

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

A Resource Book For JPIC Committees (September, 2018)

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Introduction: Why JPIC?

1. **Franciscan Spirituality – Prayer & Action:** Spirituality often has the connotation of being solely concerned with the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things. If we remain in a meditative prayerful state without some accompanying actions, it is difficult to achieve personal growth or transformation in our efforts to become more spiritual.

The lives of Jesus and Francis are examples of prayerful figures who shared a solidarity with the marginalized of society and who confronted the civil and religious authorities by denouncing injustice. Francis is often described as the saint who is most like Jesus. To follow in their footsteps is the essence of Franciscan Spirituality.

The duality of Franciscan Spirituality is comprised of Prayer and Action. To focus exclusively on Prayer is like trying to stand on one leg. You can do it for a little while but then you realize that you need the other leg (Action) to attain a stable Spirituality. **JPIC is the Action part of Franciscan Spirituality.**

2. **The Scriptures – Faith & Action:** There are numerous passages in the Old and New Testaments that exhort us to act justly and declare that faith without actions is insufficient. **JPIC is evidence of our faith.**

- "So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead." (James 2:17)
- "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)
- "What does the Lord require of us?
... to do justice
... to love tenderly and
... to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)
- "Little children, let us stop just saying we love people;
let us really love them, and show it by our actions." (1 John 3:18)

3. **The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order – From Gospel to Life:** We are mindful of the vow we made on the occasion of our profession: *"I promise to live all the days of my life the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order according to its rule of life."*

Articles 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19 of our Rule specifically prescribe us to act on Justice, Peace and Creation.

14: "exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service."

15: "promote justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives."

17: "cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life."

18: "respect all creatures ... and move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship."

19: "bearers of peace ... messengers of perfect joy."

How to Organize JPIC in your Fraternity

(updated September, 2018 from the JPIC Committee of St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity)

1. **Form a committee of 2-4 people and appoint a chairperson.** With about 25 active fraternity members, we are fortunate to be able to have a committee of four. We rotate half the committee every 3 years. Even with smaller fraternities, you should try to have at least 2 people on the JPIC committee.
2. **Meet once a month for a maximum time of one hour.** Prepare an agenda and have someone take minutes or a written summary of the meeting. Send copies of the minutes to all council members. We always open our meetings with a short and appropriate Scriptural reading and reflection and close with a short prayer.
(these 2 points above are fundamental for planning and continuity;
“if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.”)
3. **For 3-4 months at a time, focus on one of the three JPIC themes:** a) social justice, b) peace, and c) integrity of creation.
4. **At each fraternity meeting, have 5-8 minutes scheduled for a ‘JPIC Moment.’** Work with your Minister to have this as regular feature at each meeting. Use this ‘Moment’ to inform or engage the fraternity on some JPIC issue. You do not need to involve a lot of technology. We sometimes open our ‘Moment’ with a one-minute skit that gets the message across better than a barrage of words, posters and power point slides. Use your monthly JPIC committee meeting to plan this ‘JPIC Moment.’
5. **Contribute a JPIC article to every issue of your fraternity newsletter.** Use your monthly JPIC committee meeting to plan the articles. We often use the most recent ‘JPIC Moment’ as the basis for a written article.
6. **At least once a year, at a regular fraternity meeting, engage the fraternity in a 45-minute formation session on some JPIC issue.**
7. **Encourage the fraternity members to read the newspapers with a critical ‘JPIC eye’,** paying attention to news items and upcoming local meetings that are JPIC-related. This gathering of information helps lead to action on the part of fraternity members. (The role of the JPIC committee is to encourage the fraternity members to take action on JPIC issues; it is not expected that the JPIC committee do all the work of the fraternity in responding to these issues.)

8. For those fraternities and JPIC committees that are relatively new at committing to JPIC actions, **a good place to start is with 'Integrity of Creation.'** This theme deals mostly with environmental issues such as:
 - Water consumption; bottled water
 - Use of plastics and styrofoam
 - Use of pesticides, herbicides, laundry detergent
 - Buying locally-produced foods
 - Re-cycle and re-use materials
9. **Some issues associated with Social Justice include:**
 - Eradication of poverty
 - Affordable housing
 - A livable income
 - Food insecurity
 - The 4 goals of Pope Francis' "Vision for the Catholic Church"
 - The campaigns of the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace
 - Fair trade
 - First Nations issues
10. **Some issues associated with Peace include:**
 - Listening with respect
 - Debate versus dialogue (when encountering differences of opinion or belief)
 - Gospel peace versus political peace
11. **Start small to be successful.** Your goal is to have fraternity members integrate JPIC in their daily routines "little by little" (as Dorothy Day would say). Some reasonably easy activities that can spark a wider discussion are:
 - Use fair trade coffee at home and at meetings
 - Don't let the water run continuously when brushing your teeth
 - Volunteer at the local soup kitchen
 - Avoid the use of plastic and styrofoam at large gatherings
 - Attend meetings on poverty eradication, food insecurity, a guaranteed livable income, environmental concerns, native rights concerns, etc.
 - Start a file of newspaper clippings on JPIC-related issues.
12. **Communicate with other JPIC groups.**
 - Collaborate with the other JPIC committees in your region. Exchange ideas for JPIC Moments and about animating our fraternities to action.
 - Let your fraternity members know about Franciscan Voice Canada (FVC) and The Common Good.
 - Contribute your ideas and successful efforts to FVC and Franciscan Focus.
 - We would love to be in touch with all of you.
Contact us through Michael Cassidy (mcassidypei@hotmail.com).

