



## VOICE to Parliament

### From the Director

**The Director of JEDO:** the **Justice, Ecology and Development Office** within the **Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA)** like many others, post the **2023 Referendum Result**, felt the need to lament – to prayerfully sit with the disappointment and sadness. However, our shared journey of accompaniment with our First Nations sisters and brothers now needs to begin anew.

The national bishops, through the truth-telling of some NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) representatives (and others) have provided some guidance for a new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples within the 2023/24 Social Justice Statement.

The missionary focus to **Listen, Learn and Love** is our invitation to encounter and walk with hope and purpose together to **Close the Gap** in Indigenous disadvantage and to understand and embrace the **Uluru Statement from the Heart**. Let's begin our shared journey.

Link to (pdf) '[Catholic Church says referendum result should usher in new era](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[NATSICC-Statement-after-the-referendum](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Beyond the referendum, it's time for a new beginning](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Standing Together for First Australian Subsidiarity](#)'

Wishing you **Advent blessings** of **joy, hope & peace**

**Carol Mitchell** (Director)



Link to (pdf) '[JEDO 2023 Christmas Message](#)'



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The JEDO mission is to serve God for justice, peace & ecology



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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](http://www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au)

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WHO IS SENDING A LOVE LETTER TO THE WORLD"  
**ST MOTHER TERESA**



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## JEDO Advocacy & Networking

### JUSTICE



#### ACRATH and MODERN SLAVERY

[www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au)

Link to (ACRATH) '[ACRATH News - September 2023](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[2024 ACRATH Calendar](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[ACRATH delegates make annual Advocacy visit to Parliament](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Christians are called to fight every form of slavery: Pope](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[Season of Advent honoured in word and music to focus on Modern Slavery](#)'

**16 Days of Activism to End GBV:** <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/16-days/>



#### Anti-Poverty Week

Link to (CathNews) '[Richest 5 per cent hold one-third of country's wealth, report reveals](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[APW Briefing & Fast FACTS](#)'

<https://valuingchildreninitiative.com.au/>

<https://lifelink.com.au/2023-christmas-appeal/>

*"Do not turn your face away from  
our brothers and sisters in need"*  
Most Rev **Timothy Costelloe** SDB

#### FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

Link to (CathNews) '[Australian delegation heads to US for indigenous conference](#)'

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/referendum-result-profound-disappointment/>

[https://www.erc.org.au/erc\\_will\\_continue\\_to\\_walk\\_towards\\_justice\\_alongside\\_our\\_first\\_nations\\_brothers\\_and\\_sisters](https://www.erc.org.au/erc_will_continue_to_walk_towards_justice_alongside_our_first_nations_brothers_and_sisters)

<https://aida.org.au/publication/this-referendum-result-will-not-stop-us/>

<https://theothercheek.com.au/a-lamentation-from-stan-grant/>



**NATSICC:** [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry:** [www.acm.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.acm.perthcatholic.org.au)



#### MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

[www.wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au)

Link to (CathNews) '[High Court rules indefinite detention unlawful](#)'

Settling in a new country is not easy. **WACMRO** can assist new migrants and refugees to Australia with the support of the Catholic church, to offer a sense of welcome and belonging into the community that you choose to call home.

**WACMRO** is available to assist directly through forums and programs and also to provide guidance towards organisations that can help you to establish roots in Western Australia.

[www.migrants-refugees.wa](http://www.migrants-refugees.wa)

**ACMRO:** [www.acmro.catholic.org.au](http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au)



*"THE MYSTERY OF POVERTY IS THAT BY SHARING IN IT, MAKING OURSELVES POOR  
IN GIVING TO OTHERS, WE INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF AND BELIEF IN LOVE"*

**DOROTHY DAY**





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#### RESPECT: Confronting Violence & Abuse

[www.socialjustice.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.org.au)

Link to (CathNews) [‘Pope criticises media's ‘ambiguous’ role in campaign to stop violence against women’](#)



Link to (Vatican News) [‘Pope: Urgent action needed on violence against women’](#)

Link to (pdf) [16 Days of Activism to End GBV](#)

Link to (OJEP) [2022-2023 SJS Resources](#)



#### National Child Protection Week - 3rd to 9th September

“Where we start matters”

Link to (The RECORD) [‘Profound impact of childhood emphasised during Child Protection Week’](#)

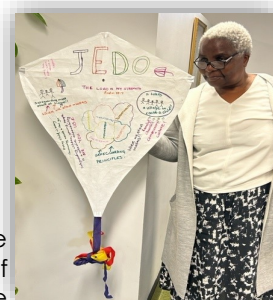
Link to (The RECORD) [‘Archbishop Costelloe repeats apology at Parliamentary Inquiry’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘Safeguarding - 2023 December Newsletter’](#)

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

JEDO welcomes **Barbara Blayney** to the permanent role of Director, Safeguarding Program, following the resignation of **Andrea Musulin** (effective from 1st December 2023). We offer prayers and blessings of gratitude to both women for their faith-filled leadership with this critically important focus, not only for the Archdiocese of Perth, but for our collective or common good as people of faith and good will.

