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Franciscan Voice Canada acknowledges and thanks to the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Turtle Island for allowing us to live, pray, work, and play on their lands. We are deeply sorry for the injustices inflicted upon them by the complicity of settlers from racism in the colonialism inherent especially in the Indian Act and Residential Schools, including physical, sexual, emotional and all other forms of abuse resulting in cultural genocide. We commit to work for truth, healing and reconciliation.

UKRAINE – CLIMATE – FIRST NATIONS

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022

Laudato Si' 13: “Everything is connected”

As the Québec Bishops wrote in 2001: “[On this point](#) it is good to recall the conclusions already made in 1987, by the World Commission on Development and the Environment: Until recently, the planet was a large world in which human activities and their effects were neatly compartmentalized within nations, within sectors (energy, agriculture, trade), and within broad areas of concern (environmental, economic, social). These compartments have begun to dissolve. [Read more...](#)”

1. Ukraine: ‘Putin’s altar boy’:

Pope Francis on Kirill

The Russian Orthodox Church [scolded Pope Francis](#) (4 May) for using the wrong tone after he urged Moscow Patriarch Kirill not to become Putin’s “altar boy,” cautioning the Vatican that such remarks would hurt dialog between the churches.

Read more at [Andrew's Blog](#)

2. Ukraine: learning from the Via Crucis 2022 (Coliseum)



Ukrainian nurse Iryna and Russian nursing student Albina, who are friends, hold a cross at the 13th station as Pope Francis leads the Way of the Cross outside the Colosseum in Rome 15 April 2022. - (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

According to the Vatican, 15 families were selected to write the Stations of the Cross meditations to mark the [Amoris Laetitia Family Year](#), which will conclude on 26 June with the 10th edition of the [World Meeting of Families](#), to be held in Rome... For the 13th station, “Jesus dies on the Cross,” a Ukrainian family and a Russian family were to read a [reflection](#) that they wrote together about how their lives were upended by the pain of war. Ukrainian nurse Iryna [or Irina] and Russian nursing student Albina met and became friends while studying nursing and

working at a Rome medical university campus. They had told Vatican News on April 11 that such friendships were common, and many families are made up of the two nationalities, living in both or either country.

However, the original reflection was changed. Read more at [Andrew's Blog](#)

3. PEACE NOT OIL



Activists from [Greenpeace Italy](#) daubed the message “peace not oil” on the side of a Russian oil tanker, as pressure increases on European governments to wean themselves off fossil fuels. The environmental protestors approached the ship in two rubber dinghies as it was entering the port of Santa Panagia in Sicily on Easter Sunday 17 April 2022... since the start of Moscow’s war in Ukraine, EU nations have spent more than

€33 billion on fossil fuel imports from Russia.

PRAYER FOR THE AFFLICTED PEOPLE OF UKRAINE IN TIME
OF WAR

“O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kyivan Rus’ for her deeply afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Behold their grave sorrow and grievous plight, and speedily come to their aid. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war. Strengthen courageous defenders of the nation to fight virtuously, inspired more by love of those they protect than hatred of the enemy. O compassionate Lord, shelter the displaced, heal the wounded, console the orphan, protect the widow, comfort those who mourn, and mercifully receive into Your Kingdom those who have nobly died guarding their homeland against every aggression. Quickly make cease the spilling of blood of friend and foe alike, yet stir many to bravely struggle for that true justice which alone can bring lasting peace. O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the

hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that Your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.”

The War Against Ukraine and the Climate Crisis

What Do They Have in Common?



The video thumbnail features a woman, Svitlana Romanko, with a red play button overlaying her face. On the left, two blue speech bubbles contain the text: "War Against Ukraine and the Climate Crisis:" and "What Do They Have in Common?". On the right, a blue circular logo for the "LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT" is visible, with the tagline "CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME" below it. At the bottom of the video frame, a white text box identifies her as "Svitlana Romanko, Zero Fossil Fuels Campaign Manager of the Laudato Si Movement".

Svitlana Romanko, Zero Fossil Fuels Campaign Manager of the Laudato Si Movement, shares her experience as a Ukrainian and as a doctor in environmental law. (Video 5:56)

4. First Nations, Inuit & Métis



Idle No More's [Vision](#): calls on all people to join in a peaceful revolution which honours and fulfills Indigenous sovereignty and which protects the land, the water, and the sky. Colonization continues through attacks to Indigenous rights and damage and harm to all our relations. We must repair these violations, live the spirit and intent of the treaty relationship, work towards justice in action, and protect Mother Earth. This vision is similar to the Laudato Si' Revolution. [Read More...](#)

From Gospel to Life

And all the trees of the forest cry out for joy at Yahweh's approach, for he is coming to judge the earth (1Ch 16:33).

The pastures of the wilderness

overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. (Ps 65:12-13)



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“Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.” (Laudato Si’, 13, Pope Francis)

“Bishops and priests have largely failed to engage church teaching on creation care, and so far have approached climate change less as a matter of moral importance and more as a political flashpoint to be avoided.” -

Brian Roewe [Read More at Andrew's Blog](#)

5. Celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2022

Living our
vocation to be
protectors of
God's *creation*
is essential to a
life of virtue.

