

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Region

Annual Report for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

April 2009

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Vision:

The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Region will have a core of JPIC leaders in each area, a critical mass of SFOs literate in the Franciscan JPIC tradition, many effective ministries promoting peace, social justice, and ecological sustainability, and SFO Franciscan witnesses wherever and whenever injustice, conflict, and environmental degradation occur in our region.

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Goals:

- ⦿ Create list of SFOs interested in JPIC
- ⦿ Establish a BKTR JPIC committee
- ⦿ Purchase “JustFaith” and train core JPIC leaders
- ⦿ Mobilize SFOs to participate in state Lobby Days and Ecumenical Advocacy Days (Washington, D.C.)
- ⦿ Create a JPIC web presence and write Mirror articles
- ⦿ Disseminate info from JPIC listserv, FAN & FI
- ⦿ Finish Franciscan Ecology handbook & training
- ⦿ Promote C4C and St. Francis Pledge

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Progress:

- ⦿ Franciscan Ecology curriculum is drafted
 - Will work with FAN's new C4C curriculum
- ⦿ Purchased "JustFaith" curriculum
 - Fr. Richard Trezza secured matching funds from HNP
- ⦿ Attended Ecumenical Advocacy Days
 - Made Franciscan C4C presentation to Franciscan family

Next steps:

- ⦿ Assemble JPIC Committee this summer
- ⦿ Host Franciscan Ecology & JustFaith trainings this summer

Franciscan Action Network's

C4C curriculum

C4C = Care for Creation

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Franciscans are needed

We need a systemic approach to take the Franciscan Voice and ministry models and usher in a new Care for Creation movement

- Tell the new story
- Communities of transformation
- Systems change advocacy work
- Applied ministries and service

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Ecumenical Advocacy Days as the annual event
for Franciscan Care for Creation

- Franciscan track/workshops?
- Franciscan pre-conference?
- Franciscan eco-ministry/sharing updates?
- Interdenominational discussions
- Environmental Advocacy

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C4C curriculum

- Rooted in Franciscan ethics, Franciscan processes, and Franciscan themes
- Builds C4C learning & serving communities
- Goal: Franciscan ecology movement

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C4C curriculum

- 6 Sessions lead by facilitators
- Topics focus on environmental literacy,
- Franciscan literacy, and theological literacy
- Provides a Franciscan ecological immersion experience that fosters transformation and a practical response

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C4C curriculum

Process of development and timeline

- Draft C4C curriculum - done
- Offer pilot projects and evaluate - done
- Revise C4C curriculum and incorporate feedback - now
- Additional review by C4C panel – Spring/Summer 2009
- C4C Curriculum completion – August 2009
- Roll-out of C4C curriculum – October 2009 (Feast of St. Francis)

Francis did what was his to do.

Now this is ours to do.

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C4C curriculum



Catholic Climate Covenant SM

Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.





The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org/coalition_activities/covenant.html



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TAKE THE **ST. FRANCIS** PLEDGE

YOUR FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO CARE FOR CREATION AND THE POOR

St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor

I/We Pledge to:

- PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- ASSESS how we-as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations- contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.