



JP Alert

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

As we live out the mission of Christ, let us prepare our hearts to be open to the new adventures this school year and the new opportunities to transform ourselves and society toward the justice and peace of Christ.

DOJ drops Private Prisons



CMSM has been working persistently with other coalition partners on the unjust [influence](#) of private prisons on the lack of immigration reform. Recently, a major breakthrough has been accomplished when the U.S. Department of Justice [decided](#) to phase out the use of private prisons. Beyond profiting from the detention of immigrants and mass incarceration of people of color, these prisons often have been

cited for being unsafe, unhealthy, and inhumane.

The next step is to work on the Department of Homeland Security which also uses private prisons at a much higher rate than the DOJ. They have just issued a review of their privatized immigration detention programs.

ACTION: [Contact the President](#) to call on DHS to end their use of private prisons.



Mission: Sunday, Committee, Funding

World Mission Sunday: Oct. 16, 2016

Pope Francis: "[Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy](#)"

The **CMSM Mission Committee** is looking for new members. The task of the Mission Committee is to keep alive the urgency of mission in CMSM; help network the concerns of mission between the religious and the Bishops; and be a place of dialogue and exchange on our diverse but common needs and approaches to the mission of religious life in the Church. We have four focus areas presently: intercultural dialogue and multiculturalism, interreligious dialogue and dialogue with atheism, international justice, peace and the integrity of creation, and reconciliation. We meet twice a year, including once at the [US Catholic Mission Association annual gathering](#). If you are interested, contact Eli McCarthy at emccarthy@cmsm.org.

Mission Project Service: 9th edition of MPS [funding guide](#)



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

Cherish All of Creation

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation: Sept. 1

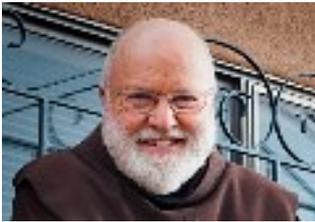
This annual day, [established by Pope Francis](#) in 2015, is an opportunity to pray, reflect and act to care for God's Creation. Resources at the [USCCB](#) environmental justice page and the [WeAreSaltAndLight.org](#) Laudato Si' page.

Dozens of [Catholic schools](#) in Queensland, Australia go solar, with annual electricity savings of \$250,000.

Liturgy and Laudato Si' [article](#) by Jim Hug

Global Catholic Climate Movement

[Resources](#) on investment strategies and [webinar](#) on divestment Sept. 7th. On Oct. 4th they plan a press release of religious organizations divesting from fossil fuels.



Just Peace and Nonviolence

Richard Rohr [video](#) on Gospel Nonviolence, 5 min.

Webinar: Intro. to Rome Conference on Just Peace and NV
Tuesday Sept. 13 from 9-10 am EST

[Registration](#) *Limited spots available

Join us for an introductory webinar about a ground-shifting conference on the topic of Gospel nonviolence and just peace, which was held in Rome this past April 2016. The Vatican's Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace was a co-sponsor of the conference. This introductory webinar is part 1 of a 4 part series to share and advance the fruit of the conference. In this first webinar, we will hear from conference organizers and participants about the background, purpose, process, and basic outcomes of the conference. You will also see some video from our initial session at the conference and we will have some time for discussion. The forthcoming webinars in the series will include topics from the conference such as experiences of nonviolence and Jesus' way of nonviolence, just peace and moving beyond unending war, and the appeal to the Catholic Church and implementation. We hope you will join us for each webinar in the series! Each one will also be recorded for re-use.

National Catholic Reporter [Editorial](#) refers to conference and calls

for an Encyclical

NCR publishes [article](#) by CMSM's *Eli McCarthy* on his experience at the conference

[Endorse](#) the Rome Conference Appeal with Japan's Catholic Conference of Bishops, etc.

Spread the news by [signing up for a Thunderclap](#) on Twitter for Sept. 21, International Day of Peace.



Racial Justice

CMSM Statement from August National Assembly- "[Paranoia to Metanoia: Courageous Mercy Transforming Violence and Racism](#)"

Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities: Sept. 9

USCCB invites all dioceses to unite in this day of prayer on the Feast of St. Peter Claver. Archbishop W. Gregory of Atlanta will chair a new [special task force](#) on building peace in communities and healing racial tensions. They encourage Catholics to pray and discern next steps. Resources [here](#) and [here](#), as well as specific models to consider.

[West Baltimore](#)

[Restorative Circles](#) by Precious Blood religious

[Parish encounter discussions](#) in Minneapolis, MN

Racial Justice Google Hangout: Sept. 14 at 2pm

USCCB will facilitate a conversation between representatives from three Catholic faith communities who are praying, reaching out, learning and acting for peace and racial justice. You can contribute to the conversation by [participating](#) in the Google hangout, or you can [watch the hangout](#) as it happens on YouTube.

Other News



Linking the Lectionary to Justice and Peace

Below you will find homily resources from CMSM members and other people of wisdom in our community. If you are not giving homilies, please consider sharing with a presiding homilist.

[Sunday Sept. 4](#) by Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International

[Sunday Sept. 11](#) by Chris Vogt, Theology Professor at St. John's Univ.



Economic Justice

Webinar: Toward a More Just Economic System

Sept. 6 at 1-2pm EST

[Register here](#)

Our common home includes a global economy characterized by new risks, new demands for products and services, new technology, and new interdependencies. The emerging approach represents a paradigm shift in which these social innovations, such as social entrepreneurship, benefit corporations, and impact investing are maturing from point solutions to a given problem, and towards robust institutional-grade mechanisms for coping with scarcity.



Palestine and Israel

North American

Dominican JPIC's "Call to Justice" includes [support for boycott and divestment](#) of illegal settlements and occupation in Palestine.

*[Sign on to join CMSM's call to boycott](#) illegal settlements.

August, 2016, the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America** passes a resolution to adopt [investment screen to avoid profiting from Israel's occupation](#) and to increase positive investment in Palestine.

World Council of Churches calls for support

Speakers: Dale Fickett and of nonviolent resistance
Rev. Seamus Finn, OMI including [economic](#)
[measures](#) to end the
occupation.

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) supports and offers resources for U.S. leaders of Catholic men's religious institutes. CMSM promotes dialogue and collaboration on issues of religious life as well as peace and justice issues with major groups in church and society. There are about 17,000 religious priests and brothers in the United States.

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