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ISRAELI 'NATION-STATE' LAW A 'CLEAR FORM OF APARTHEID', SAYS BARENBOIM

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World-renowned pianist says he is 'ashamed to be an Israeli' following passing of legislation. Daniel Barenboim, the world-renowned pianist and conductor, has labelled Israel's "Nation State" law as "a very clear form of apartheid". Writing in *Haaretz* on Sunday, in a piece entitled: "*Today, I Am Ashamed to Be an Israeli*," Barenboim said the law, passed on Thursday, "confirms the Arab population as second-class citizens". The law passed by a vote of 62-55 and two abstentions in the 120-member Knesset, the country's parliament, after months of political argument.

Following the vote, Palestinian members of the Knesset shouted and tore up papers. The law gives Jews supremacy over all non-Jewish Israeli citizens, which critics and members of the state's Palestinian minority called racist.

Barenboim recalled that in 2004 he had given a speech at the Knesset, in which he had spoken about the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel. He said he had called it "a source of inspiration to believe in ideals that transformed us from Jews to Israelis". Barenboim said: "The founding fathers of the State of Israel who signed the Declaration considered the principle of equality as the bedrock of the society they were building. They also committed themselves, and us, 'to pursue peace and good relations with all neighbouring states and people'. Seventy years later, the Israeli government has just passed a new law that replaces the principle of equality and universal values with nationalism and racism."

Less than 500 words long, the Nation State law accords exclusive "national self-determination" rights – the right to decide Israel's national priorities, of both symbolic and practical importance – to Jewish people, wherever they may live, in Israel or abroad, and whether or not they even hold Israeli citizenship. The law does not, notably, say that Palestinian and other non-Jewish citizens of Israel are entitled to equal treatment under the law. The law also gives Hebrew superior status over Arabic, making the former the state's only official language and demoting the latter to merely a language with "special status". In effect, the Nation State law, which as a fundamental law holds constitutional power, means Israel's ethno-religious character supersedes its democratic one.

Read the Nation State Law in full: www.middleeasteye.net/news/read-full-israels-nation-state-jewish-people-law-789309334

Barenboim, who is general music director of La Scala, the Berlin State Opera and the Staatskapelle Berlin, co-founded, together with the late Edward Said, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, a Seville-based orchestra of young Arab and Israeli musicians. As a citizen of Argentina, Israel, Palestine and Spain, he has worked for decades, through his music, to bring reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Writing on Sunday, Barenboim said: "Does the condition of occupation and domination over another people fit the Declaration of Independence? Is there any sense in the independence of one at the expense of the fundamental rights of the other? Can the Jewish people whose history is a record of continued suffering and relentless persecution, allow themselves to be indifferent to the rights and suffering of a neighbouring people? Fourteen years later, I still believe that despite all the objective and subjective difficulties, the future of Israel and its position in the family of enlightened nations will depend on our ability to realise the promise of the founding fathers as they canonised it in the Declaration of Independence. Yet, nothing has changed since 2004. Instead, we now have a law that confirms the Arab population as second-class citizens. It, therefore, is a very clear form of apartheid."

Human Rights groups say Israel has been discriminating against its non-Jewish citizens ever since the state was founded in 1948, pointing to dozens of Israeli laws that mandate preferential treatment to Jews. However, the law will have a more significant, more lasting impact as it enshrines a two-tiered system of rights in a basic law.

Ending his piece, Barenboim writes: "I don't think the Jewish people survived for 20 centuries, mostly through persecution and enduring endless cruelties, to now become the oppressors, inflicting cruelty on others. This new law does exactly that. That is why I am ashamed of being an Israeli today."

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/barenboim-says-israels-nation-state-law-very-clear-form-apartheid-384002879>

JERUSALEM: LATIN PATRIARCHATE ISSUES STATEMENT ON ISRAELI NATION-STATE LAW

Source: Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem 31 July 2018

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has issued the following statement today about the new Israeli Nation-State Law.

The recently enacted Basic Law: "Israel, the Nation-State of the Jewish People" is a cause of great concern. Seemingly enacted for internal political reasons, while defining Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people, the law fails to provide any constitutional guarantees for the rights of the indigenous and other minorities living in the country. Palestinian citizens of Israel, constituting 20% are flagrantly excluded from the law.

It is beyond conception that a Law with constitutional effect ignores an entire segment of the population, as if its members never existed. The law might not have practical effects, yet it sends an unequivocal signal to the Palestinian citizens of Israel, to the effect that in this country they are not at home. The Arabic language has been downgraded from an official language to a language with "a special status", and with the commitment to work on the development of Jewish settlement in the land, with no mention of the development of the country for the rest of its inhabitants. This Basic Law is exclusive rather than inclusive, disputed rather than consensual, politicized rather than being rooted in the basic norms that are common and acceptable to all fractions of the population.

This discriminatory law directly contravenes the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181, as well as Israel's own Declaration of Independence. The first guaranteed the establishment of a Jewish State while ensuring full civil rights to the Arabs living therein and in the Second, the founders of the Country clearly and unequivocally committed to foster its development for the benefit of all its inhabitants and to ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all, irrespective of religion, race or sex.

Finally, this law contravenes and contradicts the Basic Law: "*Human Dignity and Liberty*" enacted in 1995 that guarantees the respect of the dignity of every person. Where there is discrimination, there is no dignity. In other words, the law says that there are not equal rights between Jews and Arabs and refuses to acknowledge their existence. It not enough to have and guarantee individual rights. Any state with large minorities ought to recognize the collective rights of these minorities, and guarantee the preservation of their collective identity, including their religious, ethnic and social traditions.

The Christian citizens of Israel have the same concerns as any other non-Jewish communities with respect to this Law. They call upon all citizens of the State of Israel who still believe in the basic concept of equality among citizens of the same nation, to voice their objection to this law and the dangers emanating thereof to the future of this Country.

<https://www.lpj.org/latin-patriarchate-statement-new-israeli-nation-state-law/>

FULL TEXT OF HIROSHIMA PEACE DECLARATION ON 73RD A-BOMB ANNIVERSARY

6 August 2018 Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui at a 73rd anniversary ceremony of the atomic bombing of the city:

It's 73 years ago and a Monday morning, just like today. With the mid-summer sun already blazing, Hiroshima starts another day. Please listen to what I say next as if you and your loved ones were there. At 8:15 comes a blinding flash. A fireball more than a million degrees Celsius releases intense radiation, heat, and then, a tremendous blast. Below the roiling mushroom cloud, innocent lives are snuffed out as the city is obliterated. "I'm so hot! It's killing me!" From under collapsed houses, children scream for their mothers. "Water! Please, water!" come moans and groans from the brink of death. In the foul stench of burning people, victims wander around like ghosts, their flesh peeled and red. Black rain fell all around. The scenes of hell burnt into their memories and the radiation eating away at their minds and bodies are even now sources of pain for *hibakusha* who survive.

Today, with more than 14,000 nuclear warheads remaining, the likelihood is growing that what we saw in Hiroshima after the explosion that day will return, by intent or accident, plunging people into agony. The *hibakusha*, based on their intimate knowledge of the terror of nuclear weapons, are ringing an alarm against the temptation to possess them. Year by year, as *hibakusha* decrease in number, listening to them grows ever more crucial. One *hibakusha* who was 20 says, "If nuclear weapons are used, every living thing will be annihilated. Our beautiful Earth will be left in ruins. World leaders should gather in the A-bombed cities, encounter our tragedy, and, at a minimum, set a course toward freedom from nuclear weapons. I want human beings to become good stewards of creation capable of abolishing nuclear weapons." He asks world leaders to focus their reason and insight on abolishing nuclear weapons so we can treasure life and avoid destroying the Earth.

Last year, the Nobel Peace Prize went to ICAN, an organisation that contributed to the formation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Thus, the spirit of the *hibakusha* is spreading through the world. On the other hand, certain countries are blatantly proclaiming self-centred nationalism and modernising their nuclear arsenals, rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War.

Another *hibakusha* who was 20 makes this appeal: "I hope no such tragedy ever happens again. We must never allow ours to fade into the forgotten past. I hope from the bottom of my heart that humanity will apply our wisdom to making our entire Earth peaceful." If the human family forgets history or stops confronting it, we could again commit a terrible error. That is precisely why we must continue talking about Hiroshima. Efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons must continue based on intelligent action by leaders around the world.

