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Justice



Peace



Integrity of Creation



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This issue is filled with all sorts of ideas and topics relating to the broad topic of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation.

JustFaith Ministries

The **JustFaith** program is now available as a 24-week program or three 8-week phases that can be done individually:

Living Compassionately—Caring for the Poor

Living Justly—Caring for Each Other

Living Simply—Caring for the Earth

JustFaith invites participants to look at contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith by engaging in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, encounter, and by building lasting relationships within a small group.

To learn more, [click here](#).

For more on **Justice** resources, [click here](#).

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COMING REGIONAL EVENTS

July 20, 2019
Regional Formation Gathering

September 27—29, 2019
Regional Retreat and Silver Jubilee

NATIONAL EVENTS

August 29—September 1, 2019
National JPIC Convocation, St. Louis, MO

peace & justice center

The Peace & Justice Center is a Vermont-based non-profit, membership organization. Their mission is to create a just and peaceful world. To this end, they work on the interconnected issues of economic and racial justice, peace, and human rights through education, advocacy, training, nonviolent activism and community organizing.

For more information about this Vermont-based organization and ideas how to replicate this in our area, see their [website](#).



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAH)

CCOAH consists of more than 30 national and international Catholic agencies working to eliminate human trafficking. The main purposes of the organization are to

- Formulate plans for combating trafficking and serving its victims;
- Promote development of services for trafficking victims and approaches to survivor empowerment;
- Dialogue with government officials and others engaged in public policy affecting this issue;
- Devise strategies for public education, awareness-raising, and grass roots action.

In addition, members of the coalition

- Provide a safe haven for trafficked adolescents and adults in the United States;
- Deliver direct services to adult and child trafficked victims in the United States and overseas;
- Conduct prevention projects overseas, especially in Eastern Europe, India, and Latin America;
- Provide national training and technical assistance on the issue of trafficking;
- Meet with government officials, including Senators and Representatives in the United States' Congress, the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Justice.

[Learn More](#)

For more on Human Trafficking, [click here](#).

*The ultimate test of your
greatness is the way you treat
every human being...*
~ St. John Paul II

From Daily Ray of Hope—Sierra Club



So many tangles in life are ultimately hopeless that we have no appropriate sword other than laughter.

~ Gordon W. Allport

Word for the Day—from Gratefulness.org

A loving silence often has far more power to heal and connect than the most well-intentioned words.

~Rachel Naomi Remen



Poverty Isn't a Lack of Character;

It's a Lack of Cash

A TED talk featuring Rutger Bregman, who makes the case for guaranteed basic income, including the idea's **500**-year history and a forgotten modern experiment where it actually worked. [Watch now.](#)

For more on Poverty, [click here.](#)

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Systemic Racism Explained

A short animation from Act.TV, that touches on structural racism factors such as the historical consequences of slavery & the "Jim Crow" era, "redlining" neighborhoods, predatory loans, lack of affordable housing, property tax school funding, implicit bias, high unemployment, mass incarceration, lack of political representation & little wealth. [Watch now.](#)

For more on **Racism**, [click here.](#)

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From *This Nonviolent life—Daily Inspiration for your non-violent journey*

~Pace e Bene Nonviolent Service

"As we work together to restore hope to the future, we need to include a new and strange ally—our willingness to be disturbed. Our willingness to have our beliefs and ideas challenged by what others think. . . . Curiosity is what we need."

- Margaret J. Wheatley

*Recyclables continued
From last month*



The Life Cycle of a Plastic Bottle

A short animation that traces the life cycles of three different plastic bottles, shedding light on the dangers these disposables present to our world. [Watch now.](#)

For more on the **Environment**, [click here](#).

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WORD FOR THE DAY

By Jean Vanier

When we begin to believe that there is greater joy in working with and for others, rather than just for ourselves, then our society will truly become a place of celebration.