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OUR OCEAN HOME

From the Director

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) was privileged to participate in three on-line sessions in November 2022 for **Our Ocean Home** in preparation for the Oceania contribution for CoP 27. This was hosted by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. The three session themes were *Shoreline and Coasts*; *Deep Sea*; and *Islands*. The sessions followed a synodal process of storytelling, reflection, practical theology and dialogue. These national discussions supported the **Oceania gathering of Bishops in Fiji** held in February 2023, that included Archbishop of Perth, Timothy Costelloe SDB; and Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, Donald Sproston. The Oceania Assembly of Bishops had representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and many Pacific nations. Although the Bishops were challenged to witness the devastation of land loss through rising sea levels and the destruction of food sources due to increasing salination on a neighbouring pacific island, they were still able to recognise the inspired hope-filled nature of the gathering as well as see the urgency of actions required - as identified in [Sustainable Development Goal # 15](#).

With this in mind, we collectively and urgently need to **read the signs of the times** and be aware of the groans of Mother Earth through devastating cyclones, droughts, earthquakes, fires, floods, mud slides and sadly much more. We need to listen to the **Cry of the Earth** and the **Cry of the Poor** given those marginalised and living in poverty are most adversely impacted by climate change catastrophes. This is also at a time of global and national financial crisis for so many given the ever increasing **cost of living pressures** which can lead to devastating **violence and abuse** within communities and within homes. So, 'what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly**, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8).

Wishing you Lenten **blessings** of **peace** and **hope**
Carol Mitchell (JEDO Director)



Photo (ACBC)



Link to (The RECORD) '[Future hopes of all interwoven by the ocean](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor prayer card](#)'

Link to (jpg) '[JEDO Easter Message](#)'

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We welcome your inclusion and participation in our 'call to action'.

With **Catholic Social Teaching** as our guide, let us walk together as one to make a difference in our communities – to **think globally, but act locally** – within our families, parishes, schools, work, civic and leisure communities, and beyond...We welcome you on our shared journey: www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au

'ABOVE ALL, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH LOVE, WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY AND LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS' **COLOSSIANS 3: 14-15**



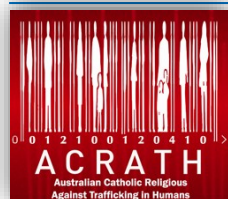
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JUSTICE



ACRATH and MODERN SLAVERY

Link to (The RECORD) '[St Mary's Cathedral launch their Modern Slavery Project](#)'

Link to (PDF) '[ACRATH EASTER Campaign](#)'

Link to (ACRATH) '[Take the Bitterness Out of Chocolate - ACRATH](#)'



FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

Link to (PDF) '[New Commonwealth Closing the Gap Report](#)'

Link to (Eureka Street) '[New Unpacking the Statement from the Heart](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Religious Leaders Unite to Urge Support for Voice](#)'

Link to (Eureka Street) '[An Indigenous Voice: Truth, treaty and reconciliation](#)'

Link to (Eureka Street) '[Mabo, Keating and a Voice](#)'

Walk for Reconciliation 2000

<https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/walk-for-reconciliation>

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry: <http://acm.perthcatholic.org.au/>

NATSICC: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/>



MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Link to (CathNews) '[Thousands of refugees to qualify for permanent residency](#)'

ACMRO: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/>

WACMRO: <https://wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au/>

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM in WA

Link to (PDF) '[Christian Leaders in compassion plea for kids in detention](#)'

Link to (SRWA) '[Abuse of Children in WA's Youth Justice System Must End](#)'

END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The JEDO Director is grateful for the support of Barbara Blayney through the **Safeguarding Program Office** for the collaborative opportunity to highlight the **16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**. Thanks are also expressed to Fr Sean Fernandez, **Dean of St Mary's Cathedral** for enabling the 8am service on Friday 25th of November 2022, the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** to draw the prayerful discernment towards social justice action for those in attendance. This was the start of the 16 days of activism, which went through to Saturday 10th of December, **Human Rights Day**. This is appropriately named given it was the **Adoption of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights** in 1948. The 2022/23 Social Justice Statement, **Respect – Confronting Violence & Abuse**, as well as the Safeguarding Program resource, **A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence** were further promoted during the 16 Days of Activism to End GBV:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

Link to (The RECORD) '[Perth Catholics called to unite to end violence against women](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Safeguarding A-Pastoral-Response-to-Domestic-Violence](#)'

<https://www.dss.gov.au/ending-violence>

Link to '[UN - Ending violence against women](#)'

Link to '[UN Women - Unite to end violence against women Campaign](#)'