Nuclear deterrence and nuclear umbrellas flaunt the destructive power of nuclear weapons and seek to maintain international order by generating fear in rival countries. This approach to guaranteeing long-term security is inherently unstable and extremely dangerous. World leaders must have this reality etched in their hearts as they negotiate in good faith the elimination of nuclear arsenals, which is a legal obligation under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Furthermore, they must strive to make the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons a milestone along the path to a nuclear-weapon-free world. We in civil society fervently hope that the easing of tensions on the Korean Peninsula will proceed through peaceable dialogue. For leaders to take courageous actions, civil society must respect diversity, build mutual trust, and make the abolition of nuclear weapons a value shared by all humankind. Mayors for Peace, now with more than 7,600 member cities around the world, will focus on creating that environment.

I ask the Japanese government to manifest the magnificent pacifism of the Japanese Constitution in the movement toward the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by playing its proper role, leading the international community toward dialogue and cooperation for a world without nuclear weapons. In addition, I hereby demand an expansion of the black rain areas along with greater concern and improved assistance for the many people suffering the mental and physical effects of radiation, especially the *hibakusha*, whose average age is now over 82.

Today, we renew our commitment and offer sincere consolation to the souls of all A-bomb victims. Along with Nagasaki, the other A-bombed city, and with much of the world's population, Hiroshima pledges to do everything in our power to achieve lasting world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20180806/p2g/00m/0dm/027000c>

TEXT: DR RAY TOWEY AT BLESSED FRANZ JAEGERSTAETTER ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Dr Ray Towey gave the following address at the annual ecumenical service to remember Blessed Franz Jaegerstaetter, on Thursday 9 August, in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral. The service was followed by the inter-faith walk to the Battersea Peace Pagoda for Nagasaki Day Commemorations. Dr Towey has worked as a medical missionary in Uganda and is also a peace activist, regularly witnessing at the Ministry of Defence against nuclear weapons. Following visits to St Radegund in Austria, he initiated the first Franz Jaegerstaetter Service in the Westminster Cathedral Crypt in 1989.

"This Gospel passage is uneasy reading because ever since I entered formal education I have strived to be someone who is both wise and learned. To the Gospel writer that comfortable self-image or illusion was an obstacle that Franz did not have.

In 1982 I returned from two years in a mission hospital in Nigeria. The overwhelming experience of working as a doctor in Africa is watching helplessly the premature death of scores from diseases easily preventable by a little money or curable by modest means. This remains the global injustice of our time, so the injustice of the Falklands invasion at that time was minor in comparison and I could see no need for further human sacrifice. There was enough premature death in the world, more than enough in Africa alone. And so, the armada travelled to the South Atlantic to right the wrong bringing with it a military hospital well equipped and I thought why not just make a small detour and share a few drugs from the pharmacy, a few bottles from the blood bank, Nigeria is close by to the east. We won't delay you long, but don't forget Sierra Leone, Ghana, we have friends there too, and what harm if we do delay you long? Even a child could see the need but the wise and learned had other plans.

There was worse to come. The Cruise missiles in Greenham Common were an essential counter to the SS20s of the Soviets and the Pershing 2s in Europe would give us the superiority we needed to keep our Christian culture safe and the Church at the highest level then was ambiguous. What was this doctrine of nuclear deterrence, a necessary modern moral relativism for the Church or a new heresy, is that too strong a word and who was for the burning? everyone? and so we asked, where do we stand and we made a stand and not like Franz, alone, but we were few. Like Dorothy Day we had the nerve to call ourselves Catholic and thereby Catholic Peace Action. We were non-violent but did not keep the law and counted jail time as a duty or was it a spiritual pride in the new indulgences? were we the orthodox or the heterodox? Time would tell.

We added our small voice to others in and out of the Church. We shared with a few of our own bishops but at the time, like Franz, were not affirmed and learnt how to be strangers in our communities, our Church and country which we loved. But let me not forget Bishop Gumbleton from Detroit and Pax Christi who wrote us a good character witness letter for our bad disobedient behaviour which we copied for the court, usually to no avail, so, unlike Franz, we were not alone but we were few.

Fr Daniel Berrigan has a reflection on Franz written some years before Franz's beatification: "As for Franz he will not go away, he will not go away from the Church that sent him on his way alone. His way, which should have been the way of the Church. So he lingers half unwelcome....."

After the war Franz's name was added to the memorial in his parish cemetery of those who had died for Austria but it was secretly erased. For some in his village his name was most unwelcome. In his own diocese of Linz 40 priests were sent to concentration camps and 11 died. In the Archdiocese of Vienna which was twice the size of Linz 9 priests were sent to concentration camps and 1 died. There was resistance in the Church to the Nazi regime but it was thin and patchy. One of his parish priests had been banned from the parish by the regime for delivering an anti-Nazi sermon and even he advised him accept the conscription, he saw his bishop who advised the same. When the wise and learned advised him to fight for Hitler was he choosing the way of suicide? This was his terrible deep spiritual anguish.

When he was transferred to the Berlin prison he met with the prison chaplain who related to him the case of an Austrian priest Fr.Reinisch who had refused to take the oath to Hitler and was executed a year before. Fr.Reinisch had been conscripted to the medical corps but still refused the oath stating that he opposed the Nazi world view which had resulted in murder, the elimination of the mentally disabled, forced sterilisation, the illegal annexation of Austria. The chaplain relates that Franz breathed a sigh of relief and was greatly encouraged and said, "I can't be on the wrong path after all, if even a priest has decided the same and has gone to his death for it then it's all right for me to do it too". I think this was the first time he had heard of anyone refusing conscription for Christian reasons and it suggests that even at this late stage he was still in need of more support that his stand was correct and not a suicide.

After the war the search for justice began, but there were to be dispensations. If you had the secrets of the V1 and V2 rockets there was an amnesty. The learned and the wise needed you, and a new and comfortable life in the West or the East was guaranteed. These wondrous Nazi indiscriminate weapons of terror had their uses. The V1 became cruise missiles and the V2 ballistic missiles, just add a nuclear warhead when required. And so... Coventry, Hamburg, Dresden, Hiroshima, Nagasaki....we know who won the battles but who won the values?

In 1941 while doing his military service after his second call up Franz writes, "Ybbs is a beautiful town.. there's quite a large mental asylum here, which used to be full of patients but now probably even the mad have become sane, because there are no longer very many of them in the asylum. My dear wife there must be some truth in what you told me once about what's happening to these people." In May 1943 Franziska writes to Franz of the sudden death of a disabled child who had been put in a home for the disabled. Hundreds of thousands of disabled children, psychiatric patients, mentally disabled adults, Down's syndrome children were killed during the war. Bishop von Galen of Munster was a vociferous opponent of this Action T4 euthanasia programme and was placed under virtual house arrest in 1941. In Europe these days Down's syndrome is becoming a rarity. For them we have developed our own final solution.

And what of us? The state may not need us in uniform but it still needs our obedience or is it just our silence? But now it will never be so hard because we have Franz. Thank you, Franz from the bottom of my heart for making my small journey clearer, less lonely, more loyal, more forgiving and with no place for bitterness".

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35423>

CAMPAIGNERS WELCOME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S NEW TEACHING ON DEATH PENALTY

Jo Siedlecka 2 August 2018 **Source: CMN/Sant'Egidio/PRC**

Campaigners around the world are welcoming the news that Pope Francis has approved a revision to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which makes the death penalty completely inadmissible.

Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN), the American Catholic organisation working to end the death penalty and promote restorative justice, welcomed the revision with the following statement: "Today is a capstone teaching moment for the Catholic Church. For people in the pews, it is a challenge to actively build a culture of life by abolishing the death penalty, especially in the 31 states that still have it on the books in this country," stated Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, Executive Director of CMN.

Catholics have been encouraged by Papal and Church authority to seek abolition of the death penalty for over 20 years. When visiting St Louis in 1999, Pope John Paul II called the death penalty "cruel" and "unnecessary." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty in 2005, which ultimately led to the formation of CMN. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI renewed Pope John Paul II's appeal to end the death penalty, and in his historic speech before the US Congress in September of 2015, Pope Francis called for a global abolition of capital punishment.

"In addition to papal proclamations, Catholic bishops in every state that has the death penalty have taken stands to see an end to this practice. Today's action further clarifies any remaining ambiguity about the Church's teaching against the death penalty and strengthens the global resolve to bring an end to this practice," asserted Vaillancourt Murphy.

In the backdrop of today's announcement, over 2800 people sit on death row in the United States. Fourteen executions are scheduled for the remainder of 2018, including three this month alone. Vaillancourt Murphy added, "These upcoming executions are a stark reminder that the death penalty is active in the United States, and it violates our commitment to the dignity of all life. The death penalty is a failed practice that perpetuates the cycle of violence and disproportionately targets marginalised populations, especially people of colour, those living in poverty, and people suffering with mental illness."