Appendix A

Samples of Agendas and Minutes of meetings of the JPIC committee, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Cornwall, PEI)

NOTES

1. We **meet once a month** for one hour, usually a week or two before the monthly fraternity meeting.
2. **Prayer** and **action** are the pillars of Franciscan spirituality. Notice that we always begin our meetings with a Scriptural sharing and reflection and close with a prayer. Responsibility for these rotates among our members from meeting to meeting.
3. The **most important agenda item** for every JPIC meeting is planning the **JPIC Moment** for the next one or two fraternity meetings.
4. Another item for each meeting is **updating ourselves on available resources** for planning the JPIC Moment. This item keeps committee members actively considering JPIC opportunities between meetings (and not just at the meeting itself).
5. **Selected samples** of agendas and minutes are from the following meetings:
 - **2015: April 9, December 8**
 - **2016: April 5, November 29**
 - **2017: May 1, October 31**
 - **2018: March 5**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
April 9, 2015 - 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Mike)**
- 2. Minutes of Feb. 24 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for April fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC insert for May fraternity newsletter**
- 5. JPIC themes for 2015 (continued) – Focus on PEACE**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Next meeting & adjournment**

Minutes of JPIC Meeting
St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity
April 9, 2015, 2015 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Present: Louise Larkin, Marion Marshall, Mike Cassidy (Chair); regrets: Doug Hagen

- 1. Opening Reflection** was led by Mike (“What difference will it make if I choose not to find fault?” from What Difference Will It Make If...? By Marion Murphy)
- 2. Minutes of February 24th meeting** were shared and discussed.
 - 2.1 Peter Mutch will not be available for April or May fraternity meeting. He has suggested a replacement for the May meeting.
 - 2.2 We have received very positive feedback regarding the questions for candidates on certain election issues. We will recommend to Council that these be forwarded to Bishop Grecco for distribution throughout the diocese.
- 3. JPIC Moment for April fraternity meeting:** We will do the opening reflection from today’s JPIC meeting with each of us reading a small portion. Mike will make copies of the text as a handout at the meeting. We will also inform members of the presentation on Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) on April 16 at the Murphy Community Centre.
- 4. JPIC insert for May newsletter** will feature the handout from the fraternity meeting.
- 5. JPIC themes for 2015:** Our committee studied the document “12 Months of Franciscan Peace”, adapted by Sherrill Guimond and printed in Franciscan Voice Canada. We have decided to use this as the basis for the JPIC Moments at our fraternity meetings for the remainder of this year.
- 6. Next JPIC meeting to be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**
Louise will prepare the reflection.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
December 8, 2015 - 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Doug)**
- 2. Minutes of November 3 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for December 13 fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC insert for January fraternity newsletter**
- 5. Looking ahead: JPIC Recommendations 2016-2018**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Next meeting & adjournment**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting
December 8, 2015, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Louise Larkin, Marion Marshall, Doug Hagen.

1. Doug led **prayer and Scripture sharing** based on Mark 13:33-37." What can we let go of to make room for Jesus?"
2. **Minutes of November 3 meeting** were shared and discussed. Positive reactions to the letters re climate change sent to Premier Wade MacLauchlan. Replies were received from Premier, which was seen as encouraging. Chairman sent out an insert for the December Newsletter.
3. **No JPIC moment for December** Fraternity due to Temporary Profession.
4. Discussed the **Holy Year of Mercy** as a possible Faith-Sharing document. Agreed to take a closer look at it for possible use as JPIC moment for January 10th Fraternity meeting. Agreed to continue using Sherrill Guimond's document for future JPIC Moments.
5. **Finalized of JPIC Recommendations for 2016-2018** (see below)
 - Agreed to possibility of adding a fifth member to the Team.
 - Agreed to continued use of resource material with additions as appropriate.Agreed that feedback from Council regarding recommendations would be appreciated.
6. **JPIC insert for January newsletter** will report on success of November letters to Premier and mention *Laudato Si* and *Holy Year of Mercy* as focal points for JPIC actions.
7. **Next meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 from 9-10 a.m.**
8. Louise will prepare Scripture and reflection.

Minutes submitted by Doug Hagen

JPIC recommendations for 2016-2018

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Cornwall, PEI)

1. At the committee level

- 1.1 Meet once a month for one hour.
- 1.2 Rotate responsibility for opening prayer, readings and reflection.
- 1.3 Contribute short item to monthly fraternity newsletter.
- 1.4 Contribute articles to Franciscan Voice Canada.
- 1.5 Organize a 5-8 minute “JPIC Moment” for each fraternity meeting.
- 1.6 Make-up of committee to be a mixture of experienced and new members
- 1.7 Consider expanding committee from 4 to 5 members.
- 1.8 Continue to use the assembled resource material (e.g., Pope Benedict’s Thirty Days, Sherrill Guimond’s adaptation of “12 Months of Franciscan Peace, Marion Murphy’s “What Difference Will It Make?”, Development & Peace campaign issues, Fair Trade Canada’s semi-annual magazine, resource material from Andrew Conradi, Franciscan International’s JPIC website, etc..)

2. For fraternity council

- 2.1 Actively encourage fraternity members to be proactive in gathering and sharing information about JPIC issues (poverty, social prejudice, the Syrian refugee program, climate change, local and national issues, etc.).
- 2.2 Continue to encourage fraternity attendance and participation at social justice-type meetings such as Poverty Eradication, Basic Income Guarantee (BIG), the Water Act, refugee support, etc.
- 2.3 Consider the entire SFO Rule from the perspective of justice and peace, i.e., any teaching on the Rule automatically contains JPIC component.
- 2.4 Participate in a serious study and consideration of Pope Francis’ encyclical “Laudato Si” (for example: perhaps as a Lenten study program).
- 2.5 Participate in a serious study and consideration of Pope Francis’ proclamation of 2016 as ‘The Holy Year of Mercy’ (for example: perhaps as the theme for the October retreat, with several different animators).
- 2.6 Arrange for attendance at funerals of homeless street people (Outreach).

Submitted by the JPIC committee of St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Cornwall, PEI):

Michael Cassidy (chair), Doug Hagen, Louise Larkin, Marion Marshall.

December 11, 2015

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St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Mike)**
- 2. Minutes of January 6 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for April 10 fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC inserts for April-May fraternity newsletters**
- 5. Miscellaneous**
 - 5.1 Committee members' responsibilities**
 - 5.2 Planning ahead: themes for 2016**
- 6. Next meeting & adjournment**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting

April 5, 2016, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Louise Larkin, Marion Marshall, Janet McDonald.

Regrets: Garry Doiron

1. **Opening prayer and reflection** was led by Mike: Micah 6:8 (“What does the Lord require of us? ... to do justice, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.”) and article 15 (& commentary) of the SFO Rule..
2. **Minutes of January 6 meeting:** Council did discuss the JPIC recommendations for 2016-2018.
3. **JPIC Committee members’ responsibilities:** This was the first meeting of the new JPIC committee (2016-2018). After discussion, it was decided that Mike will continue as Chair and Louise will help Mike with the minutes of meetings. We will usually meet on the Tuesday afternoon (1:30-2:30) prior to each fraternity meeting and we will rotate the meeting sites among the homes of the committee members. The host will be responsible for the opening prayer and reflection. The responsibility of the JPIC committee is to inform and animate our fraternity to act on social justice issues, both individually and as a fraternity. We are not expected to be the sole fraternity members involved in these actions. JPIC members should actively seek information and be mindful of news items that can be resources for JPIC actions.
4. **JPIC Moment for April 10 fraternity meeting** will be based on “Mindfulness”, one of the themes from the document 12 Weeks of Franciscan Peace. Each of us will share in reading the script and Mike will prepare a short handout for the fraternity members. Mike will also give an appreciation for the 6 years of inspiring work that Doug Hagen has done with the JPIC committee.
5. **JPIC article for April newsletter** will be based on the JPIC Moment of April 10..
6. **Planning ahead: themes for 2016.** Since this is the Holy Year of Mercy, most of our JPIC Moments will focus on “Mercy.” Mike distributed a resource pamphlet on this theme and Louise and \Mike have copies The Holy Year of Mercy: a faith sharing guide. The Formation team is focusing on the encyclical Laudato Si for the major formation session at each fraternity meeting in 2016. Mike will check with Martha Gabriel, the formation team chair, to see if our emphasis on “Mercy” dovetails with the plans of the formation team. We are anticipating that JPIC will be asked to lead at least one of the Laudato Si sessions.
7. **Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Louise’s home..** Louise will do the opening prayer and reflection.
8. Meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy & Louise Larkin

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Charlie's house

Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Charlie)**
- 2. Minutes of November 8 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for December 11 fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC inserts for fraternity newsletter**
- 5. Brainstorming: resources for the theme of social justice.**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Next meeting & adjournment**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, 1:30-3:20 p.m. at Charlie's home

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Charlie McDonald, Marion Marshall, Garry Doiron

- 1. Opening prayer, reading & reflection** (Psalm 19: 7-11) was led by Charlie.
- 2. Minutes of November 8 meeting:** No business arising.
- 3. JPIC Moment for December 11 fraternity meeting:** The Diocese of Charlottetown had published a pamphlet for Renew 2000 entitled "Principles of Catholic Social Teaching." It highlights the difference between 'Charity' responses and 'Justice' responses when we are confronted with social justice issues. We have decided to use this as a JPIC resource for some of the JPIC Moments over the next few months. For the December fraternity meeting, we decided to consolidate two sections of the pamphlet (Rights & responsibilities and Option for the Poor and Vulnerable) for the JPIC Moment. The work of this consolidation took a lot of time. From this work, Mike will prepare a script and Powerpoint presentation for us to use, as well as a handout for fraternity members.
- 4. JPIC articles for the fraternity newsletter** will feature the actions from our JPIC Moment of December.
- 5. Brainstorming: Resources for themes of social justice:** Each of us will be on the alert for writings and events that we can use.
- 6. Next Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Mike's home.** Mike will do the opening prayer and reflection.
- 7. Meeting adjourned** at 3:20 p.m. with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Mike's home
Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Maureen)**
- 2. Minutes of April 3 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for May 7 fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC Moment for June 11 fraternity meeting**
- 5. Brainstorming: resources for the theme of social justice.**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Next meeting & adjournment**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Mike's home

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Charlie McDonald, Marion Marshall,
Maureen Goodick, Garry Doiron

