhibit us from connecting with God. And that it's the Denver Moore's of the world who can show us the true face of Christ.

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Immigration Update- Meeting with Archbishop, Priest Council Resolution and More

Meeting with Archbishop Listecki, On October 14, members of the Milwaukee Archdiocese Justice for Immigrants [JFI] committee met with Archbishop Listecki to provide him with an update on the JFI campaign.

The meeting included a short history of actions by the Milwaukee JFI committee over the past 5 years and a list of actions that the committee was requesting the Archbishop to initiate in his leadership capacity. More than a dozen representatives from various Catholic organizations [including Catholics for Peace and Justice], activists and immigrants from the community attended. The meeting was well received and at the same time heart wrenching due to the stories shared by the immigrant families who attended. JFI is continuing to work with the Archbishop to bring these requested actions of leadership to fruition.

Priest Council Resolution: The Milwaukee Archdiocese Priest Council with the leadership of the Archbishop has passed a resolution on October 2nd that all parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 1) promote greater education of the faithful with regards to the need for immigration reform; 2) solicit the support of the faithful for federal legislation that ensures it; and 3) use time [e.g. Epiphany, Lent] to further knowledge of issues related to immigration and migration. **ACTION:** Ask your pastor, parish staff or human concerns group how this resolution will be carried out in your parish. Volunteer to assist and support the effort. [Migration Week January 5-11](#), 2014 begins with Epiphany.

Interfaith Press Conference: On October 14 the JFI committee sponsored an interfaith press conference at St. John's Cathedral concluding in a circle of prayer at the statue of the immigrant Mother in Cathedral Square. [Read and Listen to the coverage on WPR](#) Some of the text read at the conference including a statement by the Archbishop read by Fr. Jeff Haines will be made available. Check the [Catholics for Peace and Justice website](#) for updates. **ACTION:** Post the [Archbishop's statement and/or the June 20, 2013 letter](#) issued by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference to all parishioners in your church bulletin or newsletter.

News---

[First House Republican to Join Democrats' Immigration Efforts:](#) With less than three weeks to go in Congress' 2013 legislative calendar, one Republican, Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) serving in a heavily Hispanic district has moved to join House Democrats on immigration reform. "I'm the first Republican," he told the Post. "I expect more to come on board." **ACTION:** [Call representatives Petri, Ryan and Sensenbrenner](#) and ask them to join Rep Denham Call Rep Denham at 202-225-4540 to thank him for supporting comprehensive reform.

[Did you know that there is an "immigrant imprisonment quota?"](#) Corrections Corp. Of America along with Geo Group, Inc. and other for profit prison operators, hold almost two thirds of all immigrants detained each day in federally funded prisons as they face deportation. Under law, taxpayers must pay to keep 34,000 people at a cost of about \$120 each per day regardless of whether they have committed crimes.

"Capitol Hill has for months been the focus of immigration [advocates urging lawmakers to take up one of the four measures that have been approved by the Republican-led House Judiciary Committee](#). What is different about next week's lobbying effort is that it will include about 600 mostly conservative leaders in business, agriculture and religion who will focus on 80 representatives from 40 states — all of them Republican." [Read more NY Times, 10/25/2014:](#)

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Next Steps for 11X15 Campaign for Safer, Healthier Communities

SOPHIA Presents: Next Steps for 11X15 Campaign for Safer, Healthier Communities. Leaders from both parties, in Waukesha County and all over the Wisconsin, have recognized that our current system is ineffective and too expensive. They have joined us in calling for new approaches to criminal justice. Some additional resources have been made available but much more is needed, and the scope of reform must be broadened. Join us at 7-8:30 pm, on Wednesday, November 13 at [Ascension Lutheran Church](#) 1415 Dopp St., Waukesha, WI .

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Pope Francis and "A Church for the Poor"

[From America, October 21, 2013](#)

'How many poor people there still are in the world! And what great suffering they have to endure!' Pope Francis has unswervingly pointed to the scandal of poverty in a world of plenty as a piercing moral challenge for the church and the whole human community. According to Robert McElroy, auxiliary bishop of San