As CMN celebrates this declaration honouring the dignity of all life, it especially holds in prayer all those who have been victims of or impacted by grave harm. Longtime Catholic anti-death penalty advocate Vicki Schieber, whose daughter Shannon was murdered in 1998, rejoiced upon hearing this morning's news: "I was ecstatic because it is so important that victims' families have strong support from our faith leaders to end the death penalty. Shannon's birthday is in six days, and I have no doubt that she is smiling from ear to ear saying, 'Go Mom! Let's get it done!'" This revision affirms that every person, no matter the harm they have suffered or caused, has God-given dignity. May this call from the Catholic Church invigorate efforts to end the death penalty and promote more restorative approaches to harm."

For more information about Catholic Mobilizing Network or to sign the National Catholic Pledge to End the Death Penalty ([#Pledge4Mercy](#)), please visit www.catholicmobilizing.org

Mario Marazziti, coordinator of the global anti-death penalty campaign of the Community of Sant'Egidio based in Rome, said Pope Francis had shifted the church's teachings from "the practical opposition" of the old catechism, which acknowledged the church's historical acceptance of the death penalty, to "absolute rejection," which "becomes a normal part of teaching and commitment on the part of the faithful. It becomes binding for bishops, defence of life from the initial state through all its phases to the very end, even for those who are guilty. If you don't accept this, you are disobedient, as you would be if you didn't accept other teachings. There is no margin for disagreement," he said.

Sister Helen Prejean, whose advocacy for prisoners on death row was portrayed by Susan Sarandon in the film *'Dead Man Walking'* said: "It's a happy day, I'm clicking my heels. What I'm particularly delighted about is there's no loopholes, it's unconditional." But she added: "This is just a change in the doctrine and it's on paper. We've still got to move it into the pews and make it active."

Since WWII there has been a trend towards abolishing capital punishment around the world, but 56 countries retain the death penalty, notably China, South Korea and most Islamic States. The United States is the only Western country to still use capital punishment. According to a poll conducted by the Pew Research Centre this spring, a majority of American Catholics favour capital punishment, (53 percent) while 42 percent oppose it. Among Americans as a whole, 54 percent are in favour and 39 percent opposed.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35383>

See also: ICN 2 August 2018 - Pope Francis says death penalty always inadmissible

www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35379

CHANGE TO THE LAW FOR SUICIDE VERDICT AT INQUESTS WELCOMED BY POPYRUS

For several years, POPYRUS has been pressing HM Government to change the law around inquests, supported by the Health Committee of the House of Commons.

We welcome the new High Court ruling that the civil standard of proof (on the balance of probabilities) should now be used by coroners in reaching a conclusion of suicide at inquest rather than using the criminal standard (beyond all reasonable doubt).

Read more: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/news/item/new-high-court-judgement-on-suicide-rulings-will-save-young-lives>

Read full judgement here: <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2018/1955.html>

Papyrus is the national UK charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide <https://papyrus-uk.org>

TEXT: MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS TO CONFERENCE ON THEOLOGICAL ETHICS

Source: Vatican Media 28 July 2018

Pope Francis has sent the following message to participants in the Third International Conference on '*Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church*' which is taking place in Sarajevo from 26-29 July 2018:

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I greet all you taking part in this, your third worldwide conference on theological ethics. It takes place in Sarajevo, a city of great symbolic value for the journey of reconciliation and peacemaking after the horrors of a recent war that brought so much suffering to the people of that region.

Sarajevo is a city of bridges. Your meeting is inspired by this dominant motif, which warns of the need to build, in an environment of tension and division, new paths of closeness between peoples, cultures, religions, visions of life and political orientations. I have appreciated this effort of yours from the beginning, when the members of your planning committee visited me in the Vatican last March.

The theme of your meeting is one to which I myself have often called attention: the need to build bridges, not walls. I keep repeating this in the lively hope that people everywhere will pay attention to this need that is increasingly acknowledged, albeit at times resisted by fear and forms of regression. Without renouncing prudence, we are called to recognise every sign and mobilise all our energy in order to remove the walls of division and to build bridges of fraternity everywhere in the world.

The three focal points of your meeting intersect along this journey of bridge building in a critical time like our own. You have given a central place to the ecological challenge, since certain of its aspects can create grave imbalances not only in terms of the relationship between man and nature, but also between generations and peoples. This challenge - as it emerges from the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* - is not simply one of many, but the broader backdrop for an understanding of both ecological ethics and social ethics. For this reason, your concern for the issue of migrants and refugees is very serious and provokes a metanoia that can foster ethical and theological reflection, even before inspiring suitable pastoral attitudes and responsible and carefully planned political policies.

In this complex and demanding scenario, there is need for individuals and institutions capable of assuming a renewed leadership. There is no need, on the other hand, for hurling slogans that often remain empty, or for antagonism between parties jockeying for the front position. We require a leadership that can help to find and put into practice a more just way for all of us to live in this world as sharers in a common destiny.

With regard to the question of how theological ethics can make its own specific contribution, I find insightful your proposal to create a network between persons on the various continents who, with different modalities and expressions, can devote themselves to ethical reflection in a theological key in an effort to find therein new and effective resources. With such resources, suitable analyses can be carried out, but more importantly, energies can be mobilized for a praxis that is compassionate and attentive to tragic human situations, and concerned with accompanying them with merciful care.

To create such a network, it is urgent first to build bridges among yourselves, to share ideas and programmes, and to develop forms of closeness. Needless to say, this does not mean striving for uniformity of viewpoints, but rather seeking with sincerity and good will a convergence of purposes, in dialogical openness and the discussion of differing perspectives. Here you will find helpful a particular form of competence, all the more urgent and complex today, to which I referred in the Foreword of the recent Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium*. In mentioning the fundamental criteria for a renewal and a re-launching of ecclesiastical studies, I stressed the importance of "wide-ranging dialogue" (No. 4b), which can serve as the basis for that interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary openness so vital also for theology and for theological ethics. I also pointed to "the urgent need for 'networking' between those institutions worldwide that cultivate and promote ecclesiastical studies" (No. 4d).

I encourage you, as men and women working in the field of theological ethics, to be passionate for such dialogue and networking. This approach can inspire analyses that will be all the more insightful and attentive to the complexity of human reality. You yourselves will learn ever better how to be faithful to the word of God which challenges us in history, and to show solidarity with the world, which you are not called to judge but rather to offer new paths, accompany journeys, bind hurts and shore up weakness.

You already have over ten years of experience in building such bridges in your association, Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church. Your international meetings in Padua (2006) and Trent (2010), your regional meetings on different continents and your various initiatives, publications and teaching activities, have taught you a style of sharing which I trust you will pursue in a way that will prove fruitful for the entire Church. I join you in thanking the officers who have come to the end of their term and those now taking up their responsibilities; I will remember them in my prayers.

To all of you I cordially impart my blessing, and I ask you, please, to pray for me.

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For further information visit: www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/endhostility

RESOURCES FOR CREATION TIME I SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER (FEAST OF ST FRANCIS) 2018

Ellen Teague, Columban JPIC writes: Following the example of the Orthodox Church, in 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. According to Pope Francis, "This offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live." **Columban JPIC** has collated resources and sample services: <http://www.columbans.co.uk/justice-peace-jpic-2/creation-time/>

CAFOD has produced ideas, liturgy and prayers to help you respond to Pope Francis' call to care for the gift of God's creation. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources>

Other resources can be found at: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer>

The Bishops of England and Wales will soon be launching the film and course **Global Healing** www.ourcommonhome.co.uk to help individuals, families, parishes and diocese make a practical response to our care of creation. **Watch the trailer here:**

<https://vimeo.com/271687885/760c8cd084>

ThLiverpool Archdiocese J&P Commission together with CAFOD Liverpool has prepared Creation Time resources for 2016 and 2017 containing praying with the gospels, stories from our time and *Laudato Si'*. Look out for the 2018 resources due out at the end of August. This will then provide a complete course for the three years of the Church's liturgical cycle.

<https://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/resources/creation/>

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) resources <https://ctbi.org.uk/creation-time-2018/>

Watch and listen to 'God so loves the world' by Marty Haugen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g-f8bfmwuq>

VIEWPOINT: WHY CATHOLICS STAND AGAINST FRACKING IN LANCASHIRE

Bob Turner 14 August 2018: Following the announcement - on the last day of Parliament before summer - that fracking at the Preston New Road site in Lancashire has been given the final go-ahead by the Government, I would like to outline a few points to Claire Perry our Energy and Clean Growth Minister.

