

USEFUL RESOURCES JPIC

March 21st 2011: Prayer Service to mark the International Year of the Forest.

The United Nations International Year of the Forest in 2011 will create awareness of the urgency to protect fragile global forestry and to encourage a greater sustainability in their use. Please find the prayer service in languages available to date (English, Italian, Japanese), at http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_21March. We have asked for translations in - **French**, Albanian, Rumanian, Kiswahili, Croatian, Czech, Spanish, Dutch, Ukrainian, Russian, Chinese, Portuguese, Indonesian, Slovak, Polish and German. If you can promote other translations, please contact jpicusquisg@lasalle.org

40th Anniversary 'Justice in the World'. November 2011 celebrates the 40th anniversary of the **Synod of Bishops (1971) with the theme of 'Justice in the World'**. It influenced many religious institutes, particularly to work for 'justice' motivated by an understanding that it is an integral part of the gospel mission. The document states that *'Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation'* (#6). The JPIC Commission encourages religious to read and reflect on this document, both personally and in community, during 2011. For copies of the document in English, Spanish, **French** go to:

http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Justice

Global Day of Action on Military Spending (April 12, 2011): The Peace working group encourages religious to support this campaign against military spending. The world spent \$1.53 trillion dollars on the military when \$30 billion a year could eradicate world hunger according to the World Food Summit. You might like to consider: (i) present this campaign to members of your congregation; (ii) suggest this issue be incorporated into community prayer and/or Eucharist and (iii) network with other organizations involved. For more information go to: <http://demilitarize.org/>

Climate Change Conference, Cancun: Some religious, including Sean Mc Donagh SSC, Bernd Beerman OFMCap and John Brinkman MM participated at the CCCFC. To read Sean's in reflections and analysis of the process, go to:

http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Cancun_COP16

'Ecology and Jesuits in Communication', a website and e-newsletter, designed for those interested in ecology but are too busy to think of good praxis, subscribe to: <http://ecojesuit.com> This, with other updates can also be found at:

http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Integrity_of_Creation

Lima Declaration (Nov, 18-20, 2010): The final declaration of a Forum of Indigenous Peoples on Mining, Climate Change and Wellbeing is available:

In English at:

<http://www.culturalsurvival.org/news/peru/lima-declaration-forum-indigenous-peoples-mining-climate-change-and-well-being>

Other USEFUL RESOURCES:

Climate Change Conference COP 16 (Cancun): Daily Articles on the Climate Change Conference from Cancun are available at

http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Cancun_COP16

Investing For Catholics? Fr. Séamus Finn OMI discusses this issue on CatholicTV. To find out more go to: <http://omiusajpic.org/2010/12/03/investing-for-catholics/>

Cardinal Peter Turkson talk (Germany November 2010): An address in English on "Wars of Today, Peace of Tomorrow" to the German Bishops' Conference Commission for Justice and Peace Go to: http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Peace

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UN FCCC): Go to <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

International Year of the Family Farm Campaign: The World Rural Forum is working so that the UN dedicates a year to family farming. For more information (in English, Spanish and French) on this campaign and its importance for helping to keep people on the land, for food security, for culture etc, go to <http://www.familyfarmingcampaign.net/default.asp?id=en>

Religions for peace – www.religionsforpeace.org

Human Rights Day Resources: The OMI's offer some resources which might be useful for December 10, 2011. Go to: <http://omiusajpic.org/2010/12/10/human-rights-day-resource/>