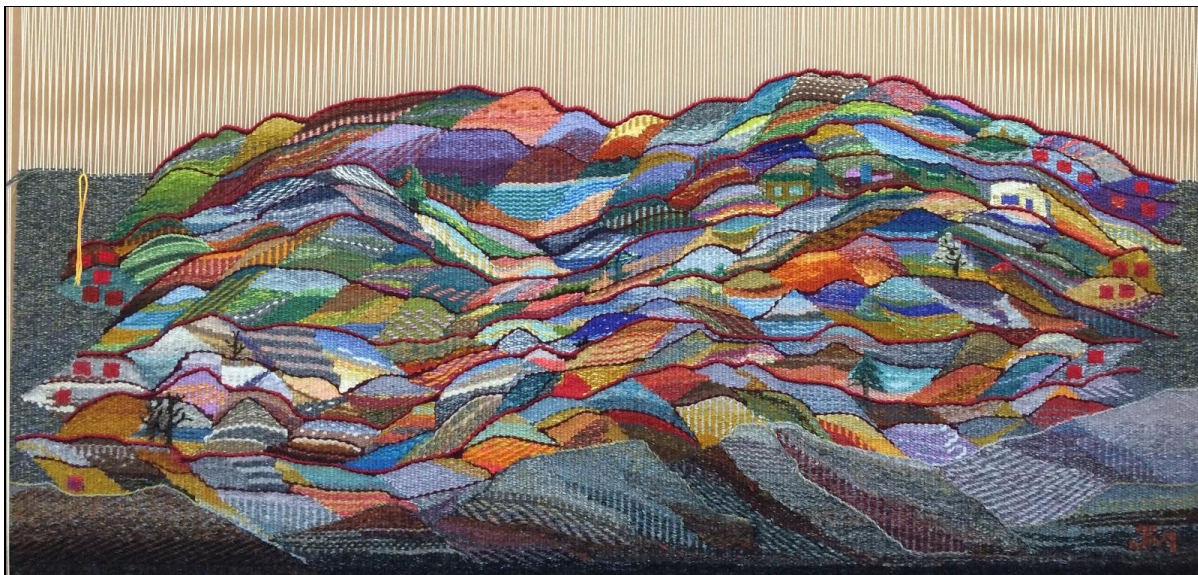


"Weaving Green Threads Across Catholic Ministries In Spirit, Word and Deed"



A webinar was organized which focused on the Implementation of recommendations from the ***Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church: A Conference Series on Our Common Home*** which was held in June. The conference was organized by the Catholic Climate Covenant and hosted at Creighton University. This was the first of three biennial events designed to more deeply integrate *Laudato Si'* and Catholic climate change teaching. This kind of networking is extremely important as we North American Passionists engage our new and substantial initiative and focus on *Laudato Si'* in our provinces.

The theme, "Weaving Green Threads Across Catholic Ministries," focused on this integration in Liturgy, Formation, Advocacy, Actions, Parishes, Parochial Schools, Colleges and Universities, Religious Orders, Retreat Centers and other buildings.

[Listen to the webinar here](#)

[Look at the slide stack from webinar](#)

We Waste Too Much Food



Cassandra Carmichael, Executive Director of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment sent us these excellent resources relating to just how much food most of us routinely waste and also what we can do in our communities to understand and address good food stewardship.

[Reducing Food Waste \(PDF file of slides\)](#)

[Resources for Congregations, Communities, and Individuals](#)

International Climate Awareness



These ecumenical, international resources from the [Climate Witness Project](#) (a project of [World Renew](#) and the Christian Reformed Church, [Office of Social Justice](#)) show how important it is to consider all aspects of climate issues as we join the struggle to heal our planet.

- [Bangladesh: Canary in the Coal Mine](#), short intro video plus videos on health impacts, advocacy, and what communities are doing to adapt

- **Climate Conversation: Kenya**, intro videos plus videos covering topics of advocacy, adaptation, and conservation agriculture
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Saving the Planet Hand-In-Hand with Youth Leaders



Read these compelling and inspiring stories which show us hope for the future and places trust in young leadership moving forward.

- **Young people's activism is a sign of hope for the earth - Cardinal Turkson**
 - **Young people look to faith teachings to save the planet**
 - Follow, promote and participate in the **Global Climate Strike** September 20-27.
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Bishops Pastoral - A Laudato Si Action Plan



Marking the fourth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark social encyclical on the environment, the Catholic bishops of California issued their own **sweeping pastoral statement** on threats to the state's many ecosystems, inviting the church community and all Californians "to contribute to the ecological well-being of our state."