Fracking is one of the dirtiest methods of extracting fossil fuels. Its production of gas would not be compatible with the targets to cut fossil fuel use required to tackle climate change. The health hazards and pollution of water resources are well documented and the fear of earthquakes is an unknown quantity not to be ignored. It will lead to damaging development in the countryside and hit house prices. It is estimated it would require 6000 wells to replace 50% of the UK's gas imports over a 15 year period. The pipelines and the millions of extra lorry movements up and down country roads, would bring excessive pollution and serious disruption to large parts of the country. The impact of one single well has been significant in North Yorkshire, where impacts from noise, traffic and noxious smells are reported. It has been said that some local businesses have closed and the community is divided. The combined impact of over 6,000 wells would be wide-ranging and severe.... a far cry from the wonderful opportunities that are laid out in Cuadrilla's glossy brochure.

Cuadrilla, now granted the licence to frack at Preston New Road in September, is one of a group of fracking companies of which INEOS is the major player. INEOS produces ethane from the fracked gas.... a long and dirty process. Ethane is the base material for plastics used in packaging.... the same plastics which we are allegedly trying to reduce !.... However INEOS is building bigger factories to produce more and more. The owner has just been revealed as the richest man in the UK with his wealth more than tripling in the last 12 months and he recently received a knighthood in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Carroll Muffett, president of the US Centre for International Environmental Law, states that "Around 99% of the feedstock for plastics is fossil fuelsthere is a deep and pervasive relationship between oil and gas companies and plastics." Liz Hutchins, Friends of the Earth's Director of Campaigns, said it had taken seven years for the fracking industry to reach the point it had, during which time renewable energy sources had gone from supplying one tenth of the UK's electricity to a third.

Earlier this month Ms Perry's department published The 2018 International Climate Finance (ICF) results. These show the beneficial impact UK investments can have in tackling climate change and in protecting vulnerable people. The ICF has supported 47 million people to cope with the effects of climate change and has provided 17 million people with improved access to clean energy. There is a contradiction here. We have done wonders elsewhere in the world but we appear to be taking a backward step with our responsibilities on home soil.

We have urgent problems to tackle, as highlighted by Pope Francis in his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Fossil fuels must stay in the ground and we need to stop our binge on single use plastic as soon as possible.... or the future is very bleak for our grandchildren and their children. In the newly released parish resource film **Global Healing** (see resources above) Bishop John Arnold is asking us to take practical action in many different ways including nagging our politicians.

See: www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/practical-response (12min 40sec) and www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35443

A CHALLENGE – CONSUME LESS PLASTIC

Why should we be concerned with plastics in the things we buy? Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*: "Purchasing is always a moral and not simply economic act the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our life-style". Plastics now pollute every corner of our earth. Evidence shows that since the Second World War humans have coated the earth entirely in plastics. Our plastic bags, bottles, compact discs, cigarette tips, tooth brushes are in landfill, have floated across the oceans and sunk deep to the sea floors. A plastic bottle takes on average 450 years to degrade and we produce 300 million tonnes of plastic each year. We cannot change the past but we can reduce our use of plastics now.

www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/24/plastic-new-epoch-human-damage <https://less.plastic.co.uk/9-ps-living-less-plastic/>

ROMERO: 'A FORCE FOR GOOD IN AMERICAS AND WHOLE WORLD'

Ellen Teague 12 August 2018: Archbishop Oscar Romero was described as "a force for good in the Americas and in the whole world" by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain at Saturday's Mass to mark the 101st anniversary of Romero's birth. United States Archbishop Edward J Adams was speaking at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at the service organised by the Archbishop Romero Trust in the lead-up to Romero's Canonisation in October. Bishop John Rawsthorne, a trustee of the Archbishop Romero Trust, concelebrated and it was attended by around 200 people, including representatives of Pax Christi, Westminster and Southwark J&P, Columban JPIC, and the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace.

"Romero was a good man and a good priest" continued Archbishop Adams "who was the Lord's voice and the Lord's instrument, who wanted nothing more than to serve God's people". He referred to Romero being in company with other bishop martyrs, and singled out John Fisher and Thomas Becket in Britain. As the Mass ended the concelebrants visited the Romero shrine in a side chapel, which contains the 4-metre high Romero Cross, containing a fragment of his blood-stained alb and his zucchetto.

Stirring Justice and Peace hymns included Bernadette Farrell's *'God has chosen me'*, Chris Olding's *'God you raise up true disciples'* and Marty Haugen's *Mass of Creation* was sung. The music leader was Fr Alan McLean of Southwark Archdiocese. There were bidding prayers for El Salvador and for trouble spots in Central America marred by violence. Also, prayers for the work of the Archbishop Romero Trust. The Mass concluded with a commitment by the congregation to "witness to the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time".

Archbishop Romero was assassinated by a sniper on 24 March 1980 while saying Mass in San Salvador. It happened one day after he gave a sermon calling on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop blindly following orders to kill and massacre fellow *campesinos*. About 80,000 people died and 12,000 disappeared during the war in the Central American nation. Romero's beatification service in May 2015 drew 250,000 onto the streets of San Salvador. He will be canonised in Rome on 14 October. Julian Filochowski, chair of the UK-based Archbishop Romero Trust, will be amongst a large party from Britain attending the ceremony and he led a toast to Romero at the celebration afterwards.

Full homily text: As the Representative of the Holy Father in this Country, I am happy to be here and to pray with you, as we remember the 101st Anniversary of the Birth of Blessed Oscar Romero. The Lord never abandons his people, especially in their suffering. He sees the malice of human beings, He hears the cries of pain of the men and women who endure that malice, and He doesn't fail to help them. Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero Galdámez was the Lord's voice, the Lord's instrument, who strove to build peace with the power of love; who bore witness to God with his life, loyal to God and loyal to God's People, to the end. This is the role of a good bishop, to bring God and His love to suffering humanity. The Lord granted to the Church in Central America, a bishop of this kind.

Óscar Arnulfo Romero Galdámez was a good man and a good priest, who loved God and who wanted nothing more than to serve God's People. In times that were difficult, Archbishop Romero was the one who led, defended and protected his fellow human beings, remaining faithful to the Lord, and faithful to the truth of His Gospel.

Archbishop Romero spoke out, even when it was difficult for him, making it clear that when justice and human dignity are threatened, the Gospel is threatened. He denounced violence no matter from what side it was carried out, a violence that consumed his dear country: he wept at so much bloodshed, so much hatred, so much cruelty. The extreme left and the extreme right, for different reasons, worked together for the destruction of a People. Bishop Romero, in the name of God, begged all parties to come to their senses, he begged them to change.

Oscar Romero was the voice of the Lord to all, but especially to those who in their agony cried out for help. And at the moment of his death, while he celebrated the Mass-the Mystery of Christ's saving death-he identified himself fully with the Holy One, the Lord who gave his life for his sheep.

Archbishop Romero is one of the number of martyrs of our time. But his death joins him with other bishops throughout history who gave their lives for speaking the truth. St. John Fisher comes immediately to mind, along with St. Thomas Becket in this country. But there have been so many others. What happened to Romero links him to mankind's blood-stained history, from John the Baptist onward.

We give thanks to God because He granted to Father Oscar, Bishop and Martyr, the gift of seeing and hearing the suffering of his people. We give thanks to the God of mercy who touched the heart of this good priest, so that he could speak the truth and at the same time teach, inspire and console his people.

The voice of Bishop Oscar Romero continues to be heard today. He reminds us that the Church, all of us called together in the name of the Lord, is the family of God, in which there should be no division. He tells us that we must believe in God and above all live as Jesus taught us. Our Father, Bishop Oscar Romero, invites us to love and not to hate. He tells us to renounce "the violence of the sword", but also the violence of the word. He invites us in a polarised world to live in a new way, where the force of love predominates over the love of force. He tells us that the love that left Christ nailed to the Cross, can enable us to overcome selfishness, the selfishness that hides itself in an unwillingness to give to others.

Those who hold this holy man as a friend of faith, willingly invoke him as protector, find in him inspiration, ask his intercession and follow his example. May Father Romero's martyrdom continue to be a force for good: in the Americas and in the whole world; and, how can we not say it, in that nation which bears the name of the divine Saviour of the world, El Salvador. Amen.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35428> www.romerotrue.org.uk

KINDERTRANSPORT 80TH ANNIVERSARY - OUR TURN NOW

Barbara Kentish, Westminster Justice and Peace 13 August 2018

A fair number of migrants in Calais at the moment are unaccompanied minors, with every right to apply for entry to the UK. It can be shocking to sit with them in Calais, having delivered survival goods, to realise that some will attempt an illegal lorry crossing that very evening. That is why Westminster Justice and Peace became involved with **Safe Passage**. This is a campaigning group for young people to arrive legally, partly thanks to the 'Dublin III' Agreement which allows unaccompanied migrant children to join their families legally settled in another country. Moreover, in the UK, a further regulation, known as the Dubs Amendment, allows a number of such children in Europe to come to the UK - even without a family link.

Lord Alf Dubs who introduced it was a child refugee himself, arriving here as part of the *Kindertransport* in 1938. Safe Passage has succeeded in processing over 1000 young people's entries into Britain (some have rejoined their families here), and also, recently, in securing cross-party agreement that 'Dubs' and 'Dublin III' will form part of the EU Withdrawal Bill. They are now campaigning for local authorities to provide foster care for a specific and symbolic number of unaccompanied minors, that is, 10,000 over 10 years. In 1938 the *Kindertransport* initiative was successful in arranging admission and resettlement of 10,000 Jewish children, to avoid their deportation to the concentration camps.

Safe Passage has linked up with the *Kindertransport* commemoration group, which will celebrate the 80th anniversary of that achievement in November this year, to invite people throughout the UK to lobby local councils. They declare that 'If every local authority in the country pledged to take in just 3 children a year over 10 years, we would resettle 10,000 children in 10 years'. At their recent launch in Westminster last month, the leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council pledged to take 100, and Dorset 10. With such generous councils, this target becomes achievable. Safe Passage hopes to present the required number of pledged places to government at the November anniversary event.

Local communities are invited to launch the *Kindertransport* Anniversary Campaign themselves around 2nd September, to mark the death of **Aylan Kurdi***. Children's author Michael Morpurgo has written a playlet, to begin the campaign. From September to November we are invited to lobby our local authorities to pledge foster places and, crucially, the means to support these young people. The writer-philanthropist declared, "This will be an act of communal caring, a recognition of responsibility on behalf of us all. We have been shown the way. Let's do it, for the refugee children, for ourselves as a people".

Safe Passage clarifies that this target has been reached in consultation with the United Nations, High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has asked the UK to resettle 10,000 refugees per year after 2020, when the 20,000 Syrian refugees will be settled. The UK has done it before. All it now requires from us is a welcoming spirit, and some lobbying. One hopes that the UK can step up to the mark, eighty years on, by supporting the *Kindertransport* Campaign.

'Our Turn Now' as the organisers say.

For information go to www.safepassage.org.uk or email alstair.rooms@safepassage.org.uk for the information pack and details of Michael Morpurgo's playlet.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35441>

* **"Oh, Canada"** - by Australian singer Missy Higgins - tells the story of the three-year-old boy who was found dead in September 2015 after fleeing Syria for Canada, with his brother and their parents. Aylan's father Abdullah was the only survivor. "Their ultimate goal was to get to Canada because his sister lived over there," Higgins said, "their application had been rejected, so they thought getting a boat was their only option." Higgins explained to *The Guardian* her emotional reaction - including anger - to seeing the photo of Kurdi from her living room. "I tried not to take the moral high ground or point the finger at anyone, but rather tell the story as it happened. That [story] in itself, I think, is powerful and devastating enough."

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2016/feb/19/missy-higgins-releases-oh-canada-inspired-by-drowned-syrian-boy-alan-kurdi-i-cry-every-time-i-watch-it>

The lyrics allude to the family's dreams of a new life in Canada, sung through Kurdi's father's perspective, which were destroyed when Kurdi, along with his mother and older brother, drowned while trying to make the journey from Turkey to Greece.

A music video was created by animation director Nicholas Kallincos and award-winning director Natasha Pincus featuring drawings by refugee children affected by the crisis in the Middle East, accompanied by picture-book-like animation narrating the story of the Kurdi family. The music video was published on YouTube on 18 February 2016 <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TsFa10Y1WU0>

OH CANADA by MISSY HIGGINS

He was carried from the water by a soldier
and the picture screams a thousand different words
He was running from the terror with his father
who once believed that nothing could be worse

So he'd handed a man two thousand precious dollars
the way you'd rest a bird in a lion's open jaw
And he told his boys that Canada was waiting
There was hope upon her golden shores
But at night he said a quiet prayer to the wind:

*Oh Canada, if you can hear me now,
won't you open up your arms towards the sea?
Oh Canada, if you can help me out,
all I ever wanted was a safe place for my family*

Well the days were long but the nights were even longer
and the babies never left their mothers' side
But the boat was small and the waves were getting stronger
and they began to fear they'd not survive

So the father said "We gotta hold each other tighter
I'm not losing everyone I love tonight
And we've come so far I know that out there somewhere
there's a place where we'll not fear for our lives"
But as he held onto the side of the boat
he looked up at the sky

*Oh Canada, if you can hear me now,
won't you open up your arms towards the sea?
Oh Canada, if you can help me out,
the sea is turning and I think we're going down*

Anyone if you can hear me now
won't you open up your heart towards the sea
Anyone, please help us out,
all we ever wanted was a safe place for our family

There's a million ways to justify your fear
there's a million ways to measure out your words
But the body of Alan being laid upon the sand
tell me how do you live with that?

CHRISTIAN ETHICS OF FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE

Source: Chester University 27 July 2018

A University of Chester Professor has been awarded a £450,000 research grant to develop his work engaging churches and policy makers in relation to farmed animal welfare.

Professor David Clough, who is Professor of Theological Ethics at the University, has been awarded the grant by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) for a three-year project on the Christian ethics of farmed animal welfare. He will be working in partnership with major UK churches and a number of organisations with interests in animal welfare. The project will produce the first academic book on the Christian ethics of farmed animal welfare and a framework for policy for Christian organisations. It will offer support for policy implementation as well as offering briefings to UK government policy-makers.

Professor Clough is a leading international authority on the place of animals in Christian theology and ethics. He is the founder of **Creature Kind** - www.becreaturekind.org - which was established to engage churches and other Christian organisations in thinking about the implications of Christian faith for the treatment of animals, with a special focus on farmed animal welfare. He also recently launched a new **#DefaultVeg project** (<http://defaultveg.com>) encouraging organisations to adopt a simple and cost-free policy for events catering with benefits for the environment, humans, and animals, with a number of University of Chester Departments and Faculties leading the way.

The partnership will include the Catholic Church, Church of England, Church Investors Group, Compassion in World Farming, and Catholic Concern for Animals. The project will present its findings to the Church Commissioners and offer briefings to the Church of England bishops in the House of Lords, and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Animals.

Professor Clough said: "I am extremely pleased to have been awarded this grant, which comes at a time of a growing Christian recognition that concern for animals is a matter of Christian faith. In the 19th Century, Christians were at the forefront of campaigns against cruelty towards animals, and they now have the chance to play the same role in challenging the cruelties inflicted on farmed animals in industrialised systems. Through this project we hope to contribute to public policy debates about farmed animal welfare at a crucial moment: the question of how animal agriculture will be regulated post-Brexit."

For further information about Professor David Clough, please visit: www.chester.ac.uk/departments/trs/staff/clough
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35443>

KOFI ANNAN 8/4/1938 – 18/8/2018

In an interview with journalist and presenter Jon Snow broadcast in October 2017 by Channel Four News, former United Nations General Secretary and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Kofi Annan said: "Today we have leaders who are either inward looking or have a difference of leadership, believing that you have to flex your muscles – working with others is weakness. And yet we live in an independent world where we are faced with challenges from climate change to terrorism to diseases [which] no one country – however powerful – can handle alone. And yet there are leaders who believe that they can go it alone. If they only look at their situation, they are pushing other countries to do the same. And, in fact, there'll be more conflicts and tensions if each country says: 'I'm okay. I don't care what happens beyond my borders.' It's not do-able."

Jon Snow commented: "This is matched by a kind of collapse in internationalism. If you look at international institutions – Britain wants to leave Europe; Catalonia wants to leave Spain; is the world order collapsing?"

Kofi Annan responded: "The world order, which we've known for several decades, is under stress and I also believe that mainstream politicians and leaders have not stood up to defend it. Yes, globalisation has had winners and losers, but the profits and benefits of globalisation could have been much more fairly shared."
<https://mobile.twitter.com/Channel4News/status/103770565685100545>

YOUNG WOMAN WRITES HEARTWARMING OPEN LETTER ABOUT BEING A CARE WORKER

A carer for almost four years, 24-year-old Beth Sturgis from Plymouth recently penned an open letter on Facebook to those who look down on the care profession, admitting that nothing upsets her more than people who believe all she does is clean bottoms.

"Today I helped a man that has lived through the war wash and dress because old age has now hit him and he is unable to walk or do these things for himself because his body is ageing faster than his mind," she writes. "Today I helped a lady who this time last year was living her life normally to complete her normal daily tasks because she is now living her life with a cruel disease that has taken over her body and left her unable to do these things for herself. Today I administered medication to a lady living life with Alzheimer's. Medication that she doesn't even know why she's taking it, medication that I know, and that she knows, will not prevent the inevitable. I have attended funerals of those I have helped, those who I have seen twice maybe even four times a day and I have cried at the loss of those lives."

"I honestly can say that I feel it's in my blood, my family are all in the line of public service, my mother is also a carer and I saw how much she loved it. My late father worked on the ambulances in America in the fire station and other family members are in the medical side of things," she adds. "I've always been passionate about the needs of others and feel it was my calling and I was destined to help those in need."

Her post has since gone viral receiving more than 8,000 likes and 6,000 shares. Care workers generally receive minimum wage.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/care-worker-open-letter-facebook-viral-beth-sturgis-devon-a8494341.html>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER SEASON OF CREATION

Beginning with the World Day of Prayer on September 1 and continuing throughout the month Christian churches and faith communities around the globe are praying, celebrating and taking action for creation. There are suggestions for activities and prayer resources at: <http://seasonofcreation.org/> and www.columbans.co.uk/creation-time/

SEE Page 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

ST ALBAN'S J & P GROUP IN MACCLESFIELD along with other local churches will again be following Pope Francis' lead and celebrating 1 September as the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" and also be organising a range of activities to help us recognise, take supportive action and celebrate God's gift of our common home.

1 September Care of Creation Prayer Service St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield (SK10 1DY) at 7pm

7 "Creating Eco-spirituality – the challenges for us as Christians?" Talk by Fr Eamonn Mulchay, Director of the Spiritan Mission and Retreat, at St Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Road, Macclesfield, SK11 8DJ at 7.30pm

17 Recycling, Love Food, Hate Waste by ANSA. 7.30 pm at St Alban's Parish Centre (see above) Ansa Environmental Services Limited is a company owned and controlled by Cheshire East Borough Council.

23 Reflective Ramble A 3-mile walk to reflect on and appreciate God's creation followed by tea and cakes at Teggs Nose Country Park (SK11 0AP) at 2pm

4 October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi and Finale to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation Prayer Service at St Alban's Church, Chester Road, Macclesfield (SK11 8DJ) at 8pm

CALENDAR

The group has also produced '*Walking Together*' a calendar with an action or thought for every day of the Season of Creation 2108. For a copy of the calendar of events and personal actions to guide you through this Season of Creation or for any other info please contact Bernadette Bailey at dwbailey@btopenworld.com 07831 647928 www.stalbanmacc.org.uk/jandp.html#events

7 – 9 SEPTEMBER – ADOREMUS AND PARALLEL PROGRAMME

7-9 September The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" in Liverpool

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See pages 12-14 for a comprehensive list of events.

OTHER DIARY DATES IN SEPTEMBER

8 Liverpool: On the altar of the world: National Justice & Peace Network (NJPN) Meeting at St Philip Neri, 30 Catherine St, L8 7NL – Includes green speakers and workshops 11am-5pm admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk 0207 901 4864

11 Time out on Tuesdays an ecumenical quiet day for everyone at The Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 6TW 10am-4pm Cost £10

11 Chester World Development Forum 6.45-9pm The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN. The first of our bi-monthly meetings following the summer break. Stephen Maund will be giving us the latest news of his development projects in Malawi underpinned by a microloan system. Neil Gibbons will be there to provide an update on the "Chester, City of Sanctuary" proposals. Contact 01244 350323.

13 Campaigns Roadshow – an evening of inspiration and action organized by Churches Together in Cumbria Environment Group and Christian Aid at Kendall Parish Church, Kirkland LA9 5AF at 7pm. Info: dr.i.n.jamesbtinternet.com

14 Dementia and Church Life Conference Frodsham Methodist Church Kingsley Road, Frodsham, WA6 6BA organised by the Diocese of Chester Committee for Social Responsibility, along with Churches Together in Frodsham (CTiF). 9.30am-3.30pm. Talks, group work, activities and networking together to celebrate good practice, and develop new ideas to enable those with dementia to feel valued and included within a supportive dementia friendly community.

Book through eventbrite: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-and-church-life-tickets-47948075986>

16-23 World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel: Investing in Young People www.tinyurl.com/WWPPI

21 International Day of Peace www.peaceday.org

21 Ellesmere Port LPA Justice & Peace Group CAFOD Quiz Night 7.30 pm Our Lady's Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port Town Centre. Entrance fee: £3.00 (children £1). All money raised will go to CAFOD's Connect2 Ethiopia fund raising project. Fair Trade stall and Fair Trade refreshments provided at the interval. Details: Tony Walsh on 0151 355 6419

26 Chester Friends of Palestine group meeting 7pm, Riverside Building, University of Chester, Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 1SL Huda Ammori, Campaigns Officer for the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, will speak about current PSC campaigns including '*Stop Arming Israel.*' Further details: ChesterFriendsofPalestine@hotmail.com

27 Lancaster: Evening for prayer for the environment and to explore resources at St Bernadette's Lancaster organised by Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission

29 Jubilee Debt Campaign National Event The Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret St, Birmingham B3 3BS. Join The Jubilee Debt Campaign to celebrate 20 years since their Jubilee 2000 campaign. You can expect a workshop about debt issues in 2018, rousing speeches, a city-centre stunt, catching up with old friends or making new ones, food and refreshments and films. Come for a couple of hours or the whole day. To register contact clare@jubileedebt.org.uk or phone 02073 244728

29-5 October Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com

OCTOBER

Black History Month www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

6 Chester Friends of Palestine, street campaigning 10.30am -12.30pm. Meet up by Eastgate Clock, Chester. Further information: ChesterFriendsofPalestine@hotmail.com

7 HOMELESS SUNDAY IS MOVING DATES - After consulting with partners and supporters, we've decided to move Homeless Sunday to a new date this year, to coincide with the beginning of the winter season for church and community night shelters. www.housingjustice.org.uk

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10 World Homelessness Day www.worldhomelessday.org

10 World Mental Health Day www.mentalhealth.org.uk

14 Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome

14 'Singing for Justice; Singing for Peace' 4pm Hoole URC Church, Hoole Road, Chester CH2 3NT A 'Songs of Praise' type service, organised by the Chester Christian Aid Committee. Speakers from the Cathedral will talk of their recent visit to Malawi and the time they spent with one of CA's Partners. Retiring collection for CA's Harvest Appeal. Contact 01244 638441.

14-21 Prisoners Sunday and Prisons Week www.prisonweek.org

14-21 Week of Prayer for World Peace www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com

16 End Hunger's national conference (World Food Day) 10-3.30 Central Hall, Westminster - part of **End Hunger UK Week** - the week from October 15. Our conference last year had over 100 people alongside MPs, policy-makers, experts and those who work on the front lines to End Hunger. You can get your tickets here: www.endhungeruk.org #endhungeruk

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21-28 One World Week: The world is changing - How about us? www.oneworldweek.org

23 Romero Mass and celebration Salford Cathedral 12.10. Celebrant Bishop John Arnold. The mass will be followed by refreshments and a talk by Steve Atherton, the J&P worker in Liverpool, who visited El Salvador in November 2017. Contact CAFOD in Salford on 0161 705 0605 or salford@cafod.org.uk for more details.

24 Chester to Newport Peace Train - an event being organised by the Hereford Peace Council to ask Parliament to ensure that the UK becomes a signatory to the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty. A number of the Hereford Peace Council and supporters will ride a regularly scheduled Arriva train on the South Wales/North Wales line from Chester to Newport. At each stop along the route, they will collect any written messages and add them to the 'mail bag'. Messages from Chester will be delivered to the Peace Train at the entrance to Chester station. Chester CND will organise an opportunity for a press photograph as we hand over our letters to the Hereford Group, important for reaching out to the public here. Contact Dai Owen, Joint Convenor Chester CND on 01244 679051 or email chestercnd@gmail.com

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NOVEMBER – CAFOD CAMPAIGN EVENTS

CAFOD has three opportunities to come to its Campaign Retreat *Countering Consumerism* – all events from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays in November this year:

3 November in Liverpool: Sandymount House of Prayer, 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Crosby, Liverpool L23 6TH

17 November in Lancaster: Boarbank Hall, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 7NH. or

24 November in Salford: Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Rd, Worsley, Manchester M28 2ND

The day is built around Pope Francis' encyclical *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Please bring some food for a shared lunch. The day is free but donations would be welcome. For further details and to book your place online, visit this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/countering-consumerism-lessons-from-gaudete-et-exsultate-registration-47461730313>

Ged Edwards, Community Participation Co-ordinator – CAFOD, CAFOD Liverpool Volunteer Centre, 27 Crofton Road, Liverpool, Merseyside L13 5UJ 0151 228 4028 or 07779 804 241 gedwards@cafod.org.uk

OTHER DIARY DATES IN NOVEMBER

3 CAFOD Salford's Memorial Mass 12 noon at St Mary's, Duke Street Denton M34 2AN. Contact CAFOD in Salford on 0161 705 0605 or salford@cafod.org.uk for more details

10 Autumn Fiesta Festival of Food, Music and Family Activities 10.30am – 3pm St Thomas Church Lancaster to raise Awareness and funds for Refugee and Asylum Seekers Groups

13 Chester World Development Forum Speaker local firefighter Anthony McCarthy on his ongoing work with the project in Nepal *Classrooms in the Clouds*. The Unity Centre, Cuppin St, Chester CH1 2BN. 6.45-9pm

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• Many items taken from the daily e-bulletin Independent Catholic News www.indcatholicnews.com an invaluable free resources for up-to-date J&P news, events and in-depth articles.