- 9. Opening prayer, reading & reflection** was led by Maureen (John 20: 15-18, "Feed my sheep ...")
- 10. Minutes of April 3 meeting & matters arising:** The fraternity responded well to the theme of 'Dignity for All' for the JPIC Moment at the April 9 fraternity meeting.
- 11. JPIC Moment for May 7 fraternity meeting:** Using the D&P materials, we will focus on the impact that women have had and still have on social change. Mike has prepared our script (**see attached below**).
- 12. JPIC Moment for June 11 fraternity meeting:** Our JPIC theme for the June 11 fraternity meeting is "The Delight of Diversity." PEI is rapidly becoming more multi-cultural and that brings challenges and opportunities. We will use a Richard Rohr article as a resource. Mike will prepare our final script .
- 13. Brainstorming: Resources for themes of social justice:** Marion had a copy of the Guardian newspaper of April 10, 2017 which highlighted the poverty situation on PEI. Marion and Mike will peruse the paper to obtain some material for the JPIC Moment for the July 9 fraternity meeting. Each of us will continue to be on the alert for writings and events that we can use for our JPIC Moments and for possible ongoing formation topics.
- 14. Miscellaneous:** We discussed the upcoming film on the homeless to be screened at UPEI and the care-of-creation video that Joan MacDonald sent to the council.
- 15. Next Meeting & adjourned:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 4, 1:30 p.m. at Charlie's home. Marion will lead the opening reading and reflection and the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. with a prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy

MIKE

The JPIC Moment

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, May 7, 2017

The Month of May: A Time to Pause and Honour the Centrality of Women as an Engine of Change

MAUREEN

May is the month of Mary and the second Sunday of the month is Mother's Day

MARION

Millions of women and girls encounter sufferings, injustices and obstacles every day. Let us honour five of them whose courage has made a change in their communities.

MIKE (30-40 seconds; show Cécile's name to the fraternity on a sheet of paper)

Cécile Kazadi Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Cécile Kazadi is at the heart of change in her village in the southern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- For two decades now, this country has been torn apart by a war that is marked by systematic acts of sexual violence committed against girls and women.
- Development and Peace has been supporting community radio networks in six provinces. They provide, amongst other things, information to women on their rights and legal recourse in the case of rape or sexual violence.
- When the daughter of Cécile was raped, she went to the radio station where they helped her publicize the assault and bring the case to justice.
- Her daughter's aggressor was then imprisoned.
- This is what Cécile had to say about the change that she is making happen in her society:
 "We are aware of our rights and rape is no longer a secret. When a girl is raped, we go straight to the police and we ask for justice."
- The story of Cécile and her daughter shows the power of information and education.

CHARLIE (30-40 seconds; show Hannan's name to the fraternity on a sheet of paper)

Hannan Syria

- Hannan lives in northern Syria with her husband and three children.
- She has had to support her family on her own ever since her husband suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed.
- She recently took an 11-week sewing course organized by Development & Peace.

This is what Hannan had to say about the changes that have taken place in her family:

"Through the sewing course, I personally evolved a lot as a person.

I am no longer Hannan the shy, but Hannan the responsible woman who provides for her family.

I have more confidence in myself. Even my husband looks at me differently.

I did not imagine that one day in my life I would be in that place!

Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre."

MAUREEN (30-40 seconds; show Carmen's name to the fraternity on a sheet of paper)

Carmen Quintana Chile

- When she was 18 years old, Carmen Gloria Quintana was set on fire by the Chilean military.
- They had arrested her while she was participating in a protest against the military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet.
- With second and third degree burns to 62% of her body, she was thrown into the back of a truck, dumped like garbage in a ditch and left to die.
- Her friend Rodrigo Rojas suffered the same fate, but sadly, unlike Carmen, he did not survive the ordeal.
- Development and Peace supported Carmen's visit to the United Nations in Geneva so she could give her personal testimony. Her words moved ambassadors to tears and led to strong international indictments against the brutal regime of General Pinochet.
- Carmen now works as a scientific attaché at the Chilean embassy in Ottawa and is the mother of three daughters.
- Hers is a story of true human resurrection.

MARION (30-40 seconds; show Berta's name to the fraternity on a sheet of paper)

Berta Cáceres Honduras

- Berta Cáceres was an Indigenous leader, mother, midwife and environmental activist from Honduras who was assassinated a year ago in March 2016.
- Berta led a struggle to stop the building of four hydro-electric dams. The dams would have destroyed a river that her people relied on and it was a project in which they were given no say.
- Berta was murdered in her home by armed men believed to be connected to the military and the company building the dams.
- We remember Berta and other women activists like her, who work for the cause of social justice, often in the face of threats to their lives.

GARRY (30-40 seconds; show Mary's name to the fraternity on a sheet of paper)

MARY the Middle East

- Mary was a young woman, probably about 16 years old.
- Her family was poor and lived in a small village in the Middle East
- She said: "YES."
- And the Word became flesh !!
- And our world was changed forever.

In the final couple of minutes:

1. We distribute the 21 copies of the mini-mag.
2. We ask people to think about women of courage in our own community who are effective in bringing about change and share this with their elbow partners.
3. We solicit a few responses from the fraternity.

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
Tuesday, October 31, 2017 - 10-11 a.m. at Mike's home

Agenda

- 1. Opening reading & reflection (Maureen)**
- 2. Minutes of September 5 meeting & matters arising**
- 3. JPIC Moment for November 12 fraternity meeting**
- 4. JPIC Moment for December 10 fraternity meeting**
- 5. Brainstorming: resources for future JPIC Moments**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Next meeting & adjournment**

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2017, 10-11 a.m., at Mike's home

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Charlie McDonald, Maureen Goodick,
Regrets: Marion Marshall