Francisco, in his article “A Church for the Poor” Francis is calling us to personal conversion, moving away from a materialism that distorts our humanity; a cultural conversion, that opens us to “three false cultures that materialism has created in our world”: comfort that makes us think only of ourselves; waste that seizes the gifts of the created order only to savor them for a moment and then discard them; and indifference that desensitizes us to the suffering of others. McElroy contends that the Pope’s message thus far “has been one of structural reform in the world.” “Both the substance and methodology of Pope Francis’ teachings on the rights of the poor have enormous implications for the culture and politics of the United States and for the church in this country.” Read McElroy’s article [“A Church for the Poor”](#) and “A Church for the Poor: 10 Key Points in Bishop McElroy’s Outstanding Article” in the [Millennial blog](#)
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Structural Justice and Poverty – A Story to Share

in our public debates on how to reduce poverty we often fail to consider how the complications of structural justice or lack thereof, weighs on the situation of the poor. For example, an adamant supporter of “truth in sentencing” may not have a clear view of how for them the cost of going out for dinner could be the difference between jail time and the ability to retain a job for someone living at the level of poverty. In his September 29 article “Lazarus and the Rich Man in Our Day” Ben Palumbo recaps the all too common story of Richard Van Horn, who was arrested and but in jail, because he was unable to pay an \$88 trash bill. These personal stories need to be a part of our discussions about poverty, the importance of charity and how we can empower people to move forward. [Read Palumbo’s article from Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good](#) and share this story with others who may not understand the spiral that can put and keep people in poverty.
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Common Ground November Update

Looking for a way to be a part of Common Ground? Join us- Catholics for Peace and Justice Common Ground Core Team. We meet quarterly. Our next meeting is January 14th at 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. at Panera 15040 W Greenfield Ave, just east of Moorland Rd. Contact Mary Kleist at maryakleist@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Common Ground Healthcare Coop: is open for enrollment. [Find out more](#)

View the [Fair Play Campaign Video](#)

[Common Ground News and Events](#)

Upcoming Common Ground Rural Suburban Meetings at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, N88 W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls

Public Transit Team Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th. 7:00 - 8:30pm [6:30pm update for new attendees] Discuss the Ozaukee Shared-Ride Taxi Campaign and discuss next steps and explore potential transit issues to focus on in Waukesha and Washington Counties.

Youth/Family Stress Team Meeting: Thursday, November 14th. [7:00 - 8:30pm [6:30pm update for new attendees] Discuss potential issues related to the impact of technology on children and families as well as opportunities for impact in early childhood development.

Suburban/Rural Caucus Meeting: Thursday, December 12th. 7:00 - 8:30pm [6:30pm update for new attendees]

Assess our progress in 2013, share issue campaign ideas for Youth/Family Stress and Public Transit teams and develop action plans to grow engagement in our organizations. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Mary Kleist at maryakleist@sbcglobal.net or Rusty.Borkin@commongroundwi.org .

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"Race to Equity" Examines Racial Disparities in Dane County

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families [Race to Equality Project](#) published an important report “Race to Equity: A Baseline [Report on the State of Racial Disparities in Dane County.](#)” The report, unveiled at the October 2 YWCA Racial Justice Summit in Madison, summarizes the first year of data collection by the project,

a multi-year initiative launched 18 months ago by WCCF with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The [report is available here](#). The release of the report attracted considerable media attention, including substantive coverage in [the Wisconsin State Journal](#) and [Isthmus](#). The report is specific to Dane County, but many of the concepts in it apply to Wisconsin as a whole, as our state suffers from some of the most severe racial disparities in the nation on a wide range of indicators of well-being. If you care about racial justice, please visit the Race to Equity website www.racetoequity.net
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Drone Strikes – Humanitarians, Survivors and Malala Speak Out to President/Congress

[Ryan Devereaux, The Guardian, Oct 27, 2014](#) “A year later, Rehman still has no idea why his mother, Momina Bibi, a 67-year-old midwife, was blown to pieces while tending her garden.” Along with his two children who were with their Grandmother at the time of the strike, “Rehman has traveled to Washington DC to seek answers. On Tuesday, the family will appear before members of Congress to describe their experience, marking the first time in history that US lawmakers will hear directly from the survivors of an alleged US drone strike.”

[Mark Memmott, National Public Radio, Oct 22](#) U.S. Drone Strikes Violate International Law "Based on what officials from the [Obama] administration have stated publicly, and what has been reliably reported by news media, current U.S. policy and practices for the intentional use of lethal force against terrorism suspects and other people who happen to be near such suspects appear to go far beyond what international human rights law permits.