"SERVICE IS THE SIGN OF TRUE LOVE.
THOSE WHO LOVE KNOW HOW TO SERVE OTHERS"
POPE FRANCIS



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Wednesday, 8th March

<https://unwomen.org.au/get-involved/international-womens-day/>

<https://iwda.org.au/take-action/international-womens-day/>

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/theme>

Link to (PDF) '[IWD Prayer](#)'

Link to (PDF) '[IWD Key Messages 2023](#)'



ECOLOGY



CLIMATE JUSTICE – Call to action for our common home in Oceania

"Climate change is happening now and to all of us. No country or community is immune. And, as is always the case, the poor and vulnerable are the first to suffer and the worst hit"

António Guterres (UN Secretary-General)

Link to (PDF) '[Climate Emergency Declaration](#)'

Link to (PDF) '[2023 Ecological Justice Calendar](#)'



Link to (YouTube) '[Mitigation of Climate Change Trailer](#)'

Fossil Fuels – where does your bank stand?

GreenFaith video

[Compare Bank Table - Market Forces](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ARRCCWA/>

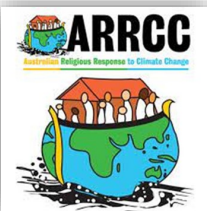
LS Movement – Divestment from Fossil Fuels

<https://laudatosimovement.org/divestment/>

<https://laudatosimovement.org/download/the-catholic-argument-for-fossil-fuel-divestment/>

Laudato Si' Week (in May) 2023 Theme:

Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity



ARRCC: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

ARRCC Policy Positions

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/policy-positions>

Divestment Day of Action – Thursday, 9th March

Link to (Flyer) '[Multi-faith Prayer & Meditation Service](#)'

Cities Power Partnership

<https://citiespowerpartnership.org.au/>

[West Australian Councils Leading Emissions Reduction - \(citiespowerpartnership.org.au\)](https://citiespowerpartnership.org.au/)

*"BUT WITH EVERY DEED YOU ARE SOWING A SEED,
THOUGH THE HARVEST YOU MAY NOT SEE"*

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX



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DEVELOPMENT



CARITAS Australia

<https://www.caritas.org.au/global-issues/climate-justice/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/act/climate-change-action/>

Link to (WACOSS) '[2022 Cost of Living Report](#)'

Link to (Caritas) [Project Compassion](#)

TAKE
THE
PLEDGE
TO END EXTREME
POVERTY



United Nations (UN) BIO-DIVERSITY Conference

CoP 15 – Biodiversity

<https://www.unep.org/un-biodiversity-conference-cop-15>

<http://sdg.iisd.org/events/un-biodiversity-conference-cbd-cop-15-part-2/>

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/video/cop15-biodiversity-web-life-connects-us-all>



"We must not be indifferent or resigned to the **loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems**, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behavior... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence ...We have no such right." (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis

"Let us not forget, let us pray and think what we can do for them."

Pope Francis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MiHnHu2rXs>

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/oceania-bishops-send-prayers-condolences-to-syria-turkey/#more-9446>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>



"Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave"

Pope Benedict XVI (Deus Caritas Est, 2005)

"TRUE LOVE BEGINS WHEN NOTHING IS LOOKED FOR IN RETURN"

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX



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SYNOD

Link to (The RECORD) '[Lenten Prayer Resources published by Bishops](#)'

Link to (Catholic Australia) '[XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops \(catholic.au\)](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Hundreds engage in latest round of Synod of Bishops Discernment](#)'

PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus
as loving, merciful and just.
Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together
to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church.
Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit,
that they might truly discern and faithfully serve
the needs of your People and your World.
Colour our way of life and give witness to your presence among us.
You who live and reign, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Link to (PDF) '[Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts](#)'



PEACE

56th World Day of PEACE – 1st January

Link to (The RECORD) '[Dream big, take small steps for peace each day, Pope Francis tells students](#)'

"AT THE HEART OF EACH MAJOR RELIGION IS THE VISION OF PEACE,
THE IDEAL OF RECONCILED HUMANITY, THE WAY OF COMPASSION AND LOVE
AND JUSTICE, THE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH OF NONVIOLENCE" **FR JOHN DEAR**

Link to (CathNews) '[New National Safeguarding Standards include adults at risk](#)'

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/>

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' **Phillipians 4:13**



2022-23 '**RESPECT** - Confronting Violence and Abuse'
Download your copy of the **2022-23 SJS Resources** [HERE!!!](#)

([SJ Statement](#); [Action Card & Prayer Card](#) and [Liturgy Notes](#)).
These can be obtained from the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace:
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