- 1. Opening prayer, reading & reflection** were led by Maureen using Isaiah 25:6-9 and John 6:37-40 and some moments of recollection and prayer were held for our departed colleague, Garry.
- 2. Minutes of September 5 meeting & matters arising:**
We collected the written suggestions for actions to help eradicate poverty, read a few of them aloud and they were submitted for publication for the November fraternity newsletter. **(see attached below)**
- 3. JPIC Moment for November 12 fraternity meeting:** We will use some of the materials from the fall campaign of Development & Peace: *Women at the Heart of Peace*. This will be our theme for the next 2 or 3 fraternity meetings. Our script will be from the handout we give the fraternity **(see attached below)**.
- 4. Brainstorming: Resources for themes of social justice:** Each of us will continue to be on the alert for writings and events that we can use for our JPIC Moments and for possible ongoing formation topics. We will ask our fraternity members to help us with this. .
- 5. Next Meeting & adjournment:** Our next JPIC meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 4 from 10-11 a.m. at Charlie's home. Marion will lead the opening reading and reflection and the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. with a prayer led by Maureen.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy

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From the St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Committee
(Mike, Marion, Maureen & Charlie) November, 2017

Actions that would promote progress towards eradicating poverty

(collected at our fraternity meeting of September 10, 2017)

1. Write letters to the Minister of Social Affairs to urge increases to various forms of social assistance.
 2. Support and participate in the initiatives of the PEI Poverty Eradication Committee (Mary Boyd).
 3. Become knowledgeable about the Federal Action Plan to Eradicate Poverty.
 4. Advocate for low-cost housing.
 5. Support the Upper Room soup kitchen and food bank, the Bedford MacDonald House for homeless men, the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, our Syrian family and donations of clothing for the poor.
 6. Do our present initiatives well rather than spreading ourselves too thinly as our numbers and ages must be considered.
 7. PRAY – LOVE – HOPE: Do what you can.
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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

The JPIC Moment at the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, Nov. 12, 2017

Women at the Heart of Peace (Part 1)

Women play a key role in conflict prevention and resolution, as well as in building and sustaining an inclusive, lasting and fair peace.

Women's crucial contribution to building peace is acknowledged in Security Council Resolution 1325, adopted in 2000, which recognizes, for the first time, specific crimes committed against women during armed conflicts. It highlights the importance of their meaningful, full, and equal participation at all levels of peace processes.

However, 17 years later, women's expertise is still underestimated, women's organizations are consistently underfunded, and they remain, by and large, excluded from formal peace processes.

- Out of the 504 peace agreements signed since Resolution 1325 was adopted, only 138, or 27%, mention women.
- Of the major peace negotiations that took place between 1992 and 2011, only 2% of chief mediators, 4% of signatories and 9% of negotiators were women.
- Only 2% of international funding dedicated to peace and security is allocated to equality between women and men or the empowerment of women.

Given the increasing number of violent conflicts and their dramatic repercussions on civilians, we must find new solutions to promoting peace!

A question for Secular Franciscans to consider:

How can we use the above information when we converse with others?

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St. Francis of Assisi JPIC meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018 - 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Charlie's home

Agenda

1. Opening reading & reflection (Charlie)
2. Minutes of February 8 meeting & matters arising
3. JPIC Moment for March 11 fraternity meeting
4. Brainstorming: resources for future JPIC Moments
5. Miscellaneous
6. Next meeting & adjournment

St. Francis of Assisi JPIC Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Charlie's home

Present: Mike Cassidy (Chair), Charlie McDonald, Maureen Goodick.

Regrets: Marion Marshall

1. **Opening prayer, reading & reflection** were led by Charlie using Psalm 19 ("God's Glory in Creation").
2. **Minutes of February 8 meeting & matters arising:** The minutes were accepted. Our JPIC Moment for the February 11 fraternity meeting on the theme of "Women at the Heart of Peace (Part 3)" and the accompanying 5-minute video (*Prayer of the Mothers*) was well-received.
3. **JPIC Moment for March 11 and April 8, 2018 fraternity meetings:** There may not be enough time at the March 11 fraternity meeting for the JPIC Moment. If that is the case, then what we plan today will be presented at the April 8 meeting. Our theme for the JPIC Moment will be: "*Franciscan Poverty Means Living Simply.*" We will combine a suggestion made by Ruth Cassidy with selected passages from the "Poverty" section of *12 Months of Franciscan Peace* (Carolyn Townes & Sherrill Guimond). The JPIC Action will ask people to
4. think about something at home that they ***don't need*** but that someone else might ***want to use***
5. and to bring that 'something' to our next fraternity meeting and place it on our sharing table.
 - a. Charlie will bring along an example of such an item: a pen set that he had received as a gift. Mike will prepare a handout and our script (**see attached below**). Mike will also send a Powerpoint presentation to Minister Doug Clorey to show during our JPIC Moment.
6. **Brainstorming: Resources for themes of social justice:** We will look at the resources Mike has recently given us for possible themes of future JPIC Moments..
7. **Miscellaneous:** Development & Peace is presenting its annual Solidarity Sunday workshop at St. Pius X Church hall on Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.
8. **Next Meeting & adjournment:** Our next JPIC meeting will be on Thursday, April 26 from 1:30-2:30 at Mike's home. Maureen will lead the opening reading and reflection and the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Charlie.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cassidy

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**Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
The JPIC Moment at the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, April 8, 2018**

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It means surrendering to God's will and letting go of your own will and want,
especially those things that keep you from living Gospel values.

Living Simply: A JPIC Action

- What is the difference between "needs" and "wants" ? (reflect on that for a moment).
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- Bring that 'something' to our next fraternity meeting and place it on our sharing table.