Pope Francis, 2015

May 22-29



LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2022

Join us: www.laudatosiweek.org



We are glad to announce that from May 22-29 we will gather to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2022 together, remembering the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' historical encyclical on the care of creation. "Listening and walking together" is the theme that will guide us this year, along with the quote, "Bringing the whole human family together to protect our common home" (LS 13). It will be a festive week, showing the world how much the Church has changed in these seven years and inspiring millions of Catholics around the world.

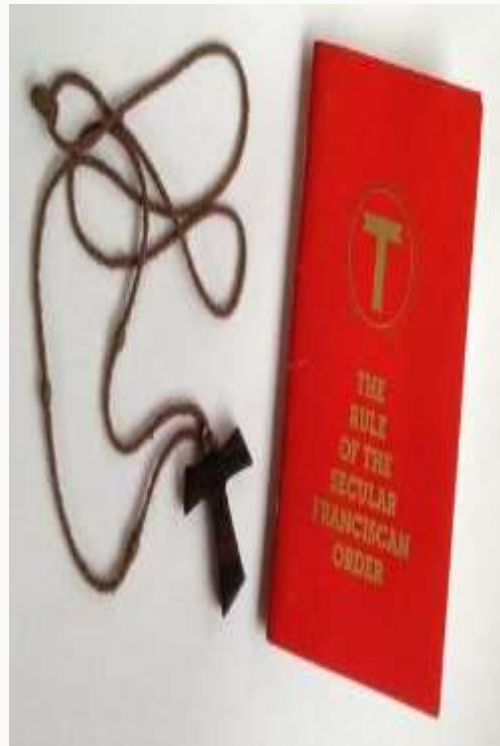
To get started, we invite you to visit and register on the Week's [website](#) and help us spread this initiative on your social networks. One thing we could do is ask our Bishop to commit our Dioceses to net-zero emissions. [See Andrew's Blog #5](#)

Learn more: <https://laudatosiweek.org/> and <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/>

OFS Rule & GC

Rule 19. Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and

fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others...



GC: Article 23

1. Peace is the work of justice and the fruit of reconciliation and of fraternal love. Secular Franciscans are called to be bearers of peace in their families and in society:

- they should see to the proposal and spreading of peaceful ideas and attitudes;**
- they should develop their own initiatives and should collaborate, individually and as a fraternity, with initiatives of the Pope, the local Churches, and the Franciscan Family;**
- they should collaborate with those movements and institutions which promote peace while respecting its authentic foundations.**

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2022

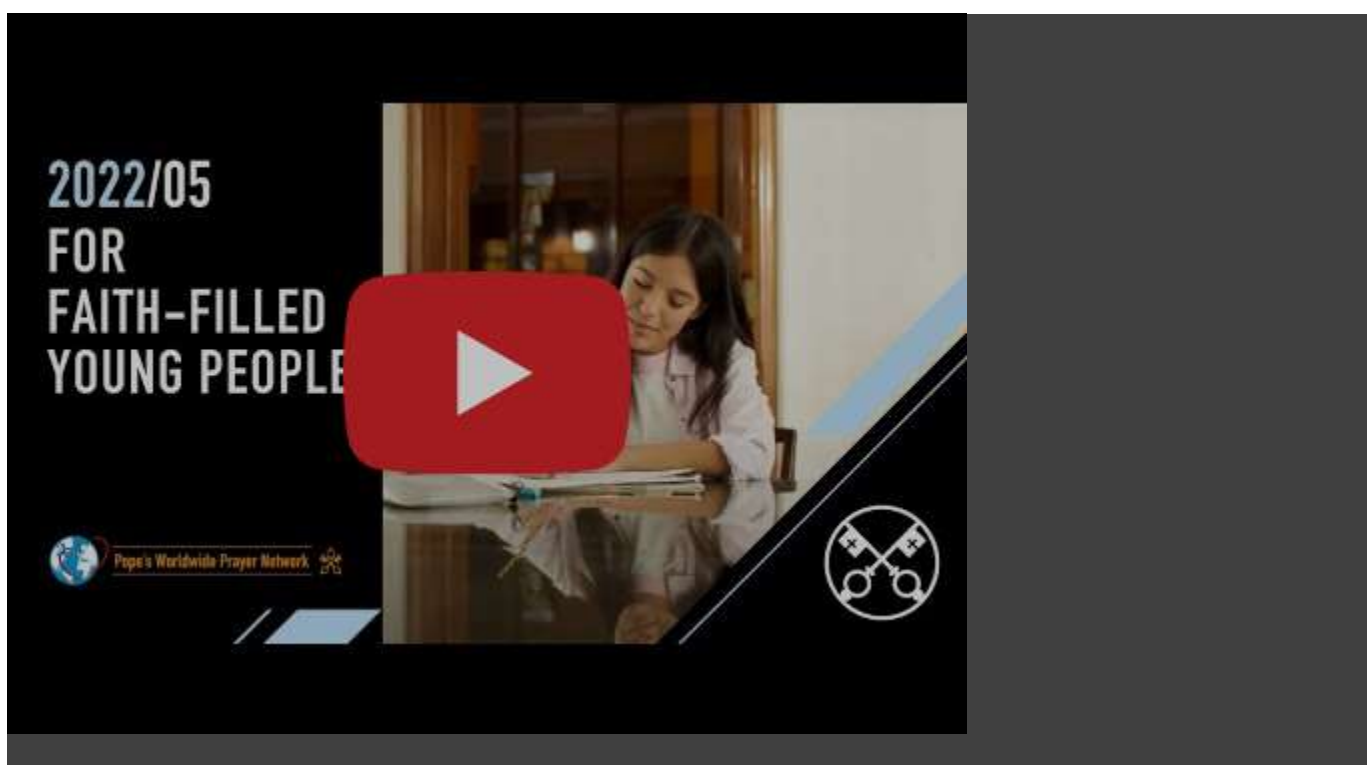
For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

