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June 21, 2019 is the summer solstice, the first day of summer in the Northern hemisphere. Let's try to use our summer leisure time for some continuing formation in justice, peace, and ecological integrity. The June issue of *JustLove* offers some resources to do just that.

CLIMATE CHANGE

— Watch the videos from the Climate Change Symposium sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Northeast on April 27, 2019 at Mercy Center in Madison, CT: Gina McCarthy Keynote <https://youtu.be/CO15rOdIgmC> Gina McCarthy, former EPA director under the Obama administration and a feisty Bostonian, give a rousing call –“If you don't like what Washington is doing, get out there and DO WHAT YOU LIKE!”

Panel presentations <https://youtu.be/CeIOMcxN0I4> The panel includes four young women who are passionate about saving the planet.

Bill McKibben message <https://youtu.be/tI89LtmID3gIn> Bill McKibben, in a recorded message, praised the leadership offered by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*.

— Read *The New Yorker* article about the efforts of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ to stop pipeline construction on their property. The end of the article references the *Living a Laudato Si' Lent* calendar of the Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity: “In the meantime, for the season of Lent, they distributed some daily actions that people could take to live the teachings of “*Laudato Si'*.” “Pray for those most affected by climate change—those living in poverty,” they wrote. “Abstain from a spirit of defeatism that despairs of fighting climate change.” And, they suggested, “Make sure your Easter chocolates are fair trade.”

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/on-religion/the-renegade-nuns-who-took-on-a-pipeline>



Fr. Terrence Moran, Director of the Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity, participating in a small group discussion at the symposium *Climate: Peril or Promise...the Choice Is Ours*.

ANTI-RACISM



NETWORK, the Catholic Social Justice Lobby, offers a wealth of print and media resources in their resource *Recommitting to Racial Justice*:

<https://networkadvocates.org/wpcontent/uploads/sites/2/2019/05/RecommittoRacialJustice.pdf>

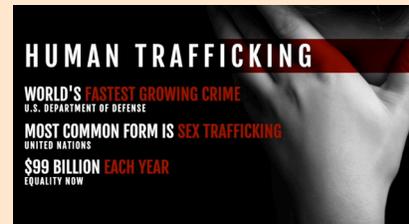
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

— Read and watch a video about the Vatican's new *Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking* <https://christusliberat.org/journal/2019/04/23/holy-see-video-pastoral-orientations-on-human-trafficking-orientations-pastorales-sur-la-traite-des-personnes-orientaciones-pastorales-sobre-la-trata-de-personas/>

— An easy way to educate on human trafficking is to distribute our holy card on human trafficking; available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole from pjei@scnj.org

— Reflect on the text of the 2019 Vatican Stations of the Cross written by Consolata Missionary and pioneer in the fight against trafficking, Sister Eugenia Bonetti.

<https://www.romereports.com/en/2019/04/18/full-text-of-way-of-the-cross-meditations/>



PEACEMAKING AND RESISTANCE TO WAR



— Seven Catholic plowshares activists entered Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in St. Mary's, Georgia on April 4th, 2018. They went to make real the prophet Isaiah's command to "beat swords into plowshares". The seven chose to act on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who devoted his life to addressing what he called the "triple evils of militarism, racism and materialism." Carrying hammers and baby bottles of their own blood, the seven attempted to convert weapons of mass destruction.

They hoped to call attention to the ways in which nuclear weapons kill every day, by their mere existence and maintenance. More than a year after their action, no trial date has been set. 4 of the 7 are free on bail with ankle monitors and restrictions on their movements. 3 remain in jail: Mark Colville,; Elizabeth McAlister; and Fr. Steve Kelly, SJ. Read about their action, support their defense fund, write to those still in prison. <https://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org/>

—Read about and support the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative <https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/>

Justice, Peace, and Ecology Dates to Remember in June

8 World Oceans Day <https://www.worldoceansday.org/>

9 Pentecost "A new fire, new as a Pentecost, flared up in eyes deadened and hopeless, the noble powers of soul given over to the "powers of the upper air." "Nothing can be done!" How often we had heard that gasp: the last of the human, of soul, of freedom. Indeed, something could be done, and was. And would be." Daniel Berrigan, SJ

11 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua – Well known as the finder of lost objects, Anthony was also a fiery preacher against economic injustice: "Predatory lenders are like the Devil himself, who is an exactor who once offered the coin of sin to the first parents, and now ceaselessly demands daily repayment with usury. They seize the goods of the poor, orphans and widows and chew them up and swallow them. They spread their nets to catch the great and small, rich and poor."

12 World Day Against Child Labor "In Georgia where children work day and night in the cotton mills they have just passed a bill to protect song birds. What about

the little children from whom all song is gone?" Mother Jones

21 Summer Solstice - "Even after all this time the Sun never says to the Earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky." Hafiz

23 Corpus Christi - To say that Eucharist calls us to social justice is not a statement that takes its origin in political correctness. It takes its origin in Jesus who, drawing upon the great prophets of old, assures us that the validity of all worship will ultimately be judged by how it affects "widows, orphans, and strangers." Ron Rolheiser

28 Sacred Heart – "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is our way out of the madness of war, violence and injustice. If we were to adopt the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as our image of a nonviolent, peacemaking God, and live not just individually but communally, nationally and globally according to that nonviolent, radiant love, the world would be disarmed." Fr. John Dear