We invite you to forward brief articles and photos of your parish or school Social Justice actions for
upcoming JEDO Newsletters. Please send any submissions or queries to
admin.jedo@perthcatholic.org.au

"DO NOT LET YOUR TROUBLES DISTURB YOUR TRUST IN GOD"
ST MARY MACKILLOP



Social Justice ACTION

- **Clean-up Australia Day** - Sun, 5th Mar. '23 (1st Sunday in March)
- **International Women's Day** – 8th Mar. '23
- **National Close the Gap Day** - Thur. 16th Mar. '23 (3rd Sunday in March)
- **National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence** - Mon. 20th Mar. '23
- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** - Tue. 21st Mar. '23
- **Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination** - Tue. 21st Mar. '23
- **Intl Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims** - Fri. 24th Mar. '23
- **EARTH Hour** - Sat. 25th Mar. '23
- **PALM Sunday Walk for Peace & Justice for Refugees WA** - Sun. 2nd Apr. '23
 Link to '**SAVE the DATE**'
<https://justice4refugeeswa.com/palm-sunday-2023/>
- **International Mother Earth Day** - Sat. 22nd Apr. '23
- **St Joseph the Worker / International Workers Day** - Mon. 1st May. '23
- **World Fair Trade Day** - Tue. 9th May. '23
- **International Day of Living Together in Peace** - Tue. 16th May. '23
- **Laudato Si' Week** (in Australia) - Tue. 16th to Wed. 24th May. '23
- **National SORRY Day** - Fri. 26th May. '23

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



CST & Thought

From the Director - A brief introduction to CST & Thought (or gentle reminder);

SUBSIDIARITY affirms the right of individuals and social groups to make their own decisions and accomplish what they can by their own initiative and industry. In the Joint Statement on Subsidiarity it was noted "Self-determination, pride and self-respect are the banks of the river through which the waters of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life flows" (NATSICC, 2016).

Australia is signatory to the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007)**, which embodies the principle of subsidiarity. Article 23 states that "Indigenous Peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right of development in particular, Indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them...". Caritas Australia notes that "all people have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Subsidiarity requires that decisions are made by the people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns of the community."

Link to (PDF) '**Joint Statement on Subsidiarity Booklet**'

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/cst-toolkit/subsidiarity-and-participation/>

"WE LIVE IN A WORLD SATURATED WITH THE LOVE AND INTENTIONALITY
OF AN EVER-PRESENT GOD, AND WE ARE NOT ALONE"

BARBARA HOLMES



OJEP Social Justice Diary

(December 2022 to February 2023)

(Linked to the **JEDO** online **Calendar** for Social Justice Planning)

2 nd December 2022	<u>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</u>
3 rd December 2022	<u>Intl Day of Persons with Disabilities</u>
5 th December 2022	World Soil Day
	Intl Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development
9 th December 2022	Intl Anti-Corruption Day
	Intl Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide
10 th December 2022	<u>Human Rights Day</u> (End of 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence)
11 th December 2022	Intl Mountain Day
18 th December 2022	<u>Intl Migrants Day</u>
20 th December 2022	Intl Human Solidarity Day

1 st January 2023	<u>World Day of Peace</u> (Linked to 56th World Day of Peace Message - Pope Francis)
22 nd January 2023	Intl Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons came into force - 2021
26 th January 2023	<u>Australia Day / Survival Day</u>
27 th January 2023	Intl Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
29 th January 2023	World Leprosy Day



1 st February 2023	World Interfaith Harmony Week Commences (1 st to 7 th February)
2 nd February 2023	World Wetlands Day
4 th February 2023	<u>Intl Day of Human Fraternity</u>
6 th February 2023	Intl Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
	Waitangi Day
8 th February 2023	<u>Feast of St Josephine Bakhita</u> - Day of Prayer, Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking
9 th February 2023	National Safer Internet Day
11 th February 2023	Intl Day of Women and Girls in Science
	<u>World Day of the Sick</u> - 'Take Care of Him'
12 th February 2023	Intl Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
13 th February 2023	15 th Anniversary (2008) Australian Government Apology to the Stolen Generations
20 th February 2023	<u>World Day of Social Justice</u>
21 st February 2023	Intl Mother language Day

"FACTS DO NOT CEASE TO EXIST BECAUSE THEY ARE IGNORED"

ALDOUS HUXLEY



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- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels**
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"What we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe and shelter themselves as God intended them to do"

Dorothy Day (Love is the Measure)



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



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*'KEEP ON DOING THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND RECEIVED AND
HEARD AND SEEN IN ME, AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU'*

PHILIPPIANS 4:9