



Toronto Passionist Parish "teaches theology through design"

"The passion of the earth is always the passion of Christ himself. When we're gone, the earth will still be here. Whatever we do to Mother Nature always comes back to us." Father Brando Recaña, C.P., pastor of St. Gabriel's

In 2006 a new church was consecrated in Toronto, inspired by the cosmic vision of

Thomas Berry, the teaching of Passionist Father Stephen Dunn, C.P and the work of architect Roberto Chiotti. St. Gabriel's was the first church in Canada to be certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or L.E.E.D., rating system. From its floor plan to its building materials to its parishioner programs, St. Gabriel's has embodied a Catholic vision of ecology since its consecration in 2006, nearly a decade before Pope Francis published Laudato Si' in 2015.

Read about the vision and reality of St. Gabriels here.



Youth-Led Climate Strike - What can we do?

Following in the footsteps of youth all over the world, Laudato Si' Generation, a movement formed at the 2019 Catholic World Youth Day, is calling on students and adults to join in the climate "strikes" on Friday, Sept. 20th, three days before the UN Climate Summit in NYC. Below are some ways of participating in this day of action:

- Take part or support a march or rally organized by young people in these cities around the U.S. Click here to check the interactive map to find a strike near you. If you don't see one, consider hosting your own strike.
- Host a tree-planting ceremony. The Sierra Club reports that adding 1 trillion trees on Earth would capture up to 25 percent of annual global carbon emissions.
- Contact your senators to urge their support for legislation that would keep the U.S. in the Paris climate agreement and fulfill our commitments under the accord.

Promote and celebrate an outdoor prayer service. If you plan your own event,
 please add it to the Laudato Si' Generation map here.

Post your photos to social media with #ClimateStrike and #Faithsforthefuture Read: In This Season of Creation, Catholics are Striking



Engage the Season of Creation

Tomás Insua, Executive Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement announced, "after 4 years of GCCM campaigning to enshrine the Season of Creation in the Catholic calendar (Sept 1 - Oct 4), Pope Francis issued an official statement in St. Peters Square calling on all Catholics to celebrate the season and devote this special time to care for creation."

View the video of his statement here.

Resources and ways to participate in The Season of Creation

Consider This Border Awareness Experience

At this summer's Chapter Meeting of the Holy Cross Providence we committed to pursuing a more active mission and presence to those who are suffering at our borders. As a concrete way to respond to the humanitarian crisis at our southern border, the Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas is inviting you to "come and see." They are offering a week long "Border Awareness Experience" (BAE) in January 2020. The objective of the BAE is to facilitate face to face meetings and encounters between BAE participants and people and groups on both sides of the border. Participants may visit a local detention center, observe immigration court



proceedings, tour the border fence, visit with local organizations that work with the immigrant community, etc. Cost is \$90 a day plus flight. The trip will take place around the week of January 20, 2020. Contact Lisa Soronen lisasoronen@gmail.com for more information.

Lent 4.5 Giveaway



Lent 4.5 is a seven-week faith formation program which inspires and informs Christian communities on how to use the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to protect God's creation, embrace Gospel justice and nurture spiritual fulfillment. It offers practical opportunities for people of faith to apply the values of Christian Simplicity to their everyday lives.

The Passionist Earth & Spirit Center developed this program and is now offering the bulletin inserts free to churches this Lent. Let us know if you know a church that might be interested.

Call 502.452.2749 or email **info@earthandspiritcenter.org** for more information.



Deeper Dive into Carbon Pricing: A Faith Perspective

Carbon pricing is one aspect of the climate change discussion that either is not interesting or is baffling in its complexity. But everyone agrees that doing "something about carbon emissions" is critical to the planet. Recently, a webinar was organized by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) to help understand it from both a science and a faith perspective.

This is the link to view the recording of the webinar. In addition here is FCNL's carbon pricing comparison chart. Powerpoint slides are available from the webinar.

Presenters included: Shantha Ready Alonso, Creation Justice Ministries, Cassandra Carmichael, National Religious Partnership for the Environment, Emily Wirzba, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Rebecca Eastwood, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach, Christian Brooks, Presbyterian Church USA, and Mirele Goldsmith, Jewish Earth Alliance.

In Case You Missed It



The Passionist Solidarity Network endorses Franciscan Action Network and CMSM Call for Immediate Legislation on Gun Violence and a National Examination of Conscience

Click here for a PDF version of the statement

Linking Justice and Peace in the Lectionary



Justice and peace homily resources are iustice /'dʒʌstə 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 Sept. 15th by Br. Steve Herro, O.Praem.

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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