(Bibiana Kwaramba from JEDO)



*‘It is our collective responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth.’*

*‘I can do all things through  
Him who strengthens me’  
Philippians 4: 13*

### ECOLOGY



#### CLIMATE JUSTICE

COP 28 (Pope Francis)

Link to (Vatican News) [‘Pope Francis to COP28: ‘Choose life, choose the future!’](#)

Link to (YouTube) [‘Pope Francis’ video message for inauguration of COP28 Faith Pavilion’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘CEA - 2024 Ecological Justice CALENDAR’](#)

Link to (CathNews) [‘Parish community garden grounded in faith’](#)

**2023 Season of Creation Theme:** *Let Justice & Peace Flow*

[www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

**LS Movement:** [www.laudatosimovement.org](http://www.laudatosimovement.org)

**Laudato Si’ Encounter: Monthly Prayer Guide – December 2023**

Link to (pdf) [‘An Advent Calendar’](#)



*“What the Lord asks of us today is a culture of service, not a throwaway culture.  
But we can’t serve others unless we let their reality speak to us”*

**Pope Francis** (Let us Dream: The path to a better future, 2020)

*“CREATION ITSELF – NOT RITUAL OR SPACES CONSTRUCTED BY  
HUMAN HANDS WAS ST FRANCIS’ PRIMARY CATHEDRAL”*

(FR) RICHARD ROHR

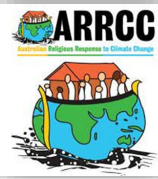


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**ARRCC: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change**

[www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au)

Link to (PDF) '[Multifaith Climate Change Forum](#)'

Saturday, 9th September 2023

Sr Margaret Spain &  
Fr Kelvin Barrett gave a  
Catholic perspective



Aunty Cheryl Lennox-Bradley  
gave an Indigenous  
perspective

## DEVELOPMENT



**CARITAS Australia**

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

Link to (CathNews) '[Caritas Australia backs Pope's 'ecological vision'](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[An urgent Prayer for Peace](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Advent 2023 - A Resource for Parishes](#)'

**Give a Gift. Change Lives.**

<https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts/>



**DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING  
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

**Laudate Deum** (Oct. 2023) – Praise God

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2023/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhortation-of-pope-francis.html>

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/sviluppo-umano-integrale/ecologia1.html>

*"Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.*

*Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.*

*Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is".*

**Pope Francis**, A Christian prayer in union with creation, Laudato Si'

**"HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET BEYOND THE BARRIER OF AID, OF GIFTS,  
OF ASSISTANCE, TO REACH THE REALM OF JUSTICE"**

**DOM HELDER CAMARA**





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### SYNODALITY

Link to (The Holy See) '[50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops](#)'

Link to (CFL) '[Resources for First Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2023](#)'



With a Synodal Church in our hearts and minds, Pope Francis gathers us in prayer (Oct. 2023):

*"Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries"*

Link to (CFL) '[Centre for Liturgy - Assembly Prayer Resources](#)'



## PEACE

Link to (The RECORD) '[Humanity must build alliances supporting peace, creation, says Pope Francis](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Bishops call on people of faith to join them in praying for peace in Holy Land](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Holy See calls for 'just peace' in Israel and Palestine](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Call for Church to be welcoming, healing and hopeful](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[57th World Day of Peace Theme](#)' (1st January 2024)

*"What we are called to is a life of peace-making in which all that we do, say, think or dream is part of our concern to bring peace to this world."*

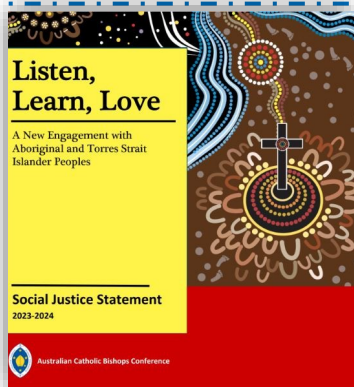
Henri Nouwen



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Archbishop Charles Balvo and Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
Image Credit: ACBC

## 2023-24 'LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE - A New Engagement With ATSI Peoples'

Download your copy of the [2023-24 SJS Resources](#) [HERE!!!](#)



([SJ Statement](#); [Prayer & Action Card](#) and [Liturgy Notes](#)).

