



## December 2022 Newsletter

### New Director for Passionist Solidarity Network

PSN wants to congratulate David Horvath on his retirement this past April, and we thank him for his years of service and leadership. We wish him well in all his new endeavours.



Michael Nasello is the new Director of the PSN. Before joining, he worked as Director of Education for a Catholic School Board in Ontario, Canada, and, for several decades, has been involved in faith formation and education in schools and parishes, and among educational leaders. Most recently he was part of the Synod report writing team for the Diocese of Peterborough, Canada. He joins PSN with many years of experience with Passionist ministries and the Passionist charism. Michael writes: "I am honoured to be joining the Passionist Solidarity Network to guide PSN's mission to advocate, educate and promote the ministries of Passionists throughout the US, Canada and the Caribbean, to remember Jesus' Passion by entering into solidarity with the crucified of today. I look forward to the exciting challenges ahead."

**Reflections for Advent:** Join in the Holy Cross Passionist family Advent reflections – a happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all!  
<https://passionist.org/advent-calendar-2022/>



### A Great Read.....

Cardinal Czerny highlights the Church's preferential option for the poor, "a choice born of the encounter with Christ." At the lecture entitled, "Evangelization and Integral Human Development, given in Mainz, Germany to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Propaganda Fide.

[https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-12/czerny-church-preferential-option-for-poor-is-not-ideology.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-12/czerny-church-preferential-option-for-poor-is-not-ideology.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN)

### LAUDATO SÍ – The Passion of the Earth, the Wisdom of the Cross

The Passionists worldwide have committed to implementing a Laudato Sí seven-year study and action program. Check out the website and some excellent resources for your own reflection or study/action groups. Sessions 1, 2 & 3 are now online!

<https://www.passiochristi.org/laudato-si/>





[An advent of darkness, dragons and the Midnight Son.](#)  
[December 11, 2022](#)

Dear family and friends,

We are living in a dark age. But as true as there is darkness, it is also wondrously true that there is light.

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[Christmas, Fr. Rick Frechette, CP](#)

**PSN ADVOCACY:** This fall, PSN has signed on to various letters of support and advocacy for JPIC. This is an important facet of the mission of the PSN: to 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.

Letter to support preservation of Marine sanctuaries	<i>Creation Justice Ministries</i>
Letter advocating for U.S. Government financial support for Haitian farmers	<i>Faith in Action</i>
Letter to support passage of Law Enforcement De-escalation Act	<i>Jesuit Office of Justice &amp; Ecology</i>
Letter to Support President Biden and all world leaders to taking strongest possible ecological stance at COP27	<i>Catholic Climate Covenant</i>
Letter to support passage of Dreamers legislation (stability and security for migrants)	<i>Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns</i>
Letter in support of Human Immigration Reform in U.S.	<i>Intercommunity Peace and Justice Centre</i>
Letter in support of passage of U.S. Farm Bill	<i>Catholic Relief Services, USCCB</i>
Letter to support passage of Global Food Security Act	<i>Catholic Relief Services, USCCB</i>
Letter to President Biden to support restraint re: nuclear weapons	<i>Maryknoll Office of Global Concern</i>
Petition – a Catholic Call for LGBTQ non-discrimination	<i>New Ways Ministries</i>

Did you know?....

**Economy of Francesco** – In September 2022, a group of young adults from all over the world met to discuss the future of the global economy, specifically how they can influence alternative, justice-focused and ecology-minded approaches toward a sustainable future. Recalling the love of Saint Francis for the poor, Pope Francis wrote to them that the Economy of Francesco must “**respect, love, and care for the poor, for every poor person, for every fragile and vulnerable person.**” This, he said, means not only working for the poor, but changing the economy. Sept. 24, 2022

[https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2022-12/sant-egidio-solidarity-investment-conference-impagliazzo.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2022-12/sant-egidio-solidarity-investment-conference-impagliazzo.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsletterVN-EN)

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