The 19-page pastoral statement, titled "[God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home](#)," was released by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops, comprised of the two dozen bishops that head the state's 10 dioceses and two archdioceses. It represents one of the most wide-ranging engagements to date by the U.S. episcopacy in taking up "*Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common Home," Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology made public June 18, 2015.

[Read the NCR story about the pastoral here.](#)

Photo: St. Thomas Aquinas in Palo Alto, California (courtesy of the parish)

"Just peace is the goal, nonviolence is the way. A sustainable culture of peace can only be established by nonviolence that absolutely respects human dignity. Rooted in the interconnectedness of God's creation, it also opens the way to an "integral ecology," as expressed by Pope Francis in Laudato si'. Violence undermines this interconnectedness. Nonviolence sustains it. Nonviolence teaches us to say "no" to an inhuman social order and "yes" to the fullness of life."

From the final statement following the ***Path of Nonviolence: Towards a Culture of Peace*** workshop, held last April and coordinated by Pax Christi International and the Catholic Nonviolence initiative.

The full statement in English, French and Spanish versions [are available here](#).
Several of the presentations from the April workshop [are available here](#).

Books and Videos

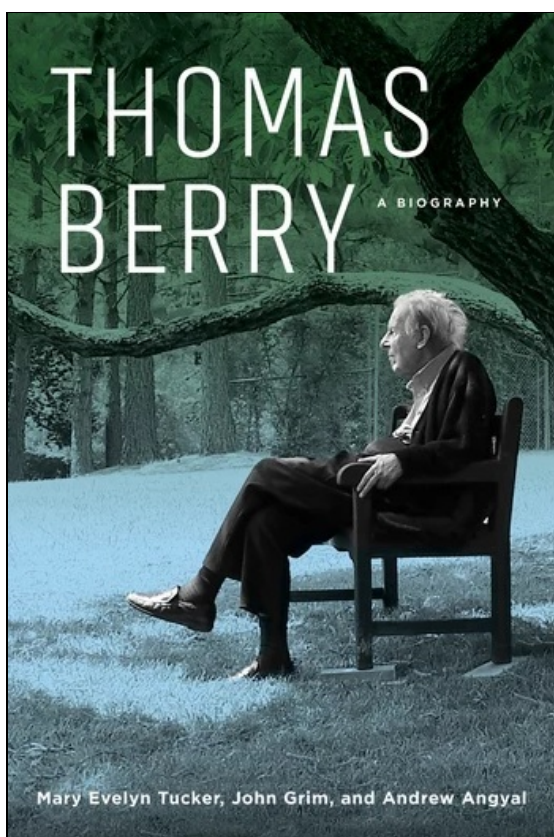
Book and Interview: *Thomas Berry: A Biography*

Conversation with Mary Evelyn Tucker and Michael Lerner

On March 17, the New School at Commonweal in Bolinas, CA, USA held a special conversation with Mary Evelyn Tucker and Michael Lerner about [Thomas Berry: A Biography](#) (Columbia University Press, 2019). [Watch the recording](#) of the conversation. This new biography by Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, and Andrew Angyal is [now available from Columbia](#) at a 30% discount (code: CUP30). This book illuminates Berry's remarkable vision and its continuing relevance for achieving transformative social change and environmental renewal.

Videos from "Forest Defenders: New Threats and New Responses"

The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative, UN Environment and partners hosted the event "[Forest Defenders: New Threats and New Responses](#)" at the UN Secretariat in New York on April 23 as a contribution to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The event was attended by more than 600 people, was



webcasted around the world and highlighted both the threats facing indigenous peoples and the new and innovative initiatives emerging to defend the defenders of forests. Watch the full video [here](#) and the individual videos [here](#).

Linking Justice and Peace in the Lectionary



Justice and peace homily resources are available from the [Conference of Major Superiors of Men \(CMSM\)](#) and other religious communities. The Passionist Solidarity Network collaborates with other community justice and peace offices and we would love to see other

homily resources coming from the Passionist charism. Contact the [Passionist Solidarity Network](#) office if you would like to contribute.

Sunday Aug. 11th by Dianne Bergant CSA

[Additional homily resources from the Ignatian Solidarity Network](#)

The Holy Cross Passionist website features [wonderful daily scripture reflections](#) from the Passionist Family. Three regular contributors are members of the Passionist Solidarity Network Advisory Board.

[The Catholic Climate Covenant has homily helps](#) incorporating *Laudato Si'* as well as weekly tip bulletin inserts (including Spanish).

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