

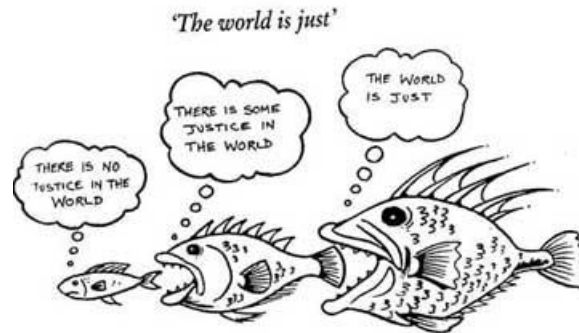


I have come that you may have life to the full - John 10:10

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CIRCLES OF LIFE

Children

[Just one in five children connected to nature, says study](#) - BBC

Large numbers of children in Britain are missing out on the natural world, a study from the RSPB suggests. The three-year project found that only 21% of children aged 8-12 were "connected to nature".

["I will not give up just because I am a girl"](#) - Kurunzi Afrika

This is the story of a girl who bravely breached the norms and culture of her community by resuming her studies after giving birth at the tender age of 14 in Kenya.

Food Security

[Pope Francis on World Food Day: The scandal of hunger and the globalization of indifference towards it](#) - Vatican Radio
October 16th was World Food Day and in a message to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization Pope Francis condemned the continuing scandal of hunger and malnutrition in today's world and what he called a globalization of indifference towards it.

[Struggling U.S. Families Threatened by Food Stamp Cuts](#) - IPS

Near the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in downtown Washington, just a few blocks away from the federal district, dozens of homeless men and women wait for the evening shuttles that will take them to their dinners at one of many food shelters around the city.

Economy

[What 11-Year-Olds Get—and Adults Forget—About Child Labor in Chocolate](#) - YES Magazine

Marie Hogan confronted Hershey's about using children in its supply chain because she cares about other kids, fairness—and candy. Here's what we can learn from her.

[TPP \(Trans Pacific Partnership\) a Trojan horse](#) - Asia Times

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement is a proposed trade pact that Japan is negotiating with Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam (as of September 2013). The TPP aims to increase the liberalization of economies in the Pacific region through abolition of tariffs on trade

as well as reregulation. In 2008, the United States joined the talks "and has espoused a hard core complete free trade policy", which has vastly expanded the scope of the negotiations. With both the US and Japan as participants, the pact would cover nearly 40% of the world's economy. For a brief explanation, see the video in Resources made by workers across the Pacific Rim.

Peace

[U.S. and Japan Agree to Broaden Military Alliance](#) - New York Times

The United States and Japan agreed to broaden their security alliance, expanding Japan's role while trying to show American determination to remain a dominant presence in the region.

[Judge praises anti-drone protesters who broke into RAF base](#) - Independent Catholic News

Six protesters who broke into RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire, home of Britain's first unmanned drones base, were found guilty of criminal damage on Monday. But Judge John Stobart described them as "dutiful people" saying he passed the sentence with a "heavy heart" and would welcome an appeal.

[Nobel Laureate Fights African Pullout from Global Court](#) - InterPress Service

South Africa's Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace prize laureate, has launched a global campaign to stop African nations from abandoning the Hague-based International Criminal Court (ICC). Sudan and Kenya, whose political leaders are accused of war crimes and genocide, are leading the movement against the ICC and have already threatened to pull out of the tribunal. Tutu, the Archbishop emeritus of Capetown and one of the world's most renowned human rights activists, has appealed to leaders of South Africa and Nigeria, two of the most powerful countries in Africa, "to stop Sudan and Kenya from trying to drag Africa out of the ICC".

[The Startling Size, Scope, and Growth of U.S. Military Operations on the African Continent](#) - Tom's Dispatch

They're involved in Algeria and Angola, Benin and Botswana, Burkina Faso and Burundi, Cameroon and the Cape Verde Islands. And that's just the ABCs of the situation. Skip to the end of the alphabet and the story remains the same: Senegal and the Seychelles, Togo and Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia. From north to south, east to west, the Horn of Africa to the Sahel, the heart of the continent to the islands off its coasts, the U.S. military is at work. Base construction, security cooperation engagements, training exercises, advisory deployments, special operations missions, and a growing logistics network, are all undeniable evidence of expansion — except at U.S. Africa Command.

