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

CIRCLES OF LIFE



Let's Remember September 1 - World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Care of Creation

[China's new environmental measures 'a step in the right direction'](#) - Deutsche Welle

This January, a new law took effect in China designed to give more emphasis to environmental protection and more powers to enforcement agencies. DW speaks to IHS analyst David Yang about its implications

Economy

[Opinion: Misinformation Hides Real Dimension of Greek "Bailout"](#) - InterPress Service

The purpose of Greece's third bailout is clear – all but seven percent of the 86 billion euros will go to pay debt with the other European governments, recapitalize Greek banks, pay interest on Greece's debt and pay the debt of the state with Greek enterprises, while the country's citizens will see none of it.

Peace

[In message to Iraqi refugees, pope condemns world's silence](#) - Catholic News Service

The world continues to be silent in the face of widespread persecution of Christians and other

religious minorities, Pope Francis said.

[70 Years After Hiroshima](#) - President Trinity University

August 6, 1945 — the effective end of World War II in the Pacific, the beginning of the long cold era of international nuclear threats even amid the horrific suffering of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The United States is the only nation in human history ever to use a nuclear weapon. The weapon ended a long and terrible war, thus leading many people to justify its use even today. But the "A-bomb" also inflicted such awesome death and destruction on the Japanese people that subsequent generations of Americans, including successive presidents from both parties, have felt the urgent need to exert leadership to ensure that no nation ever again uses nuclear force.

Migration / Immigration

[Calais: Medics struggle to cope with injured refugees](#) - Independent Catholic News

The death toll among refugees attempting to reach the UK from Calais has risen dramatically in recent days. Medical staff in France say they are struggling to cope with the number of seriously injured migrants who are taking ever greater risks to get into the Channel Tunnel.

[In message to Iraqi refugees, pope condemns world's silence](#) - Catholic News Service

One year after Islamic State militants drove thousands of Iraqi Christians and Yezidis out of the country, Pope Francis prayed that people around the world would be more attentive and sensitive to the reality of religious persecution and that "the international community would not stand by mute and unresponsive before such unacceptable crimes."

[Sydney: Bishop calls Australians to show same generosity his family received when they fled Vietnam 40 years ago](#) - Independent catholic News Service

Former asylum seeker and refugee, Vietnamese-born Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM has called on all Australians to show the same kind of generosity shown to him and his family when they were forced to flee their homeland after the fall of Saigon and the Communist take-over.

[Judge orders immigrant families released from detention](#) - AZ Central

A federal judge in California has ordered the government to release immigrant children from family detention centers "without unnecessary delay," and with their mothers when possible, according to court papers. In a filing late Friday, California U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee refused the government's request to reconsider her ruling in late July that children held in family detention centers after crossing the US-Mexico border illegally must be released rapidly.

Trafficking

[Sold for \\$90: The Girl Who Went from Slave to CEO](#) - Real Leaders

At age seven, Rani Hong was taken from her mother by a kindly neighbor who promised to give her an education, something her poverty-stricken family could never afford. After a few months, Hong disappeared, sold into slavery by her supposed caregivers, who were actually a front for a child slavery syndicate. It would be 21 years before Hong would see her mother again.

[7 ways to spot that someone is being trafficked](#) - CNN Sent by Margaret Clark, SNDdeN

It's vacation season for much of the world, with travelers flocking to airports to jet off for some hard-earned R&R. But it's not just holidaymakers who fly on planes. Airports are also hubs for human trafficking -- where adults or children are transported into forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

Racism

[Julian Bond, Race Man, Poet, Movement-Builder -- and Friend](#) - Huffington Post
America has lost a great leader, and many of us have lost a good friend.

