

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace



NewsNotes November 2022

Greetings to all saints!

This month it was a great experience to attend the Livable Futures Workshop run by the Economics of Francesco. (See Sr. Charlotte's story below.) Pope Francis writes that until we change our international economic systems, we will not be able to solve the many vexing problems he writes about in *Laudato Si*, the same problems the UN is attempting to address with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs.) Leaders of the course were fairly young and full of enthusiasm for the Pope's call to a new economic vision. This will be an ongoing project as my small international group of six that I met with has already set up follow-up meetings to share our progress.

COP 27 (27th meeting of the Conference of Parties that signed the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC]) will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt November 6-18. A story below will lay out the principal issues for this meeting. But the main issue is the lack of responsibility of states that produced the most carbon in financially assisting those countries that produced the least amount of carbon, and which did the least to cause climate change. The US and the EU both objected to a financial assistance agreement last year in Glasgow. It is a matter of global justice. The wealthy industrial counties owe a debt to non-carbon producers like the small island states of the Pacific or Africa for their "loss and damage."

Let us join our prayers with those of all saints that justice will prevail.

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UK Actions for the Environment 12 November

“We had our chance to make incremental changes, but that time is over. Only a root-and-branch transformation of our economies and societies can save us from accelerating climate disaster.”

– Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UN Environment Programme

Last week the UN issued its direst warning since it told us this was “code red for humanity”, announcing it saw “no credible pathway to 1.5°C in place”(1). With COP27 less than two weeks away, and many countries still not having followed through on last year’s pledges, we are currently on track for 2.8°C of warming by the end of the century. Given the extent of the destruction caused by just 1°C of warming so far this is a truly terrifying prospect.

The UN report says that the 45% cut in emissions by 2030 to have any hope of keeping 1.5°C alive is a feat that could only be achieved by “urgent system-wide transformation”. In particular the UN identified that we need fundamental changes to our energy, food and financial systems. This of course comes as no surprise to those of us who’ve been campaigning for a systemic approach to climate change for decades.

“Solutions to transform societies exist, but the time for collective, multilateral action is now.”

On Saturday 12 November we will stand together – a huge global movement of movements – to protest against the inadequacies of the COP process and show the world that now is the time for action.

The list of decentralised protests just keeps growing and shows no signs of stopping! Additional locations will be added to the [Climate Justice Coalition](#) website as they’re announced, where you will also find meeting points and times. As it currently stands there will be additional rallies in:

- BELFAST
- BIRMINGHAM

- BLACKPOOL
- BRISTOL
- CARDIFF
- CAERNARFON
- CARMARTHEN
- CORNWALL
- DERRY & DUBLIN
- EASTBOURNE
- EDINBURGH
- LEAMINGTON SPA
- LEICESTER
- LONDON
- MACHYNLLETH (contact activism@globaljustice.org.uk)
- MARKET HARBOROUGH
- NEWCASTLE
- NOTTINGHAM
- PLYMOUTH
- PORTSMOUTH
- SOUTHAMPTON
- STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
- SHEFFIELD
- SWANSEA
- TAUNTON (contact activism@globaljustice.org.uk)
- WIMBORNE

Head to the [Climate Justice Coalition](https://www.climatejusticecoalition.org/) website for times and meeting points, or follow the links to take you to the individual Facebook and Eventbrite pages. If you want to announce an event in your own town then email us at activism@globaljustice.org.uk and we'll help you get set up.

Faith, Food, and the Environment



Catholic Climate Covenantsm
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

At a time of an ongoing global pandemic, armed conflicts, climate change, chemical pollution, rising food practices, and the ever-growing loss of land for food production, the need to build sustainable and just agricultural and food systems has never been more urgent.

Please join us on Thursday, November 3rd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. (Eastern) for a webinar focusing on:

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The webinar will be recorded and all who register will receive a link to recording!