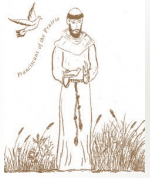


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Gender Inequality

Various statistics



On Average. Women earn **\$0.80** for every dollar men earn. In the U.S., this wage gap also varies by other factors. For example, compared to every dollar [that] white, non-Hispanic men earn:

- Asian-American women earn **\$0.85**
- African-American women earn **\$0.61**
- Native American women earn **\$0.58**
- Latinas earn **\$0.53**
- And mothers make **\$0.60** compared to fathers

Equal Pay Today

At the current rate, it will take **202** years for women to achieve equal pay.

Global Gender Gap Report

Women are **47%** more likely to suffer severe injuries in car crashes because safety features are designed for men.

American Public Health Association

Women do **3** times as much unpaid child work as men.

International Labor Organization

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COMING REGIONAL EVENTS

September 27–29, 2019
Regional Retreat and Silver Jubilee

NATIONAL EVENTS

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

Gender Inequality —Various Statistics continued

Women who had a male twin were **15%** less likely to graduate from high school, **4 %** less likely to finish college, and **11%** less likely to be married—compared to women with a twin sister. They also had 6% fewer children and earned **9%** less money.

National Academy of Science

33,000 girls become child brides every day

Over **650** million women today were married when they were children

Girls Not Brides

For every female film character, there are **2.24** male characters.

Geena Davis Institute

Only **6** countries give women the same rights as men: Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxemburg, and Sweden

World Bank

Only **8** out of 31 European countries have laws that state sex without consent is rape.

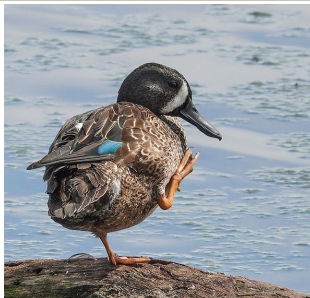
Amnesty International

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

Taken from an article in the Social Justice Resource Center July 2019 Newsletter

*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



It's a kindly act to assist the fallen.

~ Ovid

Word for the Day—from Gratefulness.org

Every Sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day.

~ Richelle E. Goodrich



New Prayer Service in Solidarity with Dreamers and Migrants

Together with USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development created a [new prayer service to stand in solidarity with Dreamers and Migrants](#). Pray together for immigrants, and for policies and welcome them.

Featured Quote from Pope Francis

Unfortunately, the existential peripheries of our cities are densely populated with persons who have been thrown away, marginalized, oppressed, discriminated against, abused, exploited, abandoned, poor and suffering. In the spirit of the Beatitudes we are called to comfort them in their affliction and offer them mercy; to sate their hunger and thirst for justice; to let them experience God's caring fatherliness; to show them the way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

~ [Pope Francis, Homily, Mass for Migrants, July 8, 2019](#)

*'Mercy,' he says, 'is the willingness to enter
into the chaos of another.'*

-James Keenan

JPIC IN FORMATION

Francis was greatly influenced by his experience of God as Creator, and by following Jesus – whom he met in the San Damiano cross. He heeded the Gospel call to embrace the leper, and claimed himself brother of all people and of all creatures. Conversion for Francis was a lifetime journey, allowing him to pass from a life centered on self to a gradual conformity with the Lord. Following the example of St. Francis, we embark upon our own journey. Upon a solid foundation in the charism of St. Francis, we integrate these JPIC values into the formation of new members and the ongoing formation of current members. We strive for growth in our way of life, so that we can proclaim the Gospel and like Francis, embark on a journey of ongoing conversion, embracing reconciliation, peace, justice and care for all creation.

Between initial and ongoing formation there is not only a connection, but there is reciprocal and profound interaction. If formation truly is a continuous process of growth and conversion involving the whole of a person's life, and if Franciscan formation seeks to form members in the totality of our charism, then formation to JPIC values is an essential part of this process and of our entire Franciscan life.

Learning to Read the Signs of the Times

In order to confront the problems of our world we must first study them, along with their causes and effects. In scientific terms, this demands an "analysis of reality." When we add a theological perspective to this process, it is called "reading the signs of the times." Such a process involves the first two stages of the JPIC methodology: SEEING and JUDGING. "Seeing" demands much more than a simple glance at the world. Rather, we are invited to conduct a rigorous analysis of social conditions, their causes and the effects they have on people, especially on the poor and oppressed. After the analysis has been done, we are called to "judge" the situations described, making use of biblical insight, the tradition of the Church, theological reflection and the contemporary experience of the People of God who struggle to live their faith in justice. Reading the signs of the times is not something that happens automatically, but needs to be learned and practiced.

~ Taken from the Handbook for Animators of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

Catholic Online - 2 JUL 2019

Tony Magliano

Twelve years ago I had the great privilege of interviewing the late courageous peace-activist Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J. With penetrating wisdom he said, "We must ask ourselves are we Christians who happen to be Americans, or are we Americans who happen to be Christian?" This is a crucial question! A crucial question for our salvation and for the salvation of our nation. And it is a question which is equally applicable to Christians in every nation.