Extractive Industries

[Vatican conference on damaging impact of mining](#) - Independent Catholic News

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace received an open letter on Thursday from CIDSE, (an alliance of 18 Catholic aid and development agencies) which was written by communities in Latin America affected by mining operations. The affected communities recently participated in a meeting called 'In union with God we hear a plea', organized by CIDSE and the Latin American network, Iglesias y Minería (Churches and Mining). The open letter follows:

[Mining Giant Credits Activists with Possibly Saving Great Barrier Reef](#) - Common Dreams

Indian mining giant Adani lashes out at environmentalists who sought to block giant coal mine—and succeeded.

[REFLECTION: Mining conference in Rome reveals indifference, exploitation](#) - Pax Christi USA

Rev. John Rausch, glmy was invited to attend a gathering in Rome, "In Union With God We Hear a Plea," to discuss mining practices with representatives of communities affected by mining activities around the world. The meeting was sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP) from July 17-19, 2015.

In 2013 certain mine executives asked to meet with PCJP for a dialogue about mining practices, principally because Catholic groups and international organizations were raising questions about the treatment of workers, dangers to local communities and threats to the earth itself. They offered to discuss with priests the positive contributions of mining, because the world needs metals. Two meetings, one in London and one in Rome, started the dialogue with a third scheduled again in Rome for September 2015. Vowed religious groups of men and women, especially Franciscans, urged the PCJP to convene a meeting also of grass roots folks to complement the meetings with business executives. That was the meeting I attended, July 17-19.

Church

[Pope Francis announces World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation](#) - Independent Catholic News

Pope Francis has decided to establish a 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' which will be celebrated on 1st September each year. The announcement was made in a letter to the heads of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

FAITH IN ACTION

[Download](#) use and share *Caretakers of Creation* - Franciscan Action Network

Prayer specially written for September 1 - World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation

[TAKE ACTION: Urge Congress to support Iran nuclear deal](#) - Pax Christi USA

COUNTRY UPDATES

Brazil

[Pilgrimage to heart of the Amazon to remember Sr Dorothy Stang](#) - Independent Catholic News

A group of priests, religious and laypeople has completed a long trek to the heart of the Amazon to mark the tenth anniversary of the assassination of Sister Dorothy Stang, who dedicated her life to the people there and the protection of their home, the Amazon jungle - the 'lungs of the world'. The mission, from the Archdiocese of Mariana, in the Prelature of Xingu, in Pará, lasted 15 days.

Congo

[Nine year olds being trained as terrorists](#) - Independent Catholic News

Jihadist camps made up of nearly 1,500 children as young as nine have been uncovered in central Africa, according to reports received by a leading Catholic charity at work in the region.

[Catholicism is less skittish about politics in the 'Two-Thirds World'](#) - Crux

Congo's bishops recently asked President Joseph Kabila to open a national dialogue "in accordance with the constitution" with regard to elections set for 2016, a move many saw as a warning that the Catholic Church will push back if Kabila tries to set aside constitutional term limits to extend his grip on power.

[African Youth to Combat New Forms of Slavery and Colonization](#) - AFJN

The youth in Africa have been called upon to combat the new forms of slavery and colonization on the continent. This appeal was made by the President of the Episcopal Conference of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Bishop Nicola Djomo, at the opening ceremony of a meeting of Pan-African Catholic Youth and Children that is being held in Kinshasa, DRC from August 21-25, 2015.

Japan

[Message from Japanese Bishops 70 Years after the War](#) - Catholic News Service

Japan's Catholic Bishops have issued the following statement to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two. Blessed are the peacemakers - Now especially, peace must not depend upon weapons.

[Hiroshima and Nagasaki Mayors Plead for a Nuclear Weapons Free World](#) - Interpress Service

The mayor of Nagasaki, Tomihisa Taue, presented the Nagasaki Peace Declaration, saying that "rather than envisioning a nuclear-free world as a faraway dream, we must quickly decide to solve this issue by working towards the abolition of these weapons, fulfilling the promise made to global society".

[In Japan, U.S. bishop says USCCB will push for nuclear disarmament](#) - Catholic News Service

The task of the U.S. bishops is to convince the majority of Americans ... that they need to support the vision of a world without nuclear weapons. They need to believe that such a goal is possible.