St. Francis tells us:

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OUR SCRIPT

(Mike) **Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
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(Charlie)

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Appendix B

Samples of JPIC Moments at meetings of the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Cornwall, PEI)

NOTES:

1. **At each fraternity meeting, have 5-8 minutes scheduled for a 'JPIC Moment.'** Work with your Minister to have this as regular feature at each meeting.
2. **The JPIC Moment consists of 2 parts:**
 - Raising awareness of the fraternity on an important JPIC issue through information or discussion.
 - Suggesting an action that individuals in the fraternity can do during the following month in response to the issue raised.
3. **Provide a printed handout of the issue and suggested action(s).**
The following pages contain many examples of the handouts we have provided.
4. **Try to vary the way in which you present the JPIC Moment.**
Sometimes you may present information in the form of a **lecture**, but don't do this all the time. We often use **Powerpoint**, but you do not need to involve a lot of technology. We sometimes open our 'Moment' with a **one-minute skit** that gets the message across better than a barrage of words, posters and power point slides. Also, we sometimes **ask one or two leading questions to get discussion and awareness going.**
5. **Use your monthly JPIC committee meeting to plan this JPIC Moment.**
If you fail to plan, you plan to fail !!
6. **Samples are provided for the following months:**
2015: April, September, November
2016: May, July, September, November
2017: February, April, June, July, November
2018: January, February

The JPIC Moment
JPIC Actions for April, 2015

1. What difference will it make if I choose not to find fault?

Blaming others is a coward's way of dealing with an issue or a problem. It's better if we try to solve a problem or at least be non-judgmental when someone else is doing the work. We all make judgments on others when in fact judgment calls should only be made on ideas, plans or decisions, never on the person.

So, what can I do to make a difference in this regard? I can at least say "thank you" for effort and refrain from fault finding. I can look to help someone in need.

Finding fault will get me nowhere except in a deep rut of self-pity, thinking I'm wronged by the actions of others or that others are not fulfilling my pre-conceived ideas of who they are and what they should be doing. Finding fault is an easy way out by blaming someone other than myself for consequences.

Lord, help me to be a builder-upper rather than a tearer-downer. Keep me positive rather than negative. Help me to help others. Help me to make peace.

2. The PEI Working Group for a Livable Income is hosting a community forum about Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30-8:30 at Murphy Community Centre, Charlottetown. Attend with a friend!
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The JPIC Moment
JPIC Actions for September-October, 2015: Compassion

For September & October, the theme is Compassion. Compassion is the recognition of another person's suffering accompanied by the disposition to alleviate that suffering.

Compassion is a type of feeling where you tend to feel for the person concerned. You strongly feel sorry for the state of a person without attempting to know what is there in his or her mind. Without even understanding the intensity of his or her problem or predicament you simply feel sorry for a person; which is different from empathy.

But compassion has a second component: to alleviate that suffering. You witness the suffering of another, and your heart is moved to do something about it. You move from empathy to compassion; from the feeling to the action. "But when Jesus saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." (Matt 9:36). Jesus was moved with compassion and he did something about it.

Being a bearer of peace, it is not enough to be your brother's or sister's keeper; you are your brother and your sister. They belong to you and you belong to them in the Kingdom of God.

Psalm Fragment: "He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion." Psalm 111:4

Reflection Question: When was the last time you were moved with compassion? What did you do about it?

Prayer for the month: "Most High and glorious God, lighten the darkness of my heart and give me sound faith, firm hope, and perfect love. Let me, Lord, have the right feelings and knowledge, so that I can carry out the task that you have given me in truth. Amen."/St Francis, after the Crucified Lord, told him to repair the Church.

*(excerpts from Sherrill Guimond's adaptation of Carolyn D. Townes'(ofs)
"12 Months of Franciscan Peace")*

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The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for November, 2015:

A: “Create a Climate of Change”

In December, world leaders will be meeting in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) to negotiate a binding and universal agreement on the world’s climate. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has invited the premiers of the provinces and territories to join him at this conference.

For this agreement to be effective at avoiding future climate-related disasters, the global temperature can’t rise more than 2°C over the coming years. In order to achieve this, however, countries like Canada will need to transition to renewable energies, and move away from fossil fuels.

Your JPIC action for November is to write a letter to Premier Wade MacLauchlan urging him to accept the invitation to participate in the conference and to encourage him to promote setting a target to keep the rise in temperature below 2°C and to be a leader in achieving that target. You should mail this letter to Premier MacLauchlan by Monday, Nov. 16 at the latest.

The survival of our planet and its people is at stake.

Hon. Wade MacLauchlan
Premier of Prince Edward Island
Fifth Floor South, Shaw Building
95 Rochford Street, P.O. Box 2000
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

B: The Poverty Eradication Committee (Mary Boyd) is having a discussion and planning meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Pius X Church. All are welcome to participate.

The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for May, 2016: Becoming more merciful (Part 1)

During this Holy Year of Mercy, what if you decided to become even more merciful? Here are some suggestions.

1. DARE TO REALLY CARE. Allow yourself to look beneath another person’s surface needs and feel what that person is going through. Maybe it is physical pain or loneliness or discouragement of rejection. *How would your life change if you began to really care about other people?*
2. DON’T JUDGE. Merciful people don’t say “You got what you deserved!” or “You caused this yourself!” Maybe the other person did act irresponsibly, but let God be the judge. You are called to offer mercy and help in whatever way you can – no matter what the circumstances. *What attitudes would you have to change in order to stop judging others?*

The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for July-August, 2016: “Becoming more merciful” (Part 2)

During this Holy Year of Mercy, what if you decided to become even more merciful?

Here are some more suggestions.