These can be obtained from the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace:

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://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](mailto:admin.jedo@perthcatholic.org.au)

*"A SYNODAL CHURCH IS A LISTENING CHURCH AWARE THAT LISTENING IS MORE THAN HEARING. IT IS A RECIPROCAL LISTENING IN WHICH EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO LEARN"*

POPE FRANCIS (2015)



1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Day of Prayer for Creation</u></a>	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for Disaster Reduction</u></a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>St Mother Teresa Feast Day</u></a>	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for Rural Women</u></a>
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Suicide Prevention Day</u></a>	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Food Day</u></a>
14 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>R U OK? Day</u></a>	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for the Eradication of Poverty</u></a>
15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>International Day of Democracy</u></a>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Mission Sunday</u></a>
21 <sup>st</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of Peace</u></a>	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Tsunami Awareness Day</u></a>
24 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants &amp; Refugees</u></a> (Migrant & Refugee Sunday)	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War &amp; Armed Conflict</u></a>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons</u></a>	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Science Day for Peace and Development</u></a>
29 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Maritime Day</u></a>	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>Remembrance (Armistice) Day</u></a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day for Older Persons</u></a>	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>7<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor</u></a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of Non-Violence</u></a>	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of Tolerance</u></a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>St Francis of Assisi Feast Day</u></a>	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Day for the Prevention and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse &amp; Violence</u></a>
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>World Mental Health Day</u></a>	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>Universal Children's Day</u></a>
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of the Girl-Child</u></a>	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women</u></a>



## CST & Thought

### INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

In 2015, Pope Francis called us to action through the encyclical (letter) ***Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home***. This was addressed to everyone in the world – not just people of faith. It called for **critical climate justice action** – recognising that we all have a part to play. Pope Francis introduced us to a new Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principle, **Integral Ecology** – recognising that everything is connected (LS # 137); and that ecology is holistic. This means it includes environmental, social, cultural and human ecology – bringing all of these together for the common good, as we're one global family here on earth; for as God's creatures, we are only a part of creation. Integral Ecology requires “an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time, protecting nature” – so, we can hear and respond to the **cry of the earth** and the **cry of the poor**.

<https://social-spirituality.net/integral-ecology/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/library/integral-ecology-framework/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/cst-toolkit/care-for-our-common-home/secondary/>

<https://eco-catholic.com/what-is-integral-ecology/>

*“Infinite love of God is our origin and our sustaining ground.*

*It is our ultimate identity, and it is our fulfilment”*

**James Finley** ('Turning to the Mystics' – season 8: CAC)

**“IT IS NOT THOSE WHO CAN PAY US WELL THAT WE SHOULD FIRST SEEK, BUT RATHER THE POOR AND NEGLECTED WHERE WE CAN FIND MEANS OF SUPPORTING THEM”**

**ST MARY MACKILLOP**



OJEP Social Justice Diary

(Dec 2023 to Feb 2024)

(Linked to the [JEDO online Calendar](#) for Social Justice Planning)

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Day of the Abolition of Slavery</u></a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Day for Persons with Disabilities
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
	World Soil Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Civil Aviation Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Day for the Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
	Intl Anti-Corruption Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Human Rights Day
	<a href="#"><u>16 Days to End Gender-Based Violence</u></a> (25 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Mountain Day
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	<a href="#"><u>Intl Migrants Day</u></a>
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Human Solidarity Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Intl Day of Epidemic Preparedness
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024	<a href="#"><u>57<sup>th</sup> World Day of PEACE</u></a>
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024	Australia Day / Survival Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024	Intl Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust



2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024	World Wetlands Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	<a href="#"><u>4<sup>th</sup> Intl Day of Human Fraternity</u></a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Intl Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
	Waitangi Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	<a href="#"><u>St Josphine Bakhita</u></a> - Intl Day of Prayer and Action Against Human Trafficking
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Day of Prayer for the Sick
	Intl Day of Women and Girls in Science
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Intl Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	<a href="#"><u>World Day of Social Justice</u></a>





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- **Social Justice Action** / Upcoming **Events**
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*"THOSE WHO HAVE OPENED THEIR HEART'S TO GOD'S LOVE,  
HEARD HIS VOICE AND RECEIVED HIS LIGHT CANNOT KEEP THIS GIFT TO THEMSELVES"*

**POPE FRANCIS** (LF # 37) – **LUMEN FIDEI: THE LIGHT OF FAITH** (2013)



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**ST JULIAN OF NORWICH**