REFLECTION

In this month's intention, our Holy Father invites us to consider the youthful witness of Mary, who as a teenage girl, accepted God's plan and mission for her life as Mother of God. When she received the visit from the Archangel Gabriel, she did not hesitate to say "fiat" or "let it be done to me."

[Read more...](#)



This month of May, the Pope begins a cycle of three prayer intentions dedicated to the family. He has decided to begin by speaking first to young people, who "want to build something new." He offers them an example to follow: "When I think of a model with whom young people can identify with, our Mother, Mary, always comes to mind." [Read more...](#)



Happy World Fair Trade Day! Saturday, May 14

Every Fairtrade product in your shopping cart is a fairer price for the people who produce the goods we love and more sustainable farming in places affected the most by a changing climate.

[Fill your cart with Fairtrade](#)

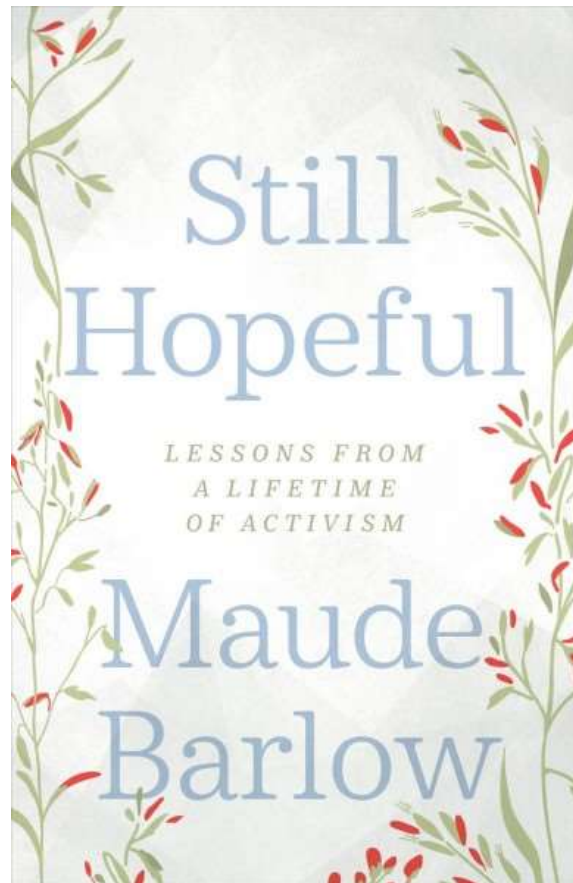
Book of the Month

**Still Hopeful: Lessons from
a Lifetime of Activism**

[Barlow, Maude](#)

In this timely book, Barlow counters the prevailing atmosphere of pessimism that surrounds us and offers lessons of hope that she has learned from a lifetime of activism. She has been a linchpin in three major movements in her life: second-wave feminism, the battle against free trade and globalization, and the global fight for water justice.

[- CBC Books](#)



For a more in-depth review from the Council of Canadians **[read here](#)**.

**Movie of the Month -
Father Stu**



Based on a true story, *Father Stu* is an unflinchingly honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. While scraping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a Catholic Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the long-time agnostic starts going to church to impress her. But surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest... [Read More...](#)

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We appreciate different perspectives

Important Dates on the JPIC Calendar:

- + May 14 - [World Fair Trade Day](#)
- + May - [Fairtrade Month](#)

- + **May 29** - [International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers](#)
- + **June 5** - [World Environment Day](#)
- + **June 8** - [World Oceans Day](#)

Other Recent Postings on *Franciscan Voice Canada*

- [Holy Spirit Province Easter 2022](#)
- [Resilience: Death does not have the last word, life prevails - FI](#)
- [Easter Greetings from the Minister General OFM Conv](#)

Earlier Posts you may want to check:

- [Regulate Canadian mining companies operating overseas](#)
- ["The Franciscan Journey" JPIC Supplements - Formation](#)
- [Well4Africa Update - OFS Canada Rally - Action](#)

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

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