3. **AVOID GOSSIP.** Merciful people refrain from gossip because they know that gossip is another assault on an already injured person. At first, it may seem amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us.
How will you keep yourself from gossiping about other people?
4. **REFUSE TO RETALIATE.** Merciful people don't hold a grudge or try to even the score. They let it go and forgive. Forgiveness allows you to let anger, hurt and bitterness drain out of your heart. It restores a sense of peace to your soul. Without forgiveness, you become a prisoner to your own resentments. With forgiveness, you mirror God's mercy.
Who are the people that you need to forgive?

The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for September-October, 2016: “Becoming more merciful” (Part 3)

During this Holy Year of Mercy, what if you decided to become even more merciful?

Here are some more suggestions.

5. **DON'T TURN AWAY.** When faced with an opportunity to be merciful, our greatest temptation is to turn away. It's easy to rationalize that someone else is better able to help than you are. If we want to be more merciful, we have to be willing to stand beside the other person. When we do that we become more humble, kinder and more compassionate.
How do you deal with the temptation to turn away from someone in need?
6. **CULTIVATE LITTLE KINDNESSES.** Small chances for kindness arise every day. No opportunity for mercy is ever insignificant. Allowing another car to merge into your lane, calling a grieving friend, checking on an elderly neighbour, and holding the door for someone are just a few examples. Sometimes a smile or a word of encouragement can change a person's whole outlook.

What are more of the small acts of mercy that you can do every day?

The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for November, 2016: “Becoming more merciful” (Part 4)
During this Holy Year of Mercy, what if you decided to become even more merciful?
Here are some more suggestions.

7. ACCEPT MERCY FROM OTHERS. It takes humility to admit that we, too, are in need of mercy. When you allow others to be merciful to you, you give them the opportunity to reach outside of themselves and enter into your pain. When that happens, they become instruments of God’s love to heal and comfort you.

In what ways have you accepted mercy from other people?

8. PRAY FOR MERCY. Pray to become more merciful. Pray also for family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and people you know who are in need of mercy. Pray for people who have hurt you. Pray for people around the world who are suffering. Pray that everyone in the world will respond to God’s mercy and, in turn, be merciful to one another.

How will you pray for mercy, and for whom will you pray?

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The JPIC Moment

JPIC Actions for February, 2017: “Charity vs Justice Responses”
CHARITY responses alleviate some symptoms of a social issue.
JUSTICE responses address the underlying causes of the issue.

HOW can we address some of the underlying causes of social issues?
We are asking you to ponder the following 2 questions over the next month.

1. How can we build community awareness of the problems of
 - poverty
 - lack of nutrition
 - illiteracy
 - unemployment and underemployment
2. How can we educate people on these issues?

For our fraternity meeting in March, we are asking you to submit your suggestions in writing and we will collect these for publication in our fraternity newsletter.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE THEME: **Dignity for All**

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person: The human person is at the heart of the Church's social teaching; therefore, so are that person's life and dignity
- The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers: Work is an expression of our participation in the creation of God; therefore, all work has value and all workers deserve respect.

SOME ISSUES

- ✓ Violence in the family.
- ✓ A woman's work, especially in raising children, is not always valued.
- ✓ Bullying at school, work place, etc.
- ✓ Respect and justice for migrant workers.

CHARITY responses alleviate some symptoms of a social issue.

JUSTICE responses address the underlying causes of the issue.

1. Below are some possible responses to the issues mentioned above. Some of these responses may have elements of both 'Charity' and 'Justice.'
2. **Write the letter** of each response **on the line** from 'Charity' to 'Justice' in the spot where you think it best fits.

CHARITY..._____...JUSTICE

POSSIBLE RESPONSES

- A. Offer to help a stay-at-home or single mother.
- B. Change attitudes through education.
- C. Letters to editors voicing one's opinion on the value of mothers' work.
- D. Organize a parish event to honour mothers.
- E. Support Anderson House (women's shelter).
- F. Counselling for victims and abusers.
- G. Educate children on family values.
- H. Appropriate legislation to curb violence.

(Our script)

MIKE

The JPIC Moment

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, June 11, 2017

The Delight of Diversity

We open with a brief reading from Scripture:

“In my Father’s house are many mansions.” (John 14:2)

Prince Edward Island is rapidly becoming more multi-cultural and that brings challenges and opportunities.

Garry

One of the wonderful things to be found in the classic naming of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is its affirmation that there is a plurality to goodness.

Goodness isn’t sameness.

Goodness, to be goodness, needs contrast and tension, not perfect uniformity.

Charlie

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God, yet clearly different.

We embrace this differentiation, and we resist the temptation to blend them into some kind of blob.

In doing so, we understand that there are at least three shapes to the foundational goodness, truth and beauty of things.

Marion

It seems to me that God’s goal is the same in creation.

It is the making of persons, not the making of a uniform mob.

This means that there is a clear diversity and a kind of open-mindedness in all of nature.

In other words, heaven is precisely not uniformity.

MAUREEN

The diversity of heaven was never something I considered in my earlier years.

I thought we were all handed the same white robe and standard-issue harp, and we were all assigned to an identical cloud for all of eternity.

But how does Jesus himself deconstruct this big-box, McHeaven franchise?

Mike

He tells us: “In my Father’s house are many mansions.” (John 14:2)

(adapted from Richard Rohr blog of September 20, 2016)

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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
The JPIC Moment at the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, July 9, 2017

How Can We Help to Eradicate Poverty?

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.” (Luke 4:18-19)

The voice of those in poverty needs to be heard.