[In October President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama met with Malala Yousafzai](#), the Pakistani girl who was shot in the head on her school bus by Taliban gunmen. “In a statement released after the meeting, Malala said "I thanked President Obama for the United States' work in supporting education in Pakistan and Afghanistan and for Syrian refugees," she said in the statement. "I also expressed my concerns that drone attacks are fueling terrorism. Innocent victims are killed in these acts, and they lead to resentment among the Pakistani people. If we refocus efforts on education it will make a big impact.”"

[John Stewart's Interview with Malala Yousafzai](#)

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Four Corners of the World Has a New Look and Product Website

Four Corners of the World, your local eco-friendly, fair trade store, has a new look! We wanted to freshen things up with a new logo, a new coat of paint and great new products- still all beautifully hand-made by fair trade artisans from around the world. We are also now making many of our products available for purchase online allowing more people the opportunity to support these artisans from over 25 countries. We would like to invite all of you to join us for a get-together to celebrate the store, the artisans and the community's commitment to seeking justice and peace through fair trade! Thursday, November 14th; 5-8pm, 5401 W. Vliet Street . Live music, fair trade wine, appetizers and locally crafted fair trade ice cream from Purple Door. More info at www.fairtrademilwaukee.org

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The Story of Solutions - Let's Grow Solutions Together

The Story of Solutions comes to us from Annie Leonard who brought us “The Story of Stuff”. ["The Story of Solutions"](#) shows how game-changing solutions can steadily build an economy that values things like safer, healthier, and more fair as much as we currently value faster, cheaper and newer. Explores how we can move our economy in a more sustainable and just direction, starting with orienting ourselves toward a new goal of Better. [Watch The Story of Solutions](#)

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Kid's Creation Care resource from Pax Christi - "Learning From Native Americans"

Kid's Creation Care was written by Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace and co-founder of the Institute for Peace and Justice - Kathy McGinnis. Kathy is the Executive Director of the Institute for Peace and Justice and is a consultant to schools and school systems in the area of multicultural education and racism. The program materials including prayer and activities entitled "[Trees, Water And Seton Watching; "Learning From Native Americans" can be found here.](#) [Other resources for teaching peacemaking to children](#) and youth can be found here.

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Soup With Substance: Community Building and the Eight Stages of Genocide – Oct 30

Wed., Oct. 30, 2013 Noon, Alumni Memorial Union room 157. Join us, with Dr. Katherine Wilson, for a discussion revolving around community building and genocide. As a genocide scholar, Wilson's presentation focuses on the 8 stages of genocide. Looking closely at the first three stages--classification, symbolization, and dehumanization—she will show how traditional methods of strong community building often replicate these stages and produce the foundation for mass violence.

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2013 Race, Families and Milwaukee Summit – Oct 30

Our community has a rich history of courageous faith leaders and people of faith taking on difficult issues and concerns. Yet we know disparities and inequalities in health, education, housing and income continue to fall along racial lines threatening the future viability of Milwaukee as a whole. Can faith-based self-inquiry and action be a game changer in our community's future? 11:30 a.m. – Registration; Noon -- Lunch and program: Join Father Bryan N. Massingale, PhD of Marquette University and author of Racial Justice and the Catholic Church as well as other community leaders for a panel discussion; 2 to 4 p.m. -- Extended conversation with Milwaukee leaders: • Self-reflection through teaching and preaching; Faith-based action: Best practices, new ideas. [Register Here](#) . For more information, contact Mary Boatman at 414-345-4482 or mary.boatman@aurora.org

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"Inequality for All" a Film by Robert Reich at the Oriental Theatre – Oct 30/31

After much work with the theater and "lobbying" by various groups, the Oriental Theater has agreed to show the Robert Reich film "Inequality for All." This is a wonderful opportunity to see an excellent piece on that status of our country under the current austerity push. Please help us build a crowd for these showings. And PLEASE find a time to attend with your family, friends, and neighbors. The Oriental is sticking its neck out a bit to do this. Please help us show that there is an audience for thoughtful pieces like this. Movie Start Times: 12:40 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. - 9:30 p.m

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The Minimum Wage: What's Fair? Fourth Street Forum – Oct 31, Nov 4

Rent's due. The kids need shoes. And there's no money for food until Friday's paycheck. These are the issues for the minimum wage worker. For the business owner? The rent and payroll must be met. What's a fair minimum wage? 4th Street Forum is Wisconsin's only weekly TV program that's taped in front of an audience. Join the conversation. Free and open to the public, Thursdays at noon. Can't attend? Watch on MPTV, Channel 36.1, Friday nights at 9PM and Sunday mornings at 9AM or [on line](#).