Migration

[As migration rises worldwide, pope calls for international cooperation](#) - Catholic News Service

"Contemporary movements of migration represent the largest movement of individuals, if not of peoples, in history," the pope wrote. According to the United Nations, 232 million people, representing 3.2 percent of the world's population, are currently international migrants, up from 175 million in 2000 and 154 million in 1990.

[Pope: Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity](#) - Independent Catholic News

Our societies are experiencing, in an unprecedented way, processes of mutual interdependence and interaction on the global level. While not lacking problematic or negative elements, these processes are aimed at improving the living conditions of the human family, not only economically, but politically and culturally as well. Each individual is a part of humanity and, with the entire family of peoples, shares the hope of a better future. This consideration inspired the theme I have chosen for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this year: Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World.

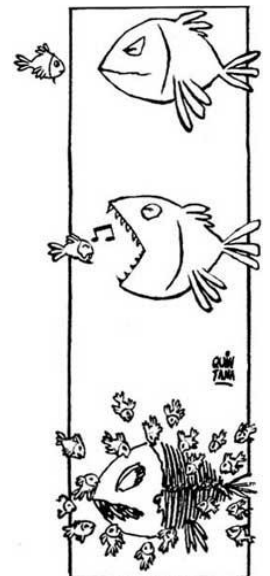
[Award winning Nun says her Service to Refugees is a Call from God](#) - NAIROBI

The 2013 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award winner, Sister Angelique Namaika has said that her call to serve the displaced and abused women by the Lord Resistance Army (LRA) from Uganda in North East Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a call from to God.

[Eritrean nun mourns Lampedusa victims, calls for action against Sinai torture camps](#) - Independent Catholic News

The Eritrean community in Israel is in deep mourning, following the terrible news of the two ships that capsized on the way from Africa to Italy. More than 300 bodies have been recovered. Many of us here have relatives or friends who were on the boats and met their deaths by drowning.

Trafficking



[Panel: More action needed to address 'abysmal' practice of trafficking](#) - CNS

It boggles the mind to contemplate 21 million people ensnared in human trafficking and modern-day slavery in 2013. But widespread awareness of forced labor in the United States and other countries is the critical first step to abolishing the heinous practice, according to speakers at a Sept. 26 New York forum on corporate responsibility and faith-based investment.

Environment

[Climate change? Try Catastrophic Climate Breakdown](#) - The Guardian

Already, a thousand blogs and columns insist the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's new report is a rabid concoction of scare stories whose purpose is to destroy the global economy. But it is, in reality, highly conservative.

[Nuns With a New Creed: Environmentalism](#) - The Atlantic

Every woman in this story is confoundingly non-descriptive. Short hair, often grey. Conservative dress. Unmarried; soft-spoken. Most are well into their seventies, and all will tell you that their way of life is dying out. They will also tell you, with surprising conviction, that the world is in peril.

Church

[Vatican bank publishes accounts for the first time](#) - Mail & Guardian

In a drive for transparency, the Institute for Works of Religion has made its accounts public for the first time.

[Pope Francis: 'The court is the leprosy of the papacy'](#) - Reuters

Pope Francis has vowed to change the mindset of the Roman Catholic church, saying that the institution "must return to being a community of the people of God" and rethink the relationship between its leaders and the laity.

FAITH IN ACTION

[Sign a Call to Action for Fully Funded Global Fund](#) - Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance

Join the EAA and wider civil society in advocating strongly for a fully funded Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria. A Call to Action will be delivered to the Global Fund Board meeting on 8 November, ahead of a Replenishment Conference in Washington D.C. in December 2013 where donors will be asked to pledge or confirm their commitments to the Fund for the next three-year period (2014-2016).

[Act Now to Stop Tax Havens and Protect the Poor](#) - Jubilee USA

When you write your Senators to cosponsor the Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act - S. 1533, you join a global voice that believes the chains of poverty should be broken.

COUNTRY UPDATES

Brazil

[Public Letter to Pope Francisco 16/09/13](#) - UISG JPIC (English and Portuguese)

Our Dearest Brother Pope Francis,

We, the undersigned Christians and members of other religions, support the proposal of the 5th Brazilian Social Week sponsored by the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB) sending you this public letter with a very special request: that you convene a Global Assembly for the protection of life on Earth.

