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Considering the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform



On May 24, Pope Francis will unveil the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform (LSAP), an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to move towards integral ecology, a holistic approach to ecology and our climate crisis. Our congregation committed to

implementing *Laudato Si'* at our 2019 Congregational Chapter, so the Congregational Leadership Team has been carefully studying information coming from the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development on how the LSAP is unfolding.

We have been gathering information about the actions we are taking to live sustainably, exploring what measurable changes we can make as a congregation and as individuals, and evaluating whether officially participating in the LSAP would be a meaningful way for us to implement *Laudato Si'*. Watch [this brief video](#) that more fully describes how our congregation might participate in the LSAP.

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Mandala Circle of Graces website

Sisters Lisa
Lazio and
Nancy Marsh
are proud to
announce the
completion of



MandalaCircleofGraces.org, a
refreshed version of a website first
launched in 2009. This site is focused
on using the sacred prayer of the
mandala to heal ourselves and the
world. They are also offering
individual consultations and group
sessions/workshops (in person or
virtually). All are welcome. All you
need to bring is a willingness to pray
together for the grace of healing.

Theological Insights series resumes



We will hold the
fourth session of
our
congregational
series featuring
young scholars
speaking on

theological themes on Thursday, May
13. Kiki Sykes Burgdorf will present
on the topic: "I Can't Go On, I'll Go
On": Trauma-Informed Theology as a

Resource for Healing." Kiki served as
a St. Joseph Worker in 2016-2017 in
Minneapolis/St. Paul. She received a
Master of Theological Studies from
Harvard Divinity School, with an
emphasis on feminist theology and
narrative theory. She now works as a
Hospital Chaplain at United Hospital
in St. Paul.

Thursday, May 13

8pm EDT / 7pm CDT /

6pm MDT / 5pm PDT

2pm Hawai'i / Fri May 14

9am in Japan

8pm in Chile / 7pm Peru

[Register](#)



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ

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A QUOTE: Joseph saw Jesus grow
daily "in wisdom and in years..." (Lk
2: 52) As the Lord had done with
Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he
taught him to walk, taking him by the
hand; he was for him like a father
who raises an infant to his cheeks,
bending down to him and feeding him
(cf. Hos 11: 3-4)

A QUESTION: How can we support fathers who don't have the time or the inclination to care for their children in a paternal way?

A BLESSING: St. Joseph, we ask your blessing on all fathers and grandfathers, especially those who are full-time caregivers for their children or grandchildren.



Celebrating the many types of maternal love

by Sally Harper, CSJ

Mother's Day is a day to celebrate maternal love. How appropriate that the readings for this past Sunday were all about love, especially the beginning verses of John's first letter: Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God...for God is love.

God's love embraces:

- Mothers who have high-powered, overtime careers and mothers who have to rely on food stamps
- Step/adoptive/single/widowed/abandoned mothers

- Mothers who've lost children and children who've lost mothers
- Mothers who have faded into mental illness, addiction or dementia
- Mothers whose sons have committed a crime while they insist: "He is a good boy!"



- Mothers who become mothers to their grandchildren because their daughters are lost to drugs or depression or death
- Mothers who are in prison
- Mothers who lose their children too early and children who lose their mothers too soon
- Mothers who love too much and mothers who love too little
- Mothers who leave for work every day and mothers whose workplace is the home
- Mothers who abandon their children and mothers who never let go
- Mothers who kill their children and mothers who see their children killed

- Women who long to be mothers and mothers who are overwhelmed with the children they have
- Women who are not able or choose not to bring their babies to term
- Women who are mothers without giving birth, who care for the lost, the lonely, the abused, the abandoned

Let us pray to this God who is love, who is Mother to all humankind and all of creation for those who suffer and those who rejoice when they hear the word “mother.” And let us ask our Mother-God to help us to incarnate this love as we live Jesus’ commandment: love one another as I have loved you. If we do this our joy will be complete.



- **Albany:** [Commentary: We must put world health above vaccine patent protections](#) by Fran Dempsey, CSJ
- **Los Angeles:** [National Nurses Week posts](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Lwanga lifetime achievement honoree makes serving the Church part of the fabric of her being](#)

Recent Publications

- [Noticiero, Abril 2021](#) (Peru)
- [CSJ St. Paul May News](#)
- [Together, May 2021](#) (St. Paul)
- [e-designs, May 2021](#) (Los Angeles)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Helene Courtney, CSJ](#)

May 1, 2021

Happy Birthday!

May 11

Associate Arlene Boniface
 Sister Celine Courtney
 Sister Barbara Dugan
 Sister Joan Mary Hartigan
 Sister Linda Neil
 Associate Marlies Palka
 Sister Margaret Totten

May 12

Consociate Andrea Pearson Tande
 Sister Maura Simms

May 13

Associate Sukie Alarcon
 Sister Patricia Marie Hix

Sister Barbara Krick
Associate Cindy Sullivan
Sister Marion Weinzapfel

May 14

Sister Bernadette Eaton
Associate Joan Gorman
Associate Angie King
Consociate Cathy Kobberman
Sister Shawn Madigan
Associate Regina Staves

May 15

Sister George Ann Bohl
Associate Carl Kopczynski
Associate Mary Sheppard

May 16

Sister Nola Marie Brunner
Sister Mary Joan Dacey
Familia Manuel Saavedra
Consociate Timothy Sheehan

May 17

Sister Betty Adams
Associate Robin Good
Sister Barbara Jennings
Consociate Mary Oyiera Lieta

May 18

Associate Jean Beauchamp
Associate Carmen Doyle
Associate Casey O'Flaherty
Associate Gary Umhoefer
Sister Marie Wilson

May 19

'Ohana Yolanda Dumalanta
Sister Anna Bridget Kearns
Sister Beatrice Kelly
Associate Sharon K. Kirby
Associate Barbara Roberts

Sister Barbara Mary Sanborn
Sister Mary Schabert
Associate Andrea Stafford
Sister Sandra Tripp

May 20

Sister Rita Duggan
Sister Mary Rose Noonan
Consociate Patricia Owen
Sister Helen Palermo
Associate Nancy Siefker

May 21

Consociate Mary Burns
Associate Alexandra Guliano
Associate Jessica Mayo
Sister Margaret Murray
Associate Ophelia Wilson

May 22

Associate Joan Kroupa
Sister Lillian Long
Sister Florine Provencher
'Ohana Marina Wallace-Horner

May 23

Sister Marianne Johnson

May 24

Sister Rose Dolores Fregin
Sister Giovanna Marcoccia
Sister Kieran Vaughan

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birthday lists on the Celebrations
page of the congregational website.
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