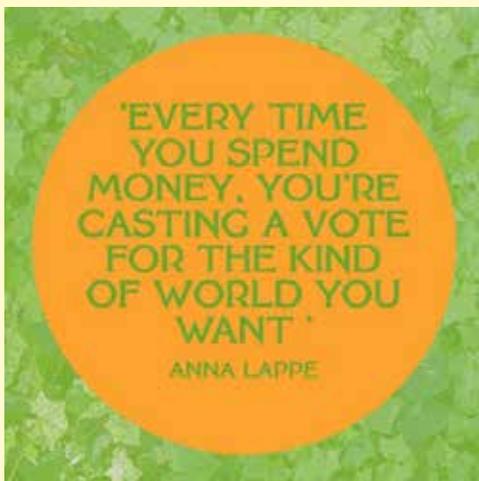




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Changing the World One Purchase at a Time

Money is frozen energy. Every purchase we make releases energy into the world and reveals what we really value. A great tool for more ethical and sustainable shopping is Ellis Jones's *The Better World Shopping Guide* (New Society Publishers, 2015) <http://www.betterworldshopper.com/idea.html>. Small enough to slip in your pocket or purse and also available as an app, this guide evaluates companies based on their records on human rights, the

environment, animal protection, community involvement, and social justice. It grades a wide variety of products from A to F – so that even if you can't get all A's you can at least go from an F to a C. These are the top ten most important areas in which to change our purchasing: 1. Bank; 2. Gasoline; 3. Supermarket; 4. Retail Stores; 5. Car; 6. Seafood; 7. Chocolate; 8. Coffee/Tea; 9. Credit Cards; 10. Cleaning Products. To the right is an example on Retail Stores.

The Daughters of Charity have distributed copies of the guide to all of their communities. Gather with a group of your friends, co-workers or people at your parish to investigate the guide. What can you do to improve your grade? What kind of energy do you want to release in the world?

RETAIL STORES	
A+	Patagonia
A-	IKEA, REI
B	LL Bean
B-	Home Depot
C+	Target, Eddie Bauer
C-	Best Buy, BJ's
D+	JC Penney, Walgreens
D	Sears, Maytag, Costco
D-	Rite Aid, Kmart
F	Wal-Mart, Sam's Club



ACT FOR PEACE: PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD BEYOND WAR SELFIE PROJECT

Take a photo of yourself holding up one of these signs (with the blank filled in) in front of a military base, a weapons company, a recruitment office, a department of war, a U.S. embassy, another nation's embassy, a parliament, a royal palace, a bank or financial institution that invests in war, a local office of an elected official, or another piece of the war machine. Post your photos on social media (such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) along with your location in the world and the tag #worldbeyondwar.

GOAL 16

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS



Our Continuing Series on the UN Sustainable Development Goals...

Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals is dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels. * Among the institutions most affected by corruption are the judiciary and police*Corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost some US \$1.26 trillion for developing countries per year; this amount of money could be used to lift those who are living on less than \$1.25 a day above \$1.25 for at least six years.*The rule of law and development have a significant interrelation and are mutually reinforcing,

making it essential for sustainable development at the national and international level

ACTION: Learn something about the Separation of Powers in the US Constitution. It makes the federal government intentionally inefficient – in order to guarantee accountability. <http://billmoyers.com/story/separation-powers-explained/>

Want to take a deeper dive into the Sustainable Development Goals? The International Presentation Association (of the Presentation of the BVM Sisters) offers an excellent popular-education resource for groups to explore the SDGs - *Critical Hope for the SDGs – Advocating from the Margins for Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice in the Context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals* <http://internationalpresentationassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Critical-Hope-for-the-SDGs-5.25.17pdf-1.pdf>



JPIC Dates in June

4 US Independence Day “My visit takes place at a time when men and women of good will are marking the anniversaries of several great Americans. The complexities of history and the reality of human weakness notwithstanding, these men and women, for all their many differences and limitations, were able by hard work and self-sacrifice – some at the cost of their lives – to build a better future. They shaped fundamental values which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people. A people with this spirit can live through many crises, tensions and conflicts, while always finding the resources to move forward, and to do so with dignity. These men and women offer us a way of seeing and interpreting reality. In honoring their memory, we are inspired, even amid conflicts, and in the here and now of each day, to draw upon our deepest cultural reserves.” Speech of Pope Francis to Congress, 2015

7 Birthday of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND de N (1931-2005), Martyr of the Amazon. At this link watch a one woman play about Dorothy by Sr. Nancy Murray, OP, sister of actor Bill Murray. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2piWGtSisJo>

11 Feast of St. Benedict, patron of farmers, who wrote in his Rule, “You should treat the tools of the monastery with the same reverence as the sacred vessels of the altar.”

12 Birthday (1997) of Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate. <https://www.malala.org/malalas-story>

14 Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) - Spend some time today in nature in imitation of Kateri who, as her first biographer tells us, “often went to the woods alone to speak to God and listen to him in her heart and in the voice of nature.”

22 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, first preacher of the good news of the Resurrection. Write or call a woman who has been a messenger of the Easter gospel to you.

26 Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim – Congratulation to all grandparents!

30 International Day of Friendship - “Here we are, you and I, and I hope that Christ makes a third with us. No one can interrupt us now... So come now, dearest friend, reveal your heart and speak your mind.” St. Aelred of Rievaulx