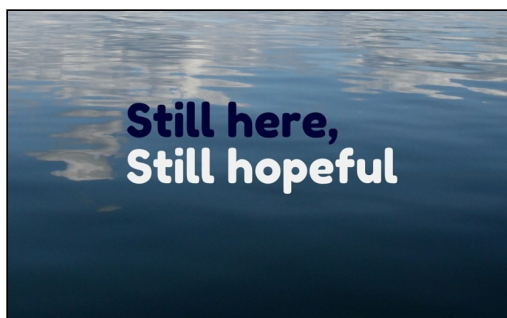




Going, Going, Still Here!



In one of Fr. Joe Moons letters to the Passionist Family, he reflected on the “nones” — the non-religiously-affiliated young people. Fr. Moons states, “What I shared was based on the book: “**Going, Going, Gone**” -- a study done by St. Mary’s Press and CARA (the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate). At

the very beginning of the book, it stated that the study did not include statistics (data) on Hispanic Youth.”

I had some valuable emails from Joe Castro, who does a lot of ministry with the Hispanic Community in Houston, TX for the archdiocese. I talked with him about this study. In my discussions with him about **Hispanic Youth**, he states the title would be different: “**Gone, Gone, Still Here!**”

[Read about the reasons here](#)

[Further reading cited by Joe Castro](#)

Oscar Romero: ¡Presente!

Pope Francis has chosen October 14, 2018 as the date for the ceremony that will see the Catholic Church officially recognize the sainthood of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, who was martyred as he was celebrating Mass: Also Pope Paul VI will be canonized that day.

Octavio Duran, OFM, got to know the archbishop personally and became his trusted friend and photographer. What does he remember about the

archbishop? He was timid—not comfortable in social situations. But when Romero was in the pulpit, he was a prophet.



Octavio Duran, OFM

Nobel Peace Prize: Proclaim and Praise!



We proudly support the statement from Pax Christi International congratulating Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad, recipients of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize for their courageous work to end sexual violence against women as a

weapon of war and armed conflict. "Their heartbreaking witness and their stories about the devastating reality of victims of sexual violence have moved many people around the world, raising greater concern and attention at international policy levels for these grave abuses."

[Read the PCI Statement here.](#)

Slavery. Right now, all around the world.

The award-winning and often quoted organization **Free the Slaves**, along with



their international partners and staff have been honored for front-line work to liberate people from slavery and for advocacy to raise global awareness that slavery still exists. From their website: "Slavery will end when businesses clean up their supply chains and consumers demand slavery-free products, when governments and international institutions toughen enforcement and fund anti-slavery work worldwide, and when activists and advocates educate the vulnerable about their rights and empower those in slavery to take a stand for freedom." [Check out their resource loaded website here.](#)

Border Solidarity: Pray, Educate, Act



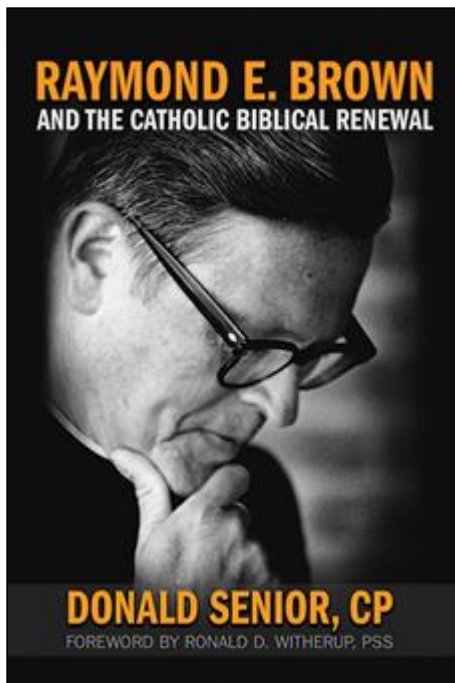
The Columban Center for Advocacy as designed a simple toolkit designed to help communities live out the call to be in solidarity with border communities. It includes a number of activities for prayer, education, and action.

[The kit is free after a simple registration.](#)

Books

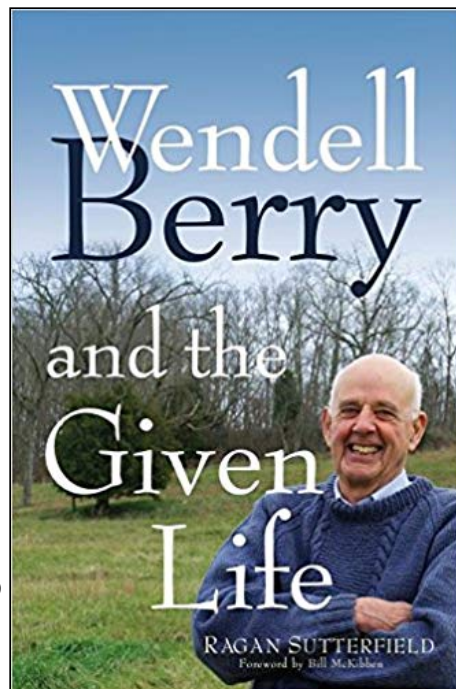
Donald Senior has written a comprehensive, critical, and deeply appreciative biography of one of greatest biblical scholars of the 20th century locating Brown within the sweep and drama of the Catholic biblical renewal, especially in the United States.

[Available from Paulist Press](#)



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Berry and
the Given
Life
by Ragan
Sutterfield,
with an
introduction
by Bill
McKibben

"We drive to
work on the
stored



energy of ten thousand years of sunlight. Our daily bread seems to generate miraculously from store shelves. And our communities can be connected with a billion ones and zeros over fiber optic cables. For us, the idea of being a creature can seem passé. Yet in this lonely world of mastery, in a time so dominated by human desire and design that it has been dubbed the "anthropocene," the human age, many of us feel that we are missing some essential truth about who we are." [Amazon link here.](#)

Advent: Take Courage - In the Midst of Injustice, Advocate for Peace



Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) aims to elevate the voices of the Holy Land, especially Arab Christians celebrating Advent, recognizing their diversity within Israeli and Palestinian circles, who are each "of good courage" and daily work towards peace in the midst of conflict and oppression.

This Advent CMEP prays that we:

- Encourage one another to live each day with renewed love of enemy and conviction to remain in the Land.
- Bring awareness to the narratives of the people of Palestine who continue to suffer under the weight of a military occupation.

- Recognize the strength of each of our voices to be advocates for justice and peace and provide opportunities within our realms of influence.
- Be strengthened in our Abrahamic faith traditions through God's word, prayer, and social action.

Also from CMEP: The Search for Peace & Justice in the Holy Land is a five-week small-group course produced by Churches for Middle East Peace (<https://cmep.org/>) about topics such as the Christians of the Holy Land, the ties of Israelis and Palestinians to the Holy Land, and how to be an effective advocate for just peace in Israel and Palestine. Sign up to receive more info about the course at <http://bit.ly/2wy7hOA>

Linking Justice and Peace in the Lectionary



JPIC homily resources are available from the **Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM)** and other religious communities. The Passionist JPIC office collaborates with other community JPIC offices and we would love to see other homily resources coming from the Passionist charism. Contact the **Passionist JPIC** office if you would like to contribute. If you yourself do not give homilies please consider sharing these resources with a local homilist.

Additional homily resources from the Ignatian Solidarity Network

Finally, the Holy Cross Passionist website features **wonderful daily scripture reflections** from the Passionist Family. Three regular contributors are members of the North American Passionists JPIC Board.

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