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Tax Teach-In – Network Education Program at MU – Nov 1

On Friday, November 1 from 9:00-10:30 am, Marquette University's Center for Peacemaking will host a training led by NETWORK staff on a new interfaith curriculum called We the Taxpayers. We will meet on the second floor of the Academic Support Facility (ASF) located at 735 N. 17th Street, between Wisconsin Avenue

and Wells Street, across from the 16th Street parking structure. [More Information](#) [Click here to RSVP for the Tax teach-in](#)
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USCCB and CLINIC November Webinars – Nov 1, 8, 15, 22

Fridays in November. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) & the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) invite you to participate in a series of free Friday webinars during the month of November. November 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 1:00-2:30 pm Central. These webinars are for immigrant and social justice advocates, legal service providers, faith leaders, community organizers, and others working with and on behalf of immigrants and will address the following important issues: Comprehensive Immigration Reform 2013-2014: The Road Forward from the Church's Perspective; Recent Trends in State and Local Immigration Enforcement; Immigration Detention: Perspectives from D.C. and the Field; State and Local Immigration Laws: Recap of 2013 and Outlook for 2014. [Details and Registration](#) .

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Fracking: How It Affects A Neighborhood – Nov 5

A bit confused about the pros and cons of fracking? Wondering about the impact on our state? Plug into an expert, Kimberlee Wright. She is the executive director of Midwest Environmental Advocates and has been working statewide for more than twenty years on issues related to the protection of our natural heritage. Based on her experience, she believes that people care deeply about the rights of future generations to the air, land and water. November 5, 2013; 7:00-8:30pm, Urban Ecology Center: Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th St., Milwaukee, WI.

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Poverty and Hunger in WI – Nov 9

Five years after the onset of the Great Recession, members of our communities and congregations continue to struggle with its aftermath, including unemployment, food insecurity, and poverty. Here are some opportunities to learn more and take action to help our neighbors in these difficult times: The Poverty Simulation helps participants to gain insights into the daily life challenges faced by low-income and poor citizens of Wisconsin. WHEN: Saturday, November 9, 2013, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm; WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI; WHO: Co-sponsored by Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, PEPartnership, Inc., First United Methodist Church [More Information](#)

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Athabasca River Pilgrimage – Nov 11

Athabasca River Pilgrimage Presentation – November 11 at 6 pm, Notre Dame of Elm Grove, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI , All Are Welcome! ** Writer and activist Margaret Swedish recently traveled with 5 others along the Athabasca River from its headwaters in the Rocky Mountains to Alberta's Ft. McMurray to learn about the oil sands industry, its impacts on the environment, and to meet with elders of a First Nation community living downriver from the extraction zone. Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame for a presentation from Margaret Swedish about her experiences on Monday, November 11 at Notre Dame or Elm Grove, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove from 6 pm – 7:30 pm (Central). All are welcome! [See flyer for additional details.](#)

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story of the Canadian tar sands industry and its impacts on the environment and First Nation communities downriver. Come see and hear what she and others witnessed. Presenter Margaret Swedish is author of "Living Beyond the 'End of the World:' A Spirituality of Hope", which addresses connections among the various environmental, economic, and cultural trends that are leading towards ecological collapse. She also directs The Center for New Creation [Register Here](#) Read more at <http://riverpilgrims.net/> and at www.ecologicalhope.org . . [Flyer](#)
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"Creating a Caring Community: Strategies for Effective Urban Ministry" – Nov 16

13th Annual Br. Booker Ashe Urban Ministry Program Featuring Fr. John Celichowski, OFM Cap. Saturday, November 16, from 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Schroeder Auditorium at Cardinal Stritch University. FREE of Charge! Goodwill offerings will be accepted and shared with local Urban Ministry partners. Schedule of the Day: 12:45 p.m. Check-in & Gather, 1:15 p.m. Welcoming Prayer, 1:20 p.m. Fr. John Celichowski - "Creating a Caring Community: Strategies for Effective Urban Ministry" , 2:00 p.m. Break (Please visit the table displays of local social ministry vendors). 2:20 p.m. Response from local panel of urban ministers, featuring: Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force, Gerri Sheets-Howard, Executive Director, House of Peace, - Fr. David Shields, SJ, Executive Director, Casa Romero; 3:15 p.m. Shared Insights and closing remarks, 4:00 p.m. Departure, Free of charge, but pre-registration is requested. To RSVP please contact Mary Foley, 414-410-4405, mafoley@stritch.edu .