Congo

[Corruption in the Congo: How China Learnt from the West](#) - Think Africa Press

To single out Chinese companies for entering into shady business in the DRC is to miss a fundamental point: Western firms have been at it for centuries, and still are.

Japan

[Rally against discrimination, hate speech in Tokyo](#) - ajw.asahi.com

The group started at Shinjuku Central Park and marched 4 kilometers along Shokuan-dori street and into the Kabukicho district of the ward. Those leading the group carried placards with such messages as "Let's live together" and wore black

suits modeled on the March on Washington in 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech. Protesters who want to deny rights to ethnic Koreans in Japan have held rallies in Shin-Okubo and Osaka's Tsuruhashi district, spouting such vitriolic phrases as "Kill all Koreans." Their words and actions have been reported in the international media and have drawn the scorn of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

[Fukushima Failure: Radioactive Water Bursts from Tank](#) - Common Dreams

Heavy rains further strain efforts to contain toxic water; no strategy to safely store or dispose of ever-increasing quantities

[Typhoon leaves 18 dead on Tokyo isle, in metro area](#) - Japan Times

Typhoon Wipha brought strong winds and heavy rains to Tokyo early Wednesday, killing at least 17 people on Izu-Oshima Island and disrupting metropolitan area transportation systems during the morning rush hour.

Kenya

[Pupils recall brush with death at the besieged shopping mall](#) - Sunday Nation

Events of Saturday September 21 will remain etched in the minds of five pupils at Hospital Hill primary school in Nairobi. Sunday Nation visited the school this week and listened to their stories.

[Kenya and the international court in a tangle](#) - The Economist

The International Criminal Court (ICC) may have to wait to try its first sitting head of state after all. The prosecution of Uhuru Kenyatta, Kenya's president, remains in the balance less than a month before his trial is due to open in The Hague.

[Westgate attack demonstrates Kenya's continuing 'Somalia problem'](#) - AfricanArguments

At the Westgate mall "the clear delineation of Nairobi's haves and have-nots is marked out by the rich folk (including many expatriates) who enter up its steps and the poor street-hawkers who hang about in the parking lot and try to sell you stuff...it was carefully chosen by people who knew how they could have the greatest impact on Kenya and get the most coverage internationally: strike where the rich and the foreign hang out... Kenya's army has been in Somalia for over 2 years, and captured Kismayo port, key to Al Shabaab's economy. Retaliation was promised by Al Shabaab who remain organised and dangerous... Kenya's Somalia problem is nowhere near solved." The West is already involved in supporting 'anti-terrorism' capacities.

Nigeria

[Nigerian Islamists kill at least 159 in two attacks](#) - Reuters

Violence in northeast Nigeria has intensified over the past two months, as the Islamists fight back against a military operation that President Goodluck Jonathan ordered in May to try to crush their four-year-old rebellion.

Peru

[Corruption in Peru Aids Cutting of Rain Forest](#) - New York Times

More than half of Peru is covered by dense forest, including a wide stretch of the Amazon basin, which spreads across South America. Its preservation is considered central to combating global warming and protecting the many species of plants and animals found only in the region.

South Africa

[Bishops speak out against graft](#) - Kurunzi Afrika

The Catholic bishops of southern Africa have expressed concern at widespread corruption in the church and society in the region and urged everyone to work towards eradication of the vice.

[Time to stop feeding the parasites](#) - Daily Maverick

Apartheid has been defeated, yet the poor have not been given the rewards promised and deserved.

South Sudan

[Why Keeping Girls in School Can Help South Sudan](#) - InterPress Service

As a result of decades of civil war, many adults and children in South Sudan did not go to school. Government statistics for 2011 show that only 39 percent of primary school students and 30 percent of secondary students are female.

Zimbabwe

[Zimbabwe: Archbishop announces plan for Catholic radio station](#) - Independent Catholic News

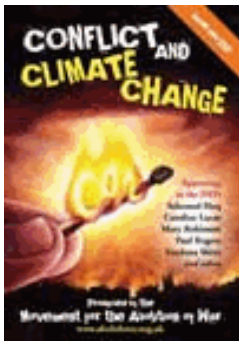
The Archbishop of Harare, Right Rev Robert Christopher Ndlovu, has announced the arrival of a Catholic community radio initiative that will start broadcasting once it gets a license from the government.