A Poverty Eradication Strategy must focus on those who suffer most acutely from poverty and truly reflect the problems of the people.

This requires province-wide consultations for prioritizing and follow up action.

Some Facts on Poverty

Canada

Three resolutions were made in Canada’s House of Commons: **1989**: eliminate poverty among children in Canada by the year 2000; **2009**, eliminate poverty for all persons; **2015**, eliminate poverty among children.

- Today, 4.9 million Canadians and 60% of indigenous children on reserves live in poverty.
- One-third of newcomers live below the poverty line.
- In lone parent families, 45% of the children are in poverty.
- 28.8% of unattached older people are in poverty.

Prince Edward Island

- The poverty rate of PEI seniors is 19%, the highest in Canada. (some stats say 21%)
- In 2014, PEI’s child poverty rate stood at 17.8 overall; the rate for children under six is 21.6%.
- 45% of children in lone parent families live in poverty.
- 28% of older unattached people live in poverty.
- 36% of low wage workers have a post-secondary diploma or university degree.
- Only 32% of women with children have access to childcare.

It costs the province \$40 million annually in direct health care costs due to poverty.

The total direct costs are \$100 million annually and these are conservative estimates.

A Poverty Eradication Strategy for PEI requires:

- clear, legislated robust targets and timelines;
- accountability mechanisms & measurable results;
- support of all Ministries;
- Senior Cabinet Minister to coordinate;
- Annual Report to the Legislature.

Thoughts and actions for July and August: Think about actions that we can do as Secular Franciscans that will promote progress towards eradicating poverty. We will collect your written suggestions at our fraternity meeting on September 10.

“What does the Lord require of us?

- ... to do justice
 - ... to love tenderly and
 - ... to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)
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Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
The JPIC Moment at the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, Nov. 12, 2017
Women at the Heart of Peace (Part 1)

Women play a key role in conflict prevention and resolution, as well as in building and sustaining an inclusive, lasting and fair peace.

Women's crucial contribution to building peace is acknowledged in Security Council Resolution 1325, adopted in 2000, which recognizes, for the first time, specific crimes committed against women during armed conflicts. It highlights the importance of their meaningful, full, and equal participation at all levels of peace processes.

However, 17 years later, women's expertise is still underestimated, women's organizations are consistently underfunded, and they remain, by and large, excluded from formal peace processes.

- Out of the 504 peace agreements signed since Resolution 1325 was adopted, only 138, or 27%, mention women.
- Of the major peace negotiations that took place between 1992 and 2011, only 2% of chief mediators, 4% of signatories and 9% of negotiators were women.
- Only 2% of international funding dedicated to peace and security is allocated to equality between women and men or the empowerment of women.

Given the increasing number of violent conflicts and their dramatic repercussions on civilians, we must find new solutions to promoting peace!

A question for Secular Franciscans to consider:

How can we use the above information when we converse with others?

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Women at the Heart of Peace (Part 2)

**Where you have strong and empowered women
you have lasting and inclusive peace**

Did you know...

(5%) Women help reduce violence and prevent conflict

A 5% increase in the percentage of women in parliament makes a state 5 times less likely to use violence when faced with an international crisis.

(35%) Women build peace

Peace agreements have a 35% greater chance of lasting at least 15 years when women help draft them.

(35%) Women help sustain peace

When 35% of parliamentarians are women, the risk of relapse into conflict is near zero.

JPIC Action for January: In this short video of two and a half minutes, look and listen to three women from Colombia, Afghanistan and Lebanon as they offer their views on how to build peace. <https://youtu.be/Kw9zuAA-aJ8>

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

The JPIC Moment at the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity Meeting, Feb. 11, 2018

Women at the Heart of Peace (Part 3): Prayer of the Mothers

5 minute video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyFM-pWdqrY>

(The following refrain is sung several times during the last minute of the video)

From the north to the south,
From the west to the east,
Hear the prayer of the mothers:
Bring them peace, bring them peace.

Appendix C

Resources used by the JPIC committee to plan the JPIC Moment for meetings of the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Cornwall, PEI)

NOTES:

- 1. 12 Months of Franciscan Peace (franciscanvoicecanada.com/jpic-in-fraternity)**
This work by Carolyn Townes and adapted by Sherrill Guimond provides a real-life and a Scriptural context to JPIC themes like peace, poverty, compassion, prayer, etc.
- 2. Development and Peace (devp.org/en)**
The Lenten and Fall campaigns over the past several years provide a rich resource of information and suggestions for actions on current topics of social justice. This is one of the best action resources available to JPIC committees.
- 3. Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation (cac.org)**
Each week of these daily meditations focuses on a single theme and often the theme will be directly related to social justice, peace or integrity of creation. Go to the website to sign up for this daily newsletter.
- 4. Franciscan Voice Canada (FVC) (franciscanvoicecanada.com)**
The FVC website is a **Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation** initiative of the National JPIC Commission (English Sector) of the National Fraternity of Canada of the Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis (OFS - Secular Franciscan Order). FVC is an active website that contains fundamental JPIC resource material. It is updated regularly with contributions from JPIC committees across Canada.
- 5. The Common Good**
This is a Secular Franciscan JPIC monthly newsletter from **Franciscan Voice Canada**. Go to the **FVC** website to sign up for this newsletter.
- 6. Pamphlets and publications relating to The Holy Year of Mercy, Laudato Si, The Joy of the Gospel, etc.**
There is a great amount of printed and on-line material written in response to important Vatican initiatives that is helpful to JPIC committees.