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House of Peace Gospel in Action – Nov 16

Join the House of Peace to pray, learn, and do! Gospel In Action, Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 AM will start with prayer. A 45 minute discussion will explore Gratitude and Service on Nov. 16. Service opportunities follow. A reflection will conclude the morning activity. All sessions will take place at the House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut, Milwaukee. There is no charge. Space is limited. [Please register online](#)

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Beyond the Band-aid: A Deep Conversation on Poverty in Milwaukee – Nov 22

Date: Friday, November 22, Location: Marquette Alumni Memorial Union, Ballroom A/B
Time: 1-4pm. Part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, this dialogue brings together diverse participants working across the city in an effort to confront the mountain of poverty by:

- finding points of connection and collaboration
- identifying challenges to action
- moving out of the poverty industry
- assessing the need for continued conversation

This is a structured conversation, hosted by Midnight Run, a ministry of Marquette University Campus Ministry, and facilitated by the Zeidler Center for Public Discussion. [All are welcome, registration is required.](#) [Flyer](#)

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Join SOA Human Rights Activists at Fort Benning – Nov 22 to 24

Yes, it is that time again to make plans to join Peacemakers at the gates of Fort Benning the weekend of November 22 – 24th. Reservations are now available for your travel/lodging either by plane (leaving November 23rd) or bus (TBA). The good news – six countries have now announced they will no longer send its soldiers to the School of the Americas (SOA/ WHINSEC). If you are unable to travel to Fort Benning, please consider sponsoring someone who needs financial help for the trip, especially a young or a low income person. Now is the time to increase the strength of youth within movements for peace and justice! An MU student commented on the 2012 SOA Vigil, Let your voice be heard by contacting the President and your Congressional representative to encourage them to work for the closure of the SOA/WHINSEC. For more information contact Barb M. at 262 - 255 2062 or jandb@wi.rr.com SOA Watch site www.soaw.org

Each November, Pax Christi USA members and friends gather on Friday night prior to the annual School of the Americas Vigil and Action in Columbus, GA. [Our program this year will include prayer, music, inspiring speakers and more.](#) The program is open to the general public and all are invited to attend. We hope you can join us!

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Winter Framers Markets

Growing Power - The market will be inside our warehouse, located in Butler. WHERE: 13111 W. Silver Spring Drive, Butler, WI Come to the back of the warehouse, we'll be waiting for you! WHEN: Saturdays 8 a.m.-Noon. The market will start on Saturday, October 26 and run through April 19. EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING DATES: November 30, December 28, January 18, February 15 and March 22 (due to holidays and Growing Power workshops) For questions, please call: 414-527-1546 email: staff@growingpower.org

Milwaukee County - beginning 11/2 from 9-1 each Saturday until April 19th, 2014 at New Location: the Mitchell Park Domes.

Oconomowoc Winter Market: [The market is on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month](#) from November 10th, 2013 thru April 13, 2014 9:30 am to 1:00 p.m. Location: Oconomowoc Landscape Supply & Garden Center, N68 W37850 County Trunk K, Oconomowoc, WI.

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Reflection

The question we are asked to ponder is: What does it mean for me to be humble? The first kind of humility is a desire to be with Jesus to the extent of having no serious rupture with him. We say, "I would want to do nothing that would cut me off from God," Ignatius writes. This is the kind of humility that is necessary for salvation. It is the minimum. The second kind of humility is a desire to be with Jesus so closely that we strive to eliminate even minor differences between us. "I have come to do your will, O God," was the motive for Jesus' life. That becomes our motive as well. We want above all to seek out and do the will of God. The third kind of humility is a desire to be so closely identified with Jesus that we experience the suffering and rejection he experienced. We willingly embrace suffering when we have not been at fault. We accept it even when it is no one's fault. Jesus was regarded as an outcast and a fool in his time. We are willing to be seen the same way in our time, "rather than wise or prudent in this world." *From David L. Fleming. What Is Ignatian Spirituality (Kindle Locations 419-425). Kindle Edition.*

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Prayer

Holy Spirit, as I discern my role in making the world a better place, give me an altruistic heart. Help me to think not only of my convenience and limitations, but to stretch a little to share with those who are truly poor. Give me the grace to be both practical and generous, and let me serve as I would want to be served. Holy Spirit, be my guide. Amen

From Living a Spirituality of Action by Joan Mueller