Kenya

[Kenya's Climate Change Bill Aims to Promote Low Carbon Growth](#) - InterPress Service

The Climate Change Bill seeks to provide the legal and institutional framework for mitigation and adaptation to the effects of climate change, to facilitate and enhance response to climate change and to provide guidance and measures for achieving low carbon climate-resilient development.

[Kenya: Country to Face Sanctions for Being Non-compliant](#) - News from Africa

ICC judges have reversed a decision by a lower court which had decided not to take disciplinary action against Kenya for not helping the international court in its investigations. The ICC judges

ordered that the case be returned to the trial chamber on August 19 so that they can decide whether Kenya should be reported to the UN Security Council or not.

Nigeria

[Nigeria to Balance GHG Emission Cuts with Development Peculiarities](#) - InterPress Service

Flooding in Nigerian villages is just one of the effects of climate change that the country will have to address in drawing up its "intended nationally determined contributions" (INDCs) for the U.N. Climate Conference in Paris in December 2015.

Peru

[Eradication spells misery for Peru's coca farmers](#) - Washington Post

Edma Duran uses a machete to salvage what leaves she can from the family's coca plot, which government workers have just destroyed in a record-breaking U.S.-backed eradication campaign that has affected roughly a half million Peruvians. "This is what we live off," says Duran, who lives with her husband and six children in a village of 110 people that lacks electricity, phones and running water and is five hours from the nearest doctor. Duran is among thousands of Peruvians who have lost their livelihoods to the government's campaign to destroy the plant used to make cocaine. They say officials have offered only paltry compensation, or none at all.

South Africa

[One Tune, Different Hymns – Tackling Climate Change in South Africa](#) - InterPress Service

Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute does not believe that nuclear energy is an answer to climate change but is a distraction likely to bankrupt the country and lead to further energy impoverishment"

South Sudan

[Churches launch peace process](#) - Independent Catholic News

The Southern Sudan Council of Churches has officially launched a peace process led by the churches. The launch of this peace initiative took place at the Juba Christian Centre on Saturday, August 8 in Juba. During an initial meeting held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 1 to 7 June 2015, leaders of the Southern Sudanese Churches decided to create a peace process led by the Southern Sudan Council of Churches with three main objectives: Advocacy, Neutral Forum and reconciliation.

Zimbabwe

['What lion?' Zimbabweans ask amid 'first world' Cecil circus](#) - The Star

For most people in the southern African nation, where unemployment tops 80 per cent and the economy continues to feel the after-effects of billion per cent hyperinflation a decade ago, the uproar had all the hallmarks of a 'First World Problem'.

USA

[A trinity of a different kind on the pope's U.S. agenda](#) - Catholic News Service

Expect to hear the pope take on immigration, hunger and the environment when he visits in September, said three policy advisers helping reporters in Washington prepare for the pontiff's upcoming visit.

RESOURCES

[Poverty-Care for Creation Appalachia Immersion Trip](#) - CMSM

Lexington, KY Oct. 25-28, 2015 (29th optional) *RSVP Deadline: Sept. 1st

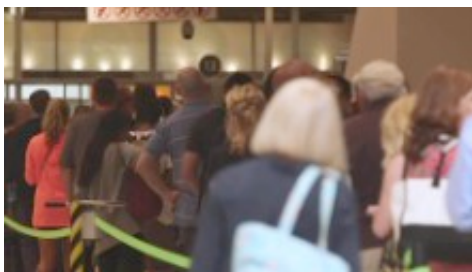
Poverty in the U.S. is too often a forgotten and misunderstood reality, especially in the rural area of Appalachia. With Pope Francis' encyclical linking Carefor Creation and poverty with "integral ecology," CMS Minvites you to consider an immersion encounter with the people in the concrete struggle for "integralecology."