USA

[Why Elizabeth Warren Is 'NOT Celebrating' The End Of The Government Shutdown](#) -

I'm glad that the government shutdown has ended, and I'm relieved that we didn't default on our debt. But I want to be clear: I am NOT celebrating tonight. Yes, we prevented an economic catastrophe that would have put a huge hole in our fragile economic recovery.

RESOURCES



A DVD and Guide to address the links between conflict and climate change - The Movement for the Abolition of War

This 18 minute DVD, split into six sections, aims to convince people that conflict and climate change are linked, and that they can be tackled together by ordinary people, communities, businesses and governments.

It is suitable for use by adult groups, and by older school groups and youth networks.

The accompanying booklet discusses some of the major issues raised in the DVD, lists relevant organisations, explains technical terms, and gives references to other sources of information.

[7 Minute video explaining Affordable Care Act](#) (Obamacare)

["Spirituality of Human Rights"](#)

A presentation given by Donal Dorr, St. Patrick's Mission Society, to the JPIC Promoters in Rome on September 18th.

[CAFOD report says climate change hits the poor first and worst](#)

[Connection](#) - Network
What Children Deserve

[Around Africa](#) - AFJN

[Echoes from AEFJN](#)

[Newsnotes](#) - Maryknoll

[Stop Trafficking](#)

Several articles on Congo's Mining Slaves



[Woodstock in Timbuktu](#)



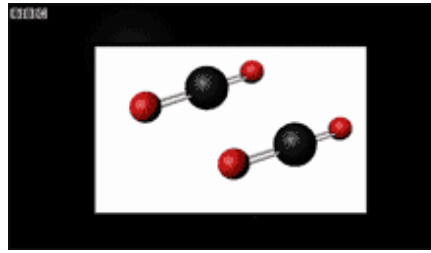
[The truth about land grabs](#)



[Workers Speak Out About the Trans Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#)



[Signs for a Good Education](#)



[Greenhouse effect in a bottle](#)



[Low Pay Is Not OK](#)

COMING EVENTS

November

1 - 5th Annual William Dyer Lecture: *Reclaiming Africa's Destiny* African life, and what can we do to refine and reclaim Africa's destiny? Please join us for honest African dialogue and reflection at Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. at 5:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public. **Register at www.afjn.org.**

1-3 - Call to Action 2013 Conference: *Living our Baptismal Call* will take place at the Delta Center in downtown Milwaukee, WI. Through our baptism, we are initiated into a life of Christ, into a community of love that serves as the foundation for everything that we do. This year's conference program will look at the future of our church and explore how we may live out our baptismal call to transform our Catholic community into to a just and inclusive church. Join us for provocative speakers and nourishing worship that will inspire your soul and call you to action in transforming the church. **Get more information at www.cta-usa.net/.**

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.

22-24 - Converge on Fort Benning, Georgia! Keep up the pressure to close the *School of the Americas* (SOA/WHINSEC). 1000s gathered at the gates last year, as they have for many years. There are speakers, music, street theater, workshops and networking with people from across the Americas. The Vigil weekend is your opportunity to connect your communities with those across the hemisphere who are resisting Empire. Lots of activities are part of this weekend. **Find out more at <http://soaw.org>.**

December

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

2014

International Year of Family Farming

March

21-24 - 12th Annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days: *Jesus Weeps: Resisting Violence, Building Peace* will expose the violence that pervades our culture and world - guided by the image of Jesus weeping over a capital city that turned from the true way of peace (Luke 19: 41-42), and then imagine how to transform it. Through prayer, worship, speakers and advocacy training, we will discover a faith-based vision for national policies that "guide our feet into the path of peace." The site is the DoubleTree Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA, across the Potomac and Washington, D.C. Congressional Lobby Day will be held on the 24th. \$195 until February 21. **Go to www.advocacydays.org,** or for more information, call (202) 543-1126.

July

7-10 National Migration Conference - will be held at the Renaissance Washington D.C. downtown hotel, 999 9th Street, NW. Sponsored by CLINIC and USCCB/MRS, the gathering will bring together 800 participants including representatives from the *Catholic Legal Immigration Network* (CLINIC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and

Refugee Services networks, government and non-government partner agencies. For church officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. They'll be renowned speakers and experts on a wide range of migration-related topics. **Keep abreast at www.nationalmigrationconference.org.**

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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