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PASSIONIST SOLIDARITY NETWORK

WITH THE CRUCIFIED OF TODAY

Social Justice • Earth Care

AWAKENING THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

Solidarity during crisis



Supporting the request of the ASSUM Provincial, Fr. Łukasz Andrzejewski and Pope Francis to hope for the cessation of hostilities and pray for peace in Ukraine, I invite all members of the Passionist Family, individually and communally, to observe a DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE on 2nd March 2022. Fr. Joachim Rego



"The serious situation of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia today creates great anxiety and concern for our brothers in the ASSUM Province of Poland who have responsibility for the Passionist presence and mission in Ukraine. We express our fraternal solidarity with the four Passionist religious: 3 Ukrainian nationals and 1 Polish national, who minister in the town of Smotrych and surrounding areas in Western Ukraine and are most immediately affected by

this crisis." [Read Fr. Joachim's full statement here.](#)

Passion of the Earth | Wisdom of the Cross



Invitation to Online Conversation on Brochure #1 of Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross: February 28th

WHAT: "PASSION OF THE EARTH, WISDOM OF THE CROSS" is our international Passionist program to live out our commitment to the Laudato Si' Action Platform goals. This is a one-hour conversation based on the first

brochure in the six-brochure series prepared for the Passionist family. The first brochure focuses on the gift of WATER.

WHY: To deepen our care for God's Creation, to embrace Gospel justice, and to renew our Passionist charism.

WHEN: Monday, February 28th at 2:30 PM Pacific, 4:30 PM Central, and 5:30 PM Eastern.

WHERE: On Zoom. [Register in advance for this meeting](#): After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. To see the program materials for this session, go to passiochristi.org/laudato-si We ask that participants read brochure #1 before the Online Conversation.

WHO: All members of the Passionist family in St. Paul of the Cross and Holy Cross Provinces. The session will be facilitated by Marta Salgado-Nino and Patty Gillis, members of the Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team.

[Register Now](#)

PSN News

Passionist Solidarity Network website:



The Passionist Solidarity Network reflects the Passionist charism of remembering Jesus's Passion by entering into solidarity with the crucified of today: the Earth and those who are marginalized, minimized and minoritized by our social, political, and economic systems.

Our mission is to engage the Passionist family — ordained and lay — in the social ministry of the U.S. Passionist Provinces of St. Paul of the Cross and Holy Cross.

We advocate on a variety of social and ecological issues that are of concern to our local and international community as well as to those with whom we minister.

We also provide education in Passionist Spirituality and create resources on issues of social and environmental suffering.



Learn

Explore issues that concern our wounded world and discover ways to address them with compassion and hope.

LEARN MORE



Act

Join us in taking collective action on issues that affect our communities and those with whom we minister.

TAKE ACTION



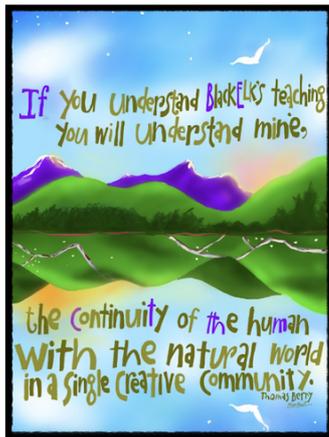
Connect

Locate other Passionist communities and learn about how they're building solidarity with the crucified of today.

JOIN OTHERS

Solidarity is a bold and prophetic experience for all of us to seek. It draws us ever closer to the margins and into the places where people are hurting and oppressed. Solidarity awakens the compassion of Christ in us.

We invite you to join us.



Engage Your Passion for Creation

Read about the ways our Passionist Congregation is learning to embrace integral ecology by engaging



Engage Your Passion for Justice

The Thomas Berry Place in Jamaica, NY calls us to put his vision into practice. Read about Reconnect



Engage Your Passion for Peacemaking

Pray and Fast | Statement from Fr. Joachim

The website for the PSN, PassionistSolidarityNetwork.Org has been dramatically changed to become a more useful and effective way to communicate with the Passionist Family on education, reflection and action. The website focuses on ways of addressing the signs of the times through the lens of the Passionist Charism.

and international perspectives. "Act" presents current calls to action and background on the "signs of the times." Both blog pages are categorized and organized by date.

The website also presents the ongoing work of PSN working groups, such as the Laudato Si' Action Platform and the Laudato Si' Corner. There is a page **Linking Justice with the Lectionary** which includes resources for preachers and teachers as well as a section, **PSN Endorsements and Statements: Expressing our solidarity through advocacy**. Finally, there are links to easily find and connect with other Passionist JPIC work and ministry sites.

Click away!

[Explore the new PSN website!](#)

PSN Director Search



David Horvath, who has directed the activities of the Passionist Solidarity Network with Holy Cross and St. Paul of the Cross provinces since 2015, has retired to spend more time with his family and with his other commitments to social justice in the Louisville area. We thank him for his gifts and skills which have deepened and helped us move this important work forward.

A search committee of the PSN Advisory Board is preparing a job description and a process for filling the position as soon as possible Contact [Fr. Joe Mitchell](mailto:jmitchellcp@yahoo.com) jmitchellcp@yahoo.com for more information and a copy of the job description.

Is the Spirit calling you or someone you know?

Something Extra

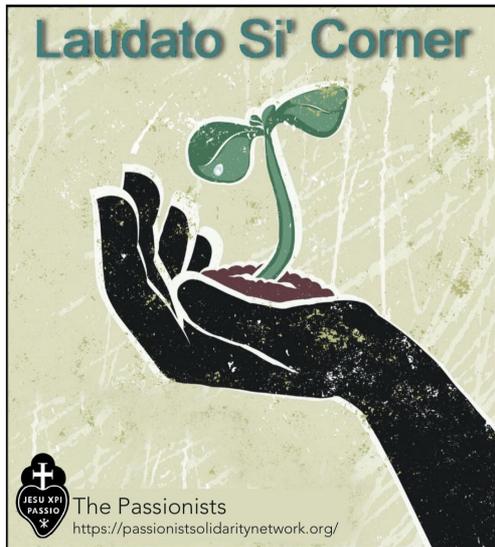
In celebration of the Solemn Commemoration of the Passion, members of our PSN Board participated in a special video entitled ***The Passionist Sign: Our Shared Story***.

This feast, which was instituted by St. Paul of the Cross, is a joyful celebration of the mystery of Good Friday focusing on the Passion as "the most overwhelming sign of God's love" (St. Paul of the Cross).

family today."



The Passionist Sign: Our Shared Story



It is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims. War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples, risks which are magnified when one considers nuclear arms and biological weapons." [57]



If a mistaken understanding of our own principles has at times led us to justify mistreating nature, to exercise tyranny over creation, to engage in war, injustice and acts of violence, we believers should acknowledge that by so doing we were not faithful to the treasures of wisdom which we have been called to protect and preserve." [200]

Question: What should we know about Ukraine relative to climate change and ecology?

Homework and Actions:

- [Pray and fast for peace.](#)

Linking Justice and Peace in the Lectionary



The Passionist Solidarity Network collaborates with other community justice and peace offices and we would love to see homily resources coming from the Passionist charism. Contact the [Passionist Solidarity Network](#) office if you would like to contribute.

Scripture reflections by Maryknoll missionaries starting in each new liturgical year. [Click here to subscribe.](#)

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).

New Content:

- Franciscan Action Network: Belonging Begins with Us uses [video homilies](#) from priests across the country to help find points of connection and shared experiences toward creating a more welcoming nation where everyone can belong. Catholic clergy interested in writing: [contact Jason Miller](#).
- [Catholic Women Preach](#): Text and video are used to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the Church today. This project is a deeply faithful, hopeful and joyful initiative intended to build up the Church.
- [We are Salt and Light](#): A [lectionary index](#) assists homilists in preparing messages that surface justice and peace themes plus see [a homily help resource](#) from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

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