

JPIC UPDATE

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION
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The JPIC Committee has met monthly in February and March by way of conference calls. Committee members are:

SANDRA THOMPSON—St. Elizabeth Hungary Regional Fraternity; JIM HANNA—Holy Trinity Regional Fraternity; JON STRICKLAND—Brothers & Sisters of St. Francis Regional Fraternity; ROGER YOCKEY—Troubadours of Peace Regional Fraternity; LARRY VAVRO—Maximilian Kolbe Regional Fraternity, CHERRYLE FRUGE—St. Joan of Arc Regional Fraternity; FATHER KEVIN QUEALLY TOR, Spiritual Assistant; KENT FERRIS—JPIC Chair and Franciscans of the Prairie Regional Fraternity.

FAN ACTION COMMISSIONERS.

In addition to the JPIC Committee, there are brother and sister Secular Franciscans who serve as Franciscan Action Commissioners. They are:

STEFANIE SORMANE, ROSEMARIE LECLERQ, KEN BEATTIE, CLARE HOAGLAND, DAN MULHOLLAND, ROGER YOCKEY AND KENT FERRIS. Conversations with FAN (The Franciscan Action Network) continue in order to

“...deepen SFO awareness of FAN as their instrument for JPIC collaboration with other branches of the Franciscan Family in the U.S.”

Patrick Carolan and Christy Elliott from FAN have been very enthusiastic in this effort. Several of the commissioners were able to attend the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. where the political issues of the day were discussed followed by visits to Capitol Hill.

So there are JPIC committee members and FAN Action Commissioners. And there are Secular Franciscans who have been professed for decades and even folks in initial formation who have interest and experience in the wide range of issues relating to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

Let us know of your efforts, successes, frustrations. My contact information is in a following paragraph.


JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD.

At the past NAFRA annual meeting in Arizona, there was approval for an award to recognize those who have made contributions for the care of creation. NAFRA has long honored individuals with a Peace Award. How to continue with one, while adding a new element?

Borrowing the words of Pope Paul VI, “If you want peace, work for justice.” Just as JPIC more accurately describes our attention to the wide range of social justice issues, so too the NAFRA Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Award will allow for recognition of efforts beyond what we have traditionally identified as peace efforts/works.

WHAT IS A WEBINAR?

Earlier this year, we began the series of information sessions with CRS (Catholic Relief Services), on their Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative. Through the wonders of technology, brothers and sisters with internet computer access can not only hear presenters, but can see them and their presentation slides. Pretty slick! However, even for local fraternity members who don't have a computer or internet access, there is still the chance to listen in by calling a toll-free phone number.

The webinar, by use of computer and/or phone might be the single most important communication device JPIC or any other part of the Secular Franciscan Order has seen come along since regular mail delivery or the telephone. In one setting, hundreds of interested members can get information about how we can address issues like global poverty. Would you like to take the next step and connect to the CRS webinars? Contact your regional minister, JPIC representative or me by mail at 809 E. 10th Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761, or (563) 299-6107 or kentferris45@yahoo.com, 

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.

Thursday, October 27, will mark the anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Stay tuned for more information.