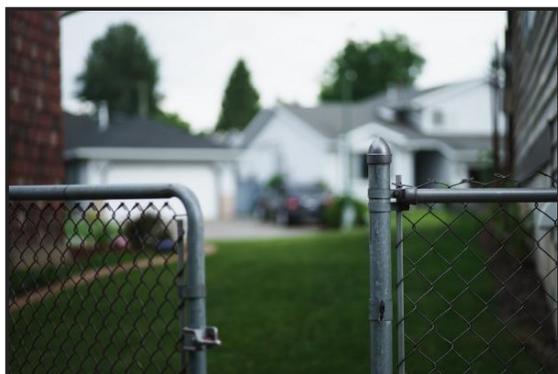


## Climate Justice Starts Locally



As Holy Cross Province begins a energetic commitment to "living Laudato Si" through the Vision Fulfillment process and our Chapter calls-to-action, the most important thing to keep in mind is that we begin by looking close to home.

In December Sojourner Climate Justice Coordinator, Melody Zhang, had the privilege to attend COP 25 — the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change in Madrid, the global center for climate discussions and the birthplace of the Paris Agreement. We Passionists can be encouraged by reading "[Climate Justice Starts Locally](#)," her reflections of the experience and where we can go from here.

*"Here's my realization: It doesn't require attending COPs every year, to traverse the world collecting every single story and dimension of how climate change is affecting people worldwide (In fact, that would be counterproductive considering the amount of emissions we would generate). What it does require of us is to pay attention to the myriad stories that are already before us, and then to act, right where we are, to co-create a future of justice and peace and build genuine, deep, and lasting relationships with those in our own communities who are most susceptible to the effects of climate change."*

[Read Melody's full reflection here](#)

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## Passionist Earth & Spirit Podcasts



The Passionist Earth & Spirit Podcast explores the intertwining of contemplative spirituality, ecology and social healing through dialogue with people who are rooted in a deep sense of place. Our conversation partners defy neat labels as they weave their vocations, activism and spirituality into unique stories of what it's like to live an engaged life in whatever community they call home. By grounding the spiritual in particular places, people, and projects, we hope to transcend the abstract and faceless to uncover tangible and translatable insights that listeners can apply in their own communities. Listen on your favorite podcast app.

### [Joe Grant - The Duty of Delight](#)

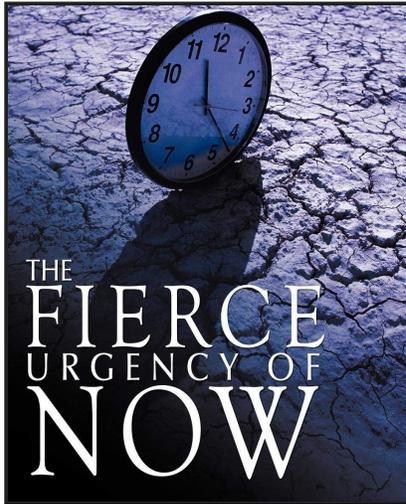
Our guest for this episode is Joe Grant. A native of Scotland, Joe is a modern-day mystic, a blogger, and the author of numerous books and articles about scripture, justice and spirituality. Prior to moving to Louisville 25 years ago, Joe worked with indigenous peoples of the U.S. and in Latin America. His work has been rooted in the Catholic Christian tradition, but his sensibilities are deeply interdenominational and interfaith. Joe spends his time writing, leading retreats, and offering spiritual guidance. His latest book, [Wandering and Welcome: Meditations for Finding Peace](#) is published by Franciscan Media. His website is <https://engagedpresence.org/>.

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## Earth Day Sunday Resource

"The Fierce Urgency of Now" is a phrase that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used in his 1967 address at New York's Riverside Church when he articulated his opposition to the Vietnam War. King's words resonate for those addressing today's ecological crisis: now is the time for decisive action before it is too late.

