

OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

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Live Stream Mass Schedule:

July 4—1pm & 6pm
July 10-11 — 5:30pm Vigil & 1pm

Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / Días laborables:

Mon-Fri, 12pm / lunes a viernes 12pm

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español), y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

July 4, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Office Building is now Open!

The renovation is complete and we have moved back to 2700 19th St S!

The office phone system will be fully setup by Thursday, July 8.

Until then, phones will be answered by Ministry Center staff.

¡El edificio de la oficina parroquial está nuevamente abierto!

¡Se terminó la renovación y nos hemos vuelto a mudar a 2700 19th St S!

El sistema de teléfonos de la oficina estará completamente configurado para el jueves 8 de julio. Entre tanto, el personal en el Ministry Center contestará las llamadas a la parroquia.

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” *Mark 6:4*



“Todos honran a un profeta, menos los de su tierra, sus parientes y los de su casa”. *Marcos 6,4*

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
PASTORAL SOLIDARITY FUND- AFRICA
SