



I have come that you may have life to the full - John 10:10

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CIRCLES OF LIFE

Food Security

[Fighting Land Grabs in Africa](#) - Catholics for the Common Good

The colonialism of empires has been replaced by the colonialism of corporations. And the results are the same: Westerners running roughshod over the rights of local people in the developing world.

Economy

[The Role of the State in Developing Countries under Attack from New FTAs](#) - InterPress Service
Martin Khor, the executive director of the South Centre, warns that industrialised powers are taking aim against the role of the state in developing countries.

[Call for economic overhaul](#) - USA Today

We need to pay attention to the happy planet index when measuring economic success.

[The Un-American Way](#) - Other Words

The Trans-Pacific Partnership deal threatens food safety and public health.

Peace

[Bishop says Egyptians running out of food because they fear going out](#) - By Catholic News Service

A Catholic bishop in Luxor, about 400 miles south of Cairo, said Muslims and Christians are afraid to leave their homes; because the shops are closed and no one is venturing outside, many are running out of food.

[ATT: "Let the World Know that Africa Will Not Agree to a Weak Treaty"](#) - ThinkAfrica Press

With African countries suffering the most from the arms trade's loose regulation, many African leaders are determined that talks in New York lead to a robust arms trade treaty.

Migration

[DREAMers Stop Deportation Bus in Ongoing Escalation at ICE Facility in Phoenix](#) - United We Dream

Leaders from United We Dream and the [<http://theadac.org>] Arizona Dream Act Coalition, an affiliate of United We Dream, engaged in unprecedented civil disobedience and escalated action to stop a bus in the middle of deportation proceedings at the Phoenix Removal and Detention Facility, the ICE post in downtown Phoenix. Six heroic DREAMers sat in front of the bus for more than two hours, before the bus finally retreated back into the ICE complex.

[Operation Butterfly seeks justice for immigrants, LCWR assembly told](#) - Catholic News Service

On Aug. 16, the assembly of 825 LCWR women religious were greeted by a procession of adults and children carrying butterfly flags and photo collages of people trapped within unfurled wings representing poverty and fear. "We welcome the members of the Hope Community Center in Apopka, Fla.," Sister Farrell said, "who will share their personal stories, their struggle for just reform of our broken immigration system; and their own commitment to action for justice."



[JRS intern reports from Higher Education project for refugees in Kenya](#) - Independent Catholic News

Allison Laclede, an intern with Jesuit Refugee Service, working with refugees in Kakuma, Kenya writes: If you had asked me a month ago, what I was walking into when I interned with Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), specifically with their Jesuit Commons Higher Education at the Margins (JC-HEM) programme here at Kakuma, I honestly could not tell you what I expected. Maybe small classes, some online programmes and a couple of dedicated students.

Trafficking

[Trafficking handicapped children and the economy of misery](#) - Pambazuka News

Trafficking syndicates operating between Kenya and Tanzania are actively involved in the trade of handicapped children

Environment

['Ecological Debt Day' Reached: World in Resource Overdraft](#) - Common Dreams

We have now overshot the Earth's resources for the year, meaning all consumption from here borrows from future generations.

[Villagers and Activists Unite in UK Fight Against Fracking](#) - Common Dreams

'We are facing a climate crisis, economic crisis and social crisis,' say campaigners

[Ice on the Equator may soon be relegated to history books](#) - Daily Nation

Hundreds of articles have been written about it, thousands of theories formulated around it, and millions of shillings spent studying it. And now the evidence is out: the glaciers on the roofs of East Africa's highest mountains are shrinking at an alarming rate, putting into jeopardy the economies that thrive around them and the livelihoods of people hundreds, even thousands, of kilometres away.

[Climate Change and Our Children](#) - Oneearth.org

If we don't do something now, children will bear the brunt of the diseases, droughts, and disasters brought on by a warming planet.

[Rising Temperature, Rising Food Prices](#) - InterPress Service

Agriculture as it exists today developed over 11,000 years of rather remarkable climate stability. It has evolved to maximize production within that climate system. Now, suddenly, the climate is changing. With each passing year, the agricultural system is becoming more out of sync with the climate system. In generations past, when there was an extreme weather event, such as a monsoon failure in India, a severe drought in Russia, or an intense heat wave in the U.S. Corn Belt, we knew that things would shortly return to normal. But today there is no 'normal' to return to. The earth's climate is now in a constant state of flux, making it both unreliable and unpredictable.

[Opposing Anglo's & Vedanta's Climate Killer](#) - EarthLife Africa

On August 6, 2013, 1,000 activists protested at the Anglo American Head Office in the centre of Johannesburg. The climate-conscious citizens took to the streets demanding from Anglo to invest in renewable energies and leave the coal in the ground.

[Why Are Millions Of Fish Suddenly Dying In Mass Death Events All Over The Planet?](#) - The Media Co-op

Millions upon millions of fish are suddenly dying in mass death events all over the world, and nobody seems to know why it is happening. In many of the news reports that are linked to below, locals are quoted as saying that they have never seen anything like this before. So is there a connection between all of the fish deaths that are now occurring all over the planet?

Extractive Industries

[Transparency in the Extractive Sector](#) - AEFJN

The EU has started the process for a new Directive relating to the transparency of European companies working in extractive mining sector. This initiative it is inspired by the Dodd-Frank Act and affects European companies working abroad in the oil, gas and forestry sectors.

Church

[Pope asks pontifical academies to help fight human trafficking](#) - Catholic News Service

At the request of Pope Francis, scholars and researchers belonging to two pontifical academies and representatives of the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations will begin focusing on the phenomenon of human trafficking and ways to fight it.

FAITH IN ACTION

[Low Pay Is Not OK](#) - USA Day of Action August 29
Sign the Petition

COUNTRY UPDATES

Brazil

[Brazil sues Samsung over labour violations](#) - The Guardian
Labour ministry seeks \$108m in damages over 'serious' violations at Manaus factory of world's largest smartphone maker.

Congo

[Eastern DRC: An air of change?](#) - AlJazeera
North Kivu in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been wracked by armed conflict for two decades, but a hint of change is in the air. The headlinegrabbing M23 rebel movement is, for the first time, apparently on a back foot against the government army who made military advances during operations this July. Popular support for the army is high, a drastic change from the despondency that gripped Goma at the end of last year when M23 caused the army to flee the city, resulting in occupation.

Japan

[Long-gone writer tells it how it is](#) - The Japan Times
Many in Japan and around the world will soon be marking the 80th anniversary of the death of Kenji Miyazawa. Here, Roger Pulvers hails a great author and poet whose remarkable vision casts remarkable light on life today.

Kenya

[Striking Out: How Kenya's Unions Have Gone from Hero to Zero](#) - ThinkAfrica Press
The recent teachers' strike reveals how Kenya's once formidable unions have become emasculated and divided at the time when they are needed most.

Nicaragua

[Nicaragua's New Canal Threatens Biggest Source of Water](#) - InterPress Service
The canal to be built across Nicaragua threatens the largest source of freshwater in Central America, environmentalists warn.

Nigeria

[Boko Haram Leader Presumed Dead](#) - News from Africa
Leader of Nigeria's dreaded militant Islamist Group Boko Haram may have been killed by the security forces during a shoot-out, army officials say.

Update - Africa Confidential

The formation of the All Progressives Congress, a broad-based opposition party with strong following across the north and the south-west, seems to have galvanised the governing People's Democratic Party into pushing ahead with its own election campaign. The PDP and its affiliates are planning several rallies in the coming weeks to campaign for the re-election of President Goodluck Jonathan in 2015. So far, he hasn't formally announced that he will be standing. Before that happens, his campaign team will have to shore up support across the party nation-wide.

Peru

[Country Profile](#) - New Internationalist

Peru is said to be booming but the poor would never know it.

South Africa

[Has the God who inspired the Kairos document left South Africa?](#) - Kairos Southern Africa

Update - Africa Confidential

The country is still reverberating from the shooting of 34 mineworkers at Marikana a year ago. Yet the common complaint from the people in the area at a commemoration on 16 August concerned the lack of help from the government for the relatives of the deceased. At the the memorial, attended by civic activists and trades unionists, African National Congress leaders were conspicuous by their absence. This seems to underline the growing schism between the governing ANC and its former union allies. In the short term, it could help President Jacob Zuma win re-election next year by weakening his trades-union opponents. Certainly, he seems to have emerged as the winner in his long-running battle with Zwelinzima Vavi, the General Secretary of the Congress of South African Trades Unions (Cosatu).

South Sudan

[Kiir Needs to Tread Cautiously](#) - News from Africa

After more than two decades of a bruising battle with its neighbour Sudan, South Sudan, Africa's newly independent state should tread cautiously to avoid a civil war which is now looming large following power struggles within the ruling SPLM. The country cannot afford to go to war when it still has unfinished business with Sudan, including the disputed oil-rich region of Abyei.

[Kiir Appoints New Cabinet](#) - Newsfromafrica

A presidential creed said that Mr Kiir had appointed 10 ministers to his new smaller cabinet, slashing by a third the number of the post from the previous team. However, the key post of vice-president is yet to be filled after Mr Machar's dismissal.

[Oil Politics, Asian Suits, and Alternative Pipelines in South Sudan](#) - ThinkAfrica Press

According to South Sudanese officials, the Japanese Toyota Company has agreed to build a new oil pipeline that bypasses Sudan.

Zimbabwe

[Zimbabwe's Electoral Commission Shaken by Vote](#) - InterPress Service

As a second commissioner from the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) resigns, local opposition parties and analysts are questioning the organisation's credibility and President Robert Mugabe's victory.

[Fury follows calm elections](#) - Africa Confidential

Prime Minister Tsvangirai rejects reports of a ZANU-PF victory in the elections, claiming the party had engineered a 'monumental fraud'

Update - Africa Confidential

Leaders of the 15-member Southern African Development Community (SADC) meeting in Lilongwe on 18 August overwhelmingly endorsed the re-election of Robert Mugabe as Zimbabwe's President last month. Their task was made easier by the decision of the Movement for Democratic Change to withdraw its petition to Harare's Constitutional Court claiming massive vote-rigging and falsification of the electoral register. The MDC claimed it would have been impossible to fight their case as the Electoral Commission had failed to give it the results data it had requested. Now the focus may move to the economic consequences of President Mugabe's victory.

USA

[Sister Simone Campbell Speaks to U.S. Congress about Poverty](#) - Network

Sister Simone Campbell testified before the House Budget committee on Wednesday, July 31. The title of the hearing was "The War on Poverty: A Progress Report."

[This Week in Poverty: '90 Percent of Workers Aren't Getting Bupkis'](#) - The Nation

One of the obstacles to addressing poverty in this country is that too many people think of low-income people as different, flawed or less than, which often leads not only to a lack of empathy but to outright blame.

RESOURCES

[Echoes from AEFJN - French](#)

[Stop Trafficking](#)

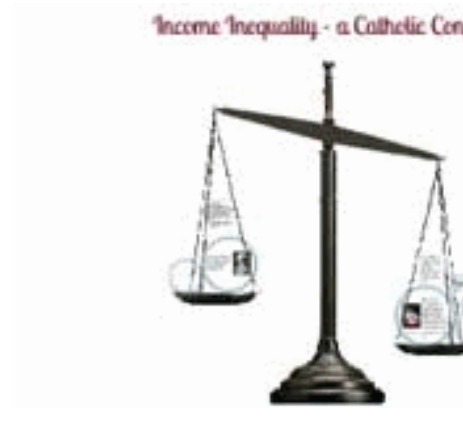


This video was created for Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and anyone else who wants to learn more about **FRACKING.**

[The scourge of bio-piracy](#)

[Sister Simone Campbell Testifies before House Budget Committee](#)

[Time for an Energy Change](#)



[Income Inequality - A Catholic Concern](#)

COMING EVENTS

September

21 - International Day of Peace. Join the efforts for a global march for peace and unity, www.facebook.com/GlobalMarchForPeaceUnity.

25-28 - (Program in California) Life - A Journey With God - Michael Morwood, MA [Maryknoll Mission Institute](#) Phone: 914-941-7575 (Ext. 5671 or Ext. 5631) E-Mail: missinst@mksisters.org

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October

18-21 - [**This Fall at Power Shift 2013 we draw a line in the sand and say no more. Register now and join us!**](#)

More than ten thousand youth leaders from every walk of life — college students, young environmental justice leaders, DREAMers, young people of faith, young workers — will **come together in Pittsburgh, PA to train, build, and launch our resistance.**

20-26 - **Congo Week.** Visit www.friendsofthecongo.org.

25-27 - **USCMA 2013 Mission Conference: Social Media, a New Language for Mission** will take place in St. Louis, Missouri, details tba. These annual conferences gather members and those concerned about the cross-cultural and global mission of the Church. Opportunities for orientation, renewal, as well as updating on mission, scripture, theology and social analysis are provided through these annual gatherings. Watch Archbishop Robert Carlson's video invitation at www.uscatholicmission.org/uscma_home.aspx.

November

20 - **Solidarity with South Sudan Annual Assembly.** From 9-4 pm at the Fratelli. Rome. **Find out more from** Teresa Dagdag at jpjic.cosec@lasalle.org.

December

18 - **Closing of AEFJN Celebrations:** in Rome (at the General Assembly)

2014

International Year of Family Farming

July

7-10 National Migration Conference - Renaissance Hotel Washington DC USCCB and CLINIC

**Action on behalf of justice is a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the gospel.
Justice in the World** - 1971 Synod of Bishops

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