**The Fierce Urgency of Now**, a program for Earth Day Sunday produced



by Creation Justice Ministries, offers Christian education materials to equip faith communities to "protect, restore, and more rightly share God's creation." The resource is written to be useful year-round. Earth Day falls on Wednesday, April 22 this year, so Earth Day Sunday can be celebrated April 19, April 26, or another day convenient for your community.

The 2020 theme focuses stories of congregations taking climate action, liturgical resources, and faith-rooted interpretation of recently released dire

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports. [Download the resources here.](#)

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## A New Way Forward on Immigration



The PSN is cosponsor of the New Way Forward for immigration reform. This progressive and creative approach for reform addresses all the key issues that have been stumbling blocks for previous attempts to

humanize the process as well as the concerns of those who want secure borders and reasonable immigration laws. Learn about the campaign at the [Immigrant Justice Network](#). Use the **#NewWayForward** hashtag in your tweets!

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## Facts Over Fear Campaign

The PSN supports #FactsOverFear: a video series campaign working on combating anti-Muslim hate and misinformation. Five videos have been released so far in the series. The most recent video, "Islam and Women's Rights" tells how Islam empowers women. "Islam and Sharia" seeks to help people understand the

teachings of the Islamic faith, called Sharia. [These videos are compiled on their website.](#)

Watch and share these videos on social media:

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/factsoverfearcampaign>

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/factsoverfear>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/factsoverfearus>

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## Passionist Solidarity Network - Endorsements

### **Remain In Mexico Policy**

The PSN cosigned a faith leader letter to Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security urging the agency to end its “Migrant Protection Protocols” (“MPP”), to allow asylum seekers to pursue refugee protection—while safely in the United States as required by U.S. law and treaties—and to inform you that we stand ready to provide legal representation and humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers in the United States.

### **Just Transition from Coal**

We also cosigned a letter with Creation Justice Ministries and other faith-based organizations, calling on the U.S. Congress to champion legislation critical to the communities most affected by our country’s declining demand for coal. Those communities have long borne the costs of coal extraction on their health and ecology. These same communities are now bearing the additional weight of a significant economic transition as the coal industry wanes. We support that transition and continue to push for energy sources that are sustainable for God’s creation.

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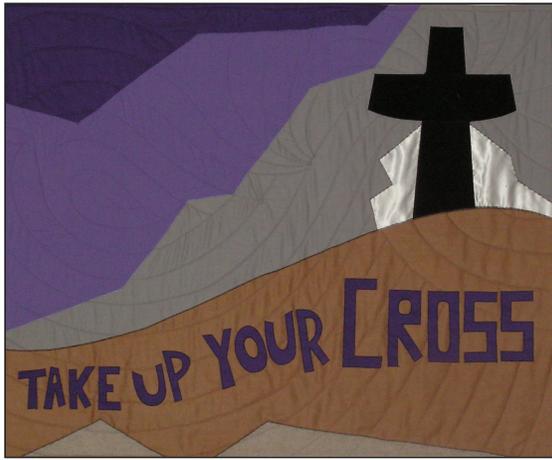
## Lenten Resources

[Holy Cross Passionists Renew the Face of the Earth](#), daily video reflections.

### **[DACA Lenten Devotionals](#)**

"Facing the Future Together" -- organized by the Interfaith Immigration Coalition

From the Franciscan Action Network [Labeling for Lent](#), a postcard campaign from the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT).



Additionally, we want to share with you that the U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking (USCAHT) have created a [Labeling for Lent online petition](#) to complement the Postcard Campaign.

Finally, we invite you to **access all of the Labeling for Lent educational materials** in one easy-to-find location at the [John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy](#).

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## 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.

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

The Franciscan Action Network weekly newsletter has homily and petition writing resources. Sign up here: <https://franciscanaction.org/resources/fan-weekly-newsletter-archive>

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).

Be sure to forward this newsletter to friends who would be interested in the work of Passionist Passionist Solidarity in North America. We'll be happy to add them to our mailing list. You can update your mailing preferences for this list using the link below. Thank you!

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