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To judge by box office returns, people are going back to the movies. *Top Gun: Maverick* has made 1.6 billion dollars globally. I am old enough to remember balmy August evenings spent at the drive in theater, kids playing in their pajamas on swing sets waiting for the feature to begin.

Use some of your summer downtime to open your heart and mind to some of the great peace, justice, and ecological issues of our day by watching some of these films in the comfort of your home.



**Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution** - This 50 minute documentary profiles the “localization” movement; people all over the world banding together to solve local problems and build connection and community. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHAXdrLagwY>



**The Future Lies With Youth** - Watch youth from all over the world demonstrate their engagement for climate justice. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s6MgBS7Pns>



All the talks of the global conference of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, Catholic **Peacebuilding in a Time of Crisis: Hope for a Wounded World** are available here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHFxRFdaVXm4CiRQeIW-Dg>



**Sex Trafficking in America** shows the local face of this global tragedy. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/sex-trafficking-in-america/>

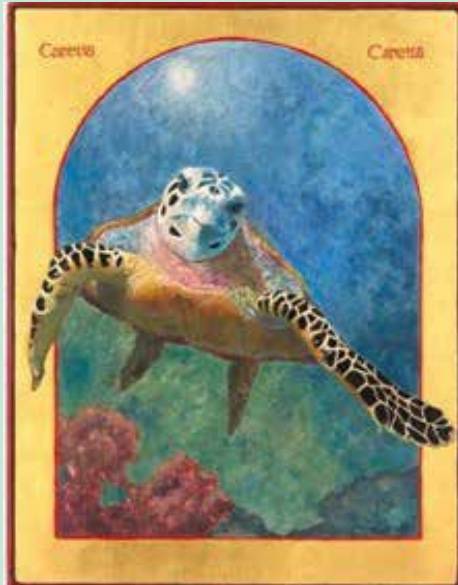


At this link access the videos of **Catholic Women Speak** and hear the voices of global Catholic women [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC20bodmBJNwoAqfX7jN\\_\\_Xg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC20bodmBJNwoAqfX7jN__Xg/videos)

## Living Our Commitment to the Laudato Si' Action: Hearing the Cry of the Earth



At Maris Stella, the Sisters of Charity Retreat and Conference Center on Long Beach Island, NJ we collaborate with other local environmental groups in protecting sea turtles during their nesting time. Learn more about protecting sea turtles here <https://www.seeturtles.org/>



Spend some time in contemplative gazing at this icon of a sea turtle, Sea turtles are an ancient species, having been around since the time of the dinosaurs - about 110 million years. This sea turtle is listed as Critically Endangered. The major threats to their existence are plastics which they ingest mistaking them for food; Oil spills (they often mistake the pools of renegade oil for the sargassum seaweed they need for their survival). Many areas where drilling occurs are critical sea turtle habitats. Other serious threats are the accidental catching of turtles in commercial fishing gear and oil on beaches that pollute hatchling and nesting areas. Iconographer Angela Manno painted this image of an endangered creature as icon to remind us that a loss of a species is a loss of an image of the beauty and creativity of God. Read more about Angela Manna's art here <https://angelamanno.com/iconography>

### JPIC Date to Remember in August

**6-9 American Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki** "Here in this city which witnessed the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of a nuclear attack, our attempts to speak out against the arms race will never be enough...In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons, are an affront crying out to heaven." Pope Francis in Nagasaki, 2019

**15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary** "The doctrine of the Assumption is of supreme importance not only to Catholics but to all men and women because it means that there is still in the world, there will always be in the world, a voice to affirm and a power to defend the dignity and the ultimate glory of matter, of material things, of human flesh and blood, of the lovely mystery of human

love, of the beauty which is the work of human hands." Gerald Vann, OP

**22 Queenship of Mary** "To say that in God's Kingdom Mary will be silent no more, a cosmic Queen enthroned, is to affirm Jesus' teaching: 'the last will be first, and the first will be last' (Matt 20:16). To deny Mary's cosmic significance is to deny the extravagant love God wishes to pour on us, as saints in training." The Armchair Theologian blogger

**22 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Abolition** <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/slave-trade-remembrance-day>

**28 Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial (1968)**  
"We refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt."