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CELEBRATING THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF *LAUDATO SI*

"We live at a time when profits and losses seem to be more highly valued than lives and deaths, and when a company's net worth is given precedence over the infinite worth of our human family."

- Pope Francis
May 27th, 2019

June 18th is the 4 year anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*.



We are creating a list of ways that different parishes have embraced the teachings and lived out the call to create a world where we fight against the "throw away culture" and make our homes, parishes, and neighborhoods more environmentally friendly.

Please send your achievements and goals you and your parish are working towards to Marcus Ebenhoe at mebenhoe@cfcrochester.org.

FROM PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

Our Lady of Lourdes.St. Anne's parish is hosting a screening of the National Geographic video, "**From Paris to Pittsburgh**". From coastal cities to America's heartland, Paris to Pittsburgh celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. You are invited to come and be encouraged by focusing on solutions.

**St. Anne Social Hall, Tuesday, June 11th
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

1600 Mt Hope Ave, Rochester, NY 14620

[parking in the rear]

Screening followed by open comment and guided discussion. RSVP will help preparations:

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

June 5 is World Environment Day. Learn how you can mark this day by reducing air pollution: <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/get-involved/world-environment-day-mask-challenge>

WORLD OCEANS DAY

June 8 is World Oceans Day. Find resources for learning more and protecting our oceans at: <https://www.worldoceansday.org/resources>

ACTION ALERT FROM NYSCC

To advocate go to www.nyscatholic.org and click on "Take Action" at the top of the page.

Physician-Assisted Suicide

Proponents of doctor-assisted suicide are working hard in states across the country, and New York is in their sights. A bill allowing assisted suicide was recently passed just over in New Jersey. On May 14, they came to Albany for a lobby day to make it legal for terminally ill patients to receive life-ending prescription drugs. These dangerous drugs go home with the patient. There are no safeguards that can protect the patient (or others) from illicit use of these drugs. These policies are dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and persons who are disabled. Suicide is not medical care.

We can stop this from happening in New York! Our Catholic faith teaches us that human life is precious and deserves protection from conception to natural death.

If you need more information on this issue contact Suzanne Stack, Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator, at 585-328-3210 or suzanne.stack@dor.org.

SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

An eloquent advocate has gone home to God. Sr. Gratia L'Esperance, RSM died on Friday after a fall. But anyone reading Saturday's Democrat & Chronicle had the benefit of her last words on caring for the gift of creation. As they regularly did, the D&C published one of Sr. Gratia's letter. She was a beautiful writer and a beautiful person, still actively engaged in the community, even as age and fragility crept up on her. In her honor, please reuse or recycle something you would have put in the garbage today.

"Our throw-away society ignores the fact that there is no 'away'.... Everything we dispose of adds to landfills or collects in the oceans."
Sr. Gratia

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS

U.S. Catholic Bishops:

"The injustice and harm racism causes is an attack on human life...It is no secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color...As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue.

COUNTERING WHITE SUPREMACY: Connecting the Dots between Anti-Semitism, Anti-Black Racism, and Islamophobia

Sun. June 9, 2019, 5:30–7:30pm [Light dinner will be served at 7:30pm]

At the Islamic Center of Rochester, 727 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY

At a time when hate crimes against Black churches, synagogues and mosques are spiking, we need to connect the dots between anti-Black racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, understand white supremacy, and build collective resistance to it. Here is an opportunity to engage with young Muslim, Jewish and Black activists in order to come together as a community.

The goal of this event is:

- to connect the dots between different forms of racism and discrimination in order to understand how white supremacy operates
- to bring various communities together, into the same space, and encourage connection and collaboration
- to flip roles around by allowing younger people to speak and lead the conversation, and having older adults listen and ask questions
- to allow Rochesterians to break bread together and celebrate solidarity, for there is strength in numbers and joy in being part of a neighborhood

In short, this event is for everyone. It includes light dinner and is free and open to the public, but registration is required: <https://gandhiinstitute.z2systems.com/np/clients/gandhiinstitute/eventRegistration.jsp?event=22&>

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Center of Rochester and the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.



PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR NEXT FALL? Check out our resources for working and praying to end racism in our country.

Have you seen the resources surrounding the U.S. Bishops' letter against racism, *Open Wide our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love?*

[Educational resources](#) for schools, parishes, and small groups along with videos and print copies of the new pastoral letter are available on usccb.org/racism. A new [prayer card](#) and [backgrounders on the many factors of systemic racism are also available](#), along with a myriad of other ways to help your community learn, pray, and act to end racism.

Additional resources will soon be posted to our diocesan website.

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST Welcome Holy Spirit.

In the silence of a dark night's fearful thought you come.

You are comfort in the sleepless worries,
Gentle in the rising doubts,
Forgiving all our handmade hurts,
Patient in our pointless hurry,
Counseling as the waves come crashing,
"Be still and know that I am God."

Wonderful counselor, comforter, God with us,
You will never abandon us.
You will always be with us.
Your promises are sure.
Help us to give like you, forgive like you, live for you.
Amen.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6 pm - 8 pm
Baber A.M.E. Church, 550 Meigs Street
Rochester, NY 14607

Candidates for office in both Rochester and Monroe County have been invited.

Green Tip of the Week: When buying a new car, choose one that gets at least 5mpg better than your old car. In the meantime, save gas by avoiding jack-rabbit starts and aggressive driving, anticipate stops by coasting, follow the speed limit, avoid rush hour, combine trips, unload excess weight, avoid idling, and open the windows to cool off before turning on the air conditioner.