[Poster on Modern Slavery in Latin America and the Carribean](#) - Latin America Press

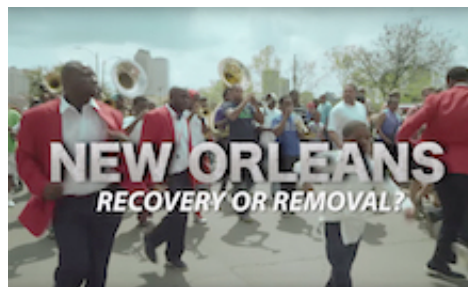
[Campaign Zero website](#)

Activists launch website outlining federal, state, and local policies to crisis of police brutality and racism

MultiMedia



[CNN Airport Project: Airport Fights Slavery](#)



[10 Years after Katrina: Has New Orleans Recovered?](#)



[Power of Networks](#)

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1 - World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

17, 2015: A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People, a landmark exhibit, will open at the Vatican Museum in Rome, Italy. **Find out more** from BrueggemanCenter@xavier.edu.

21: [International Day of Peace](#)

22-27: 2015: World Meeting of Families welcoming Pope Francis is set for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (USA). Although it is organized by Catholics, along Catholic teachings, it will be open to families and people of different faiths, including no faith at all, to engage the wider society in dialogue and to serve and strengthen families. More to come!

September 30-October 1, 2015: Africa Faith & Justice Network Annual Membership Meeting conjunction with the *USCMA Mission Congress*. **Find out more** at www.afjn.org.

OCTOBER

1-4: 2015: United States Catholic Mission Association 2015 Mission Congress: *Witnessing Mission* takes place at the Hilton North Hotel in Houston, TX. **Find out more** at the USCMA website, www.uscatholicmission.org/.

25-29: CMSM's Poverty/Care for Creation Immersion Trip to Appalachia is hosting an opportunity to visit organizations that work closely with those on the margins, and begins in Lexington, Kentucky on the 25th at 6 pm. Lodging will be at the University Inn, 1229 S. Limestone in Lexington (make your own reservations, pre-booking is required for Oct. 25 and 28; (859) 278-6625). The other nights we will be traveling. The types of organizations to be visited address health care, housing, women and children, sustainable food, and alternative schools. We'll visit sites that illuminate the issue of environmental destruction and health issues such as strip mining, coal, blacklung and deforestation. Contact: Eli McCarthy, PhD (CMSM) at emccarthy@cmsm.org.

NOVEMBER

6 Restore Justice 2015 Conference takes place at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Keynote speakers are Justice Janine Geske and Prof. Margaret Pfeil. Find out more from the Catholic Mobilizing Network, [here](#).

11-13 Justice for Immigrants National Convening - Moving Forward: Immigration in 2016 and Beyond will take place at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, IL. Archbishop Blase Cupich, Archdiocese of Chicago, will give the keynote address. Other topics to be addressed include prospects for federal immigration reform/executive action; immigrant detention and alternatives to detention; strategic planning for 2016 and beyond; parish organizing and advocacy for immigrants and pro-reform policies; communication and messaging; immigrant integration and pastoral approaches to immigrant communities. [Click here](#).

12-14: Climate Symposium, sponsored by Catholic Climate Covenant, USCCB and Catholic University of America's Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies will take place at CUA in Chicago. The meeting will explore the theological implications and practical applications of Laudato Si'. More information pending.

20-22: [Close the SOAW/WHINSEC](#): Annual gathering at Ft. Benning Columbus GA

November 30-December 20, 2015: COP 21 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference will be held at the Le Bourget site in Paris, France.

December

8-November 20, 2016: Pope Francis's Global Jubilee: The "Holy Year of Mercy," so profoundly simple, yet so desperately needed, will run through the next year. From the Immaculate Conception to the Feast of Christ the King. On making the announcement, during Lent (2015), the Pope said that he had "thought often about how the church can make more evident its mission of being a witness of mercy." [Read more about the Year, here](#). The "bull" or official document can be found, [here](#).

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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