• Sign up for comprehensive weekly e-bulletins from National J&P Network (plus copies of this newsletter and back issues) and resources at www.justice-and-peace.org.uk or contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk 0207 901 4864

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"Adoremus" in Liverpool on 7 - 9 September 2018**

THE PARALLEL PROGRAMME

This aims to support the event in the Echo Arena by exploring a wide understanding of Eucharist and providing events for those who couldn't get tickets for the main event.

Talks, discussions, workshops, prayer opportunities and cultural events complementing the main events of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress Adoremus 2018: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus

Venues in the centre of Liverpool and open to all: Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, 7-8 September with some events continuing Sunday 9th September. For tickets to the Saturday and Sunday Adoremus Pilgrimage & Congress at the Echo Arena and Metropolitan Cathedral please enrol online at: <http://jumpdp.com/adoremus2018>

ALL THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE ON SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: responding to asylum seekers and refugees

Venue: St Anthony's, Scotland Road, Liverpool L5 5BD

11 – 11.15 **Opening Prayer and reflection** John Phillips reflects on our response to the current mass movement of people.

11.15 – 11.45 **Nature of the refugee crisis** Nadine Daniel gives a brief overview of the extent and causes of this crisis.

11.45 – 12.15 **The Asylum Seeker & Refugee 1** Terry Phillips describes the work of ALM (Asylum Link Merseyside).

12.15 -1.45 **Lunchtime Refreshments Exhibition Share the Journey On the Move Conversation** The extended lunchtime gives a chance for conversation about the morning's input. Justine Silcock will offer a chance to go through two of CAFOD's related programmes.

1.45 – 2.15 **The Asylum Seeker & Refugee 2** Terry Phillips will describe how MRANG (Merseyside Refugee & Asylum Seekers Pre & Postnatal Support Group) respond to the particular problems faced by a specific group of people.

2.15 – 2.45 **Community Sponsorship Scheme** Marie Reynolds, lead CSS person at Nugent, will explain how parishes can get involved in the official diocesan response to Syrian refugees.

2.45 - 3 **Closing prayer and reflection** John Phillips will bring the event to an end with reflections on what has been heard during the day.

Contacts Liverpool J & P Commission

The Historic Churches lectures will run simultaneously with the Parallel Programme event.

12.15 – 1.45 Lecture on history of St Anthony's an historic Liverpool Irish immigrant parish

1.45 – 2.15 Lecture tour of crypt

EUCHARIST IN THE WORLD with CAFOD

This event aims to bring to life the meaning of Eucharist. Venue: Sacred Heart Church, Low Hill, Liverpool L7 3HJ

Contacts: Bernadette McIntosh & Ann Fagan

12.00 **Opening prayer**

Each workshop consists of prayer, liturgy, reflection and personal thought/discussion, featuring stories, films and case studies from CAFOD partners.

We will hear from Colombia, Bangladesh & Rohingya and El Salvador/Nicaragua.

12 – 1.30 **Celebrating the relationship between creation and humanity** (Preparation of Gifts)

2. - 3.30 **Our common union, and being in solidarity** (Eucharistic Prayer)

4. – 5.30 **Being the body of Christ in the world** (The Dismissal).

EUCHARIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE

Our Lady & St Nicholas, Liverpool Parish Church, Old Churchyard, Chapel Street, Liverpool L2 8TZ, 5.15—6.15 pm

An ecumenical conversation about the place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in living our Christian faith. Speakers are the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool the Rt Rev Paul Bayes, the Archbishop of Liverpool the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP and Rev Dr Sheryl M. Anderson, the Liverpool Methodist District Chair. There will be an opportunity for audience questions and discussion facilitated by the author and journalist Clifford Longley.

Free but requires advanced booking, and a printed or mobile ticket at the door. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eucharist-the-bread-of-life-an-ecumenical-conversation-tickets-46709814312>

DIAKONIA

Venue: St Vincent de Paul, St James St, Liverpool. L1 5E

12. **Opening prayer** Fr Chris Fallon

12.15 **END HUNGER CAMPAIGN** introduced by Church Action on Poverty (CAP) an ecumenical charity dedicated to tackling the root causes of poverty in the UK and narrowing the gap between rich and poor. A workshop with Josh Fenton-Glynn, the End Hunger UK Campaign Manager. He will explain the campaign and promote the campaign petition. This is an interactive session with opportunity for questions. Sign up for newsletters and campaign updates.

1.15 - 2 **MARY'S MEALS** vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. They believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realised. Deacon Tony Kerrigan will introduce their work and describe how we can become involved .

2-3 **'WHEN I WAS HUNGRY' Workshop** with author Virginia Moffat based on Matthew 25:35

This interactive workshop will talk about what it means to the body of Christ when some of us go hungry, focussing on real stories of food poverty. There will be suitable material ready for any youngsters.

Virginia Moffat's Dad was born in Bootle in 1924. When her grandfather died in 1929, his widow still had three school age children. She spent weeks traipsing round Liverpool looking for work but couldn't get any. The memory of being alone in the house with his sister and there being one single crust of bread stayed with him all his life and has always haunted Virginia.

3 FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY—practical responses to physical hunger at Nugent Kitchen, Epsom St Community Centre Epsom Way, L5 2QT 12.00 – 4.30 There will be bread making here with conversations throughout the day and especially during a shared meal for users of food banks and policy makers. There will be no audience for this conversation during the meal because of issues of respect and power imbalance. The conversations will be recorded and edited before being shared
4 - 4.30 **DIAKONIA:** an explanation of the role of the diaconate in the Body of Christ. Fr Chris Fallon and team
4.30 **Historic Churches programme** History of St Vincent's Michael O'Neil
6 **Mass**

BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY : the joys and the struggles. St Michael's Church, Horne Street, Liverpool L6 5EH 2—7 pm St Michael's is a parish community that practices what it preaches. The programme is being designed by parishioners and is not yet fully developed. Central to the day will be requests to visitors from other parishes to describe their own situation so that St Michael's can learn from them and become more welcoming and inclusive.

'ON THE ALTAR OF THE WORLD ' Reconciliation and the Eucharist St Philip Neri Church, 30 Catharine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL 12-6pm

The Northern Dioceses Environmental Network, Together for the Common Good (T4CG) and Pax Christi will explore a sacramental theology of creation 'on the altar of the world'. Beginning and ending with meditation on the Icon of Reconciliation and using prayer and stories, the day will explore the vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. The day includes an intergenerational panel of women discussing peace-making in families, in our country and globally. Talks, discussion, hospitality and family-friendly activities.

National Justice and Peace Network Open Networking Session 11.00 – 12.00

Adoremus Youth Congress – an event for young people including worship, resource stands and a chance to meet delegates from different parts of the country. With the inspirational speaker Katie Prejean McGrady, testimonies from young people, drama, music and activities in three streams for those aged 13-15, 16-17 and 18-20. Finishing with a time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. With the participation of Animate Youth Ministries, Salesians, CAFOD, Rise Theatre, Jo Boyce & Friends and many more! ACC Auditorium. £10 advanced booking required. To book: <http://www.adoremusyouth.co.uk/> Tickets are just £10 and there are still some available so if you would like to come along or you are a youth minister and would like to bring a group of young people to this event please sign up via this link: <http://www.animateyouth.org/adoremusyouth/registration/>

For more information watch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSHK2aGF3c and www.youtube.com/watch?v=iygYNA2RIK4 or visit: www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

Facebook: [Adoremus National Youth Congress](https://www.facebook.com/AdoremusNationalYouthCongress)

Twitter: [@adoremusyouthc1](https://twitter.com/adoremusyouthc1)

Instagram: [adoremusyouthc1/](https://www.instagram.com/adoremusyouthc1/) [Adoremus Youth Congress](https://www.instagram.com/AdoremusYouthCongress/)

Doors open 10.30am with opening liturgy at 11.30am and programme until 5.30pm - if that is not enough, you can take part in Night Fever at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine 7.30-10.30pm.

Nightfever – a night of prayer and an initiative rooted in the Catholic Church. Nightfever is an evening event of open churches with a special atmosphere of music and prayer. This event is geared towards young people but open to all to come in, light a candle, stay to sing, pray and leave as they wish. Confessions available and hospitality for those who want to stay and meet others. Blessed Sacrament Shrine, 4 Dawson Street, Liverpool L1 1LE Saturday evening from 7.30-10.30pm

Gospel Concert – Echo Arena Auditorium – Frank Cottrell-Boyce and the Soul Sanctuary gospel choir will present an evening of music and spoken word sharing the joy and power of the good news in the soulful groove of contemporary gospel music. Tickets available at the Echo Arena Box Office £10. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Limited number of free tickets are available to those attending Adoremus Youth Congress. Early bird tickets of £5 available before 1 July - for more information about this event please visit Facebook searching: Home Mission – England and Wales <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1931864826843345/> Echo Arena Auditorium Saturday 8pm

Living Joyfully Adoremus – a rolling program of workshops, talks and discussion. Come, meet and pray with consecrated religious. All welcome. Tea and light refreshments available. Full programme available on: www.ukvocation.org and Vocations Network North West - UK Facebook page. St Patrick's Church, Park Place, Liverpool L8 5RA Friday & Saturday 12-7pm

Messy Church in a Catholic Context – Messy Church is an experience of all-ages creativity, hospitality and celebration that is Christ-centred. Come and experience how Messy Church evangelises in a Catholic parish and involves families around the theme of Eucharist. St Anne & St Bernard, Overbury Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool L7 3HJ Saturday 1-4pm

Holy Hour with children & families – an opportunity to witness and participate in Eucharistic Adoration with children and families. A family-friendly Holy Hour with the Redemptorist community followed by hospitality. Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bishop Eton, Woolton Road, Liverpool L16 8NQ Friday evening 6pm

Jesus, we adore You – come and be with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Youth 2000 will be leading an evening of prayer and worship on Friday night interceding for Adoremus, the evangelisation of the UK and the conversion of our hearts. The Blessed Sacrament Shrine, 4 Dawson Street, Liverpool L1 1LE Friday evening from 6pm with Adoration until Saturday afternoon

Exposition & Vespers with the Carmelite Monastery, Liverpool – an opportunity for silent reflection and prayer with the Carmelites, Carmelite Monastery, Maryton Grange, Allerton Road, Liverpool L18 3NU. Friday & Saturday from 1pm & concluding with Vespers at 4.30pm.

Adoration, Reconciliation Masses and Services at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant L3 5TQ

Friday - Adoration 4-6pm Reconciliation 6-7pm Choral Evening prayer 6.15pm with Mass at 7pm

Saturday - Morning Prayer 8:15am, Mass 8.30am, Adoration 9.30-10.30am & 6-7pm, Reconciliation 11am-noon & 3.30-4.30pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm, Crypt

Sunday - Cathedral Masses 8.30am, 10am in the Crypt. Sunday Pilgrimage Masses (by ticket only) 9.30am, 11.30am Eucharistic Procession in the streets around the Cathedral 1pm (open to the public)

Archive exhibition in the Abraham Apse at the Metropolitan Cathedral - an exhibition of items from the 1908 Eucharistic Congress in London illustrating the history of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. Displays include other materials about Adoration of the Eucharist from the last century up to our own time. Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am-6pm

International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles designed by Servant of God, Carlo Acutis (1991-2006). Carlo collated all the Church's confirmed Eucharistic Miracles and put them online. Shortly after completing the project Carlo died of fulminant leukaemia. www.miracolieucaistici.org www.carloacutis.com

The Exhibition will be split between 2 venues – *The Metropolitan Cathedral Gibberd Room* Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am – 6pm and *St John the Evangelist Church*, 70 Fountains Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1QL Friday, 12-8pm, Saturday 1-9pm (with a break for Mass 6-7.30pm), 7.30pm talk and Vatican film about Carlo Acutis Sunday 12.30-8pm. Guided tour 4.15 pm, 5.30pm. Vatican film about the Exhibition. Information about hosting this Exhibition www.ukmiracles.com

The Story of the Scriptures – praying before the Blessed Sacrament is a great time to spend reflecting on the scriptures. This dynamic and interactive presentation of the story of the Bible begins in Genesis and moves through to the Apostles taking the Good News to the world. This presentation highlights key figures and events in the Bible that help us to make sense of the story of Jesus and grow in our faith. Pauline Books & Media, 82 Bold St, Liverpool L1 4HR Saturday 12-1pm

The Scriptures in the Mass – The prayers of the Mass are full of scriptural allusions and references that we may not be fully aware of. This workshop will help to unlock some of the scriptural secrets of the Mass and enable a deeper experience of prayer during the Mass. Pauline Books & Media, 82 Bold St, Liverpool L1 4HR Saturday 1.15-2.15pm

Lectio Divina – a Lectio Divina experience with members of the Manquehue Movement from Chile resident at Downside School. This group of lay people have successfully introduced the monastic practice of lectio divina (divine reading) to groups of young people. The practice is very popular at the school with over a third of pupils regularly taking part in voluntary groups. Come and experience lectio divina. Pauline Books & Media, 82 Bold St, Liverpool L1 4HR Saturday 3-3.45pm

Hear Mark! Hear the Gospel of Mark read aloud – an opportunity to listen to the spoken word of the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end. The Gospel will be read aloud allowing listeners to hear the story of Jesus and his sayings first-hand and to interact with the words of the Gospel personally and immediately. Pauline Books & Media, 82 Bold St, Liverpool L1 4HR Saturday 4.15-5.45pm

Evening sing-along of famous Liverpool songs – Nugent hosts an evening sing-along of songs that made Liverpool famous throughout the world. This includes Beatles tunes, sea shanties and popular songs in an evening event for families, people with disabilities and anyone who enjoys a sing-along! St Anne & St Bernard, Overbury Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool L7 3HJ Friday evening 7.30-9.30pm includes hospitality

Evening concert of classical music written by Jesuits or by composers with 'Jesuit connections' by the Ellen Ensemble. The Ellen Ensemble, a chamber orchestra based in Cumbria, was formed early in 2016, and is a group of professional and semi-professional musicians. Donations accepted at the door. No advanced booking needed. St Francis Xavier Church, Salisbury Street, Liverpool L3 8DR Sunday evening, 7pm

Catechesis and People with Disabilities – hosted by Nugent – an experience of prayer, music, input and workshops around catechesis and enabling every child and adult with a disability to encounter Jesus in the life of the church today. A look at practical ways to be an inclusive church community and the spiritual and religious needs of people with disabilities. This event hosted by Nugent is a reminder that all life is a gift from God and every person has a valuable and dignified place within the Body of Christ. St Anne & St Bernard, Overbury Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool L7 3HJ Saturday 10am-noon followed by refreshments

Broken TV series – a discussion with Director Jimmy McGovern – a viewing of a selection of episodes of the BAFTA winning television series Broken about an inner-city priest from the North of England and the people around him in his community. Exposition, Mass and refreshments are followed by the screening at 1.30pm of an episode with behind-the-scenes commentary by the writer Jimmy McGovern. Includes discussion with the writer about the issues raised by this important series and living the Eucharist in daily life. St Francis Xavier Church, Salisbury Street, Liverpool L3 8DR Friday & Saturday 11am-3.30pm. NB: all Adoremus Parallel Programme events are family-friendly - only the Broken TV series discussion is for 15+ because of mature themes.

Self-guided walking tours – an opportunity to discover the culture of the world-famous city of Liverpool and its Catholic history. Walk at your own pace through the streets and waterfront of Liverpool strolling through sites of international importance. Visit both cathedrals and celebrate the ecumenical links between Catholics and Anglicans in the year of the 30th anniversary of 'Better Together' which celebrated Christian unity in the city.

A choice of two walks – 1. Liverpool Waterfront returning via city centre 2. Two Cathedrals, Victorian toilets and Nordic culture Details at the end of this report or follow the links at <https://www.facebook.com/adoremus2018> <http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus>

RESOURCES

Patrick Gardner, CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator – Lancaster writes: We are busy preparing for **Adoremus** in September. Some of our volunteers are part of the Welcome team at the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. We have produced some resources to enable people to engage more deeply with different aspects of the Eucharistic Mystery. Our Eucharist in the World workshops explore the links between the Eucharist and the call for us, as Catholics, to live out love, compassion and justice in our everyday lives. These resources, plus a prayer inspired by a pastoral letter from Bishop Patrick McKinney of Nottingham are all available at cafod.org.uk/eucharist. We hope you find them useful. Please do share them with your Adoremus parish representatives, or with your parishioners as part of your preparation for the Congress.