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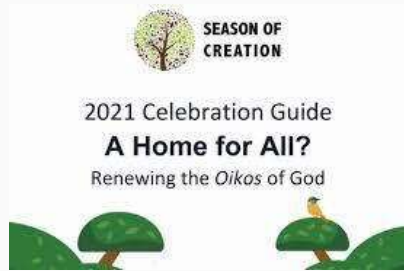
Secular Franciscan JPIC Monthly Newsletter
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Franciscan Voice Canada is proud to present this 50th issue of the Common Good

Season of Creation & Laudato si' Action Platform

**A timely reminder of why we work for justice, peace and integrity of creation from
Michael Cusato, OFM - [See Andrew's September Blog](#)**



The 2021 Season of Creation 1 Sept-4 Oct is a very good way to actively engage with the world

[Learn more about the Season of Creation](#)



“We also encourage bishops and ecclesial bodies to make statements to raise awareness about the Season of Creation, helping the faithful to realize that ‘living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience”

(LS 217).

Monsignor Bruno-Marie Duffé, Secretary of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development wrote, "I invite you to join advocacy initiatives such as the [Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition](#) urging for bold action to protect creation in addition to other initiatives calling for new paths forward together." [*You may have already signed this petition, because Franciscan Voice Canada promoted and linked to it under [Action-Take Action](#) earlier in July.* It will be presented to world leaders at the COP 26 United Nations climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, 1-12 Nov 2021— a meeting Pope Francis plans to attend.]

[Sign the Petition](#)

[Learn more at Andrew's September Blog](#)

Laudato Si' Plus

We must care for God's creation; we must protect the Earth and all that lives on it. Otherwise, our children and grandchildren will experience the apocalypse." (emphasis added)] (LS 217)



Catholics' efforts will be aided by the new Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Laudato Si' Action Platform is another way to advocate; raise our voice;

transform society, and actively engage with the world in order to affect mutual transformation.

You are warmly invited to use the resources at <https://laudatosiainactionplatform.org> as you discern the next steps in the journey ahead.

[Learn more at Andrew's September Blog](#)

[Understanding JPIC](#)

“3.2.83. As the Bishops of Ontario (1998) stated:

“Our first concern is to remind all Roman Catholics of their duty to become informed, to vote and to be involved politically, at the very least in the sense of knowing the issues and the policies of the parties with regard to them. ... Pope Pius XI spoke of "political charity" as one of the highest forms of the virtue of charity. In more recent times, the Church has told us that "a merely individualistic morality" will not suffice, and that Christians must "give an example by their sense of responsibility and their service of the common good." "Christians who take an active part in present day socio-economic development and fight for justice and charity should be convinced that they can make a great contribution to the prosperity of mankind and to the peace of the world". (The Church in the Modern World, No. 30, 75 and 72).” (emphasis added)”

- [Understanding JPIC](#) (2018 revision. 2021 revision pending)

From Gospel to Life

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. - James 2:14-17



[Kelly Sikkema](#)

OFS Rule & GC

Rule 15. Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith.



GC 22.1. Secular Franciscans should “be in the forefront ... in the field of public life.” They should collaborate as much as possible for the passing of just laws and regulations.

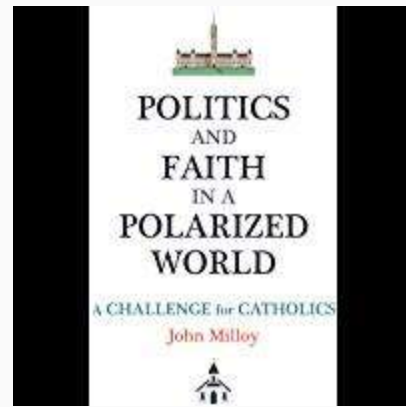
Book of the month

Politics and Faith in a Polarized World: A Challenge for Catholics

By John

Milloy

As Canadians once again head to the polls, is there a role for our Catholic faith to play in practical day-to-day politics? Find out with former Liberal cabinet minister John Milloy as he talks candidly about the realities of being a serious Catholic while trying to work with others for good at a time of deep polarization in society.



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Pope's Prayer Intention for September

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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AN ENVIRONMENTALLY
SUSTAINABLE
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Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Who is leading new projects to protect and sustain the environment?
Young people, beyond a doubt. [Read more...](#)



Prayer

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen. - Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*



Before closing click on [2021 Season of Creation Prayer](#)
then sing along to this *Love Song to the Earth*

Important Dates on the JPIC Calendar:

+ September 30 - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Other Recent Postings on

Franciscan Voice Canada

- [Earth's vital signs have worsened](#)
- [A Promise to the Park - A Fraternity's Teaching](#)
- [Sept 1 starts the Season of Creation - Action](#)
- [Becoming a Laudato Si' Animator - Action](#)
- [Understanding the IPCC report and what you can do](#)
- [What is ecological sin?](#)
- [What will it take to accept the truth about global climate change?](#)

Earlier Posts you may want to check:

- [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration - Action](#)

Note the calls for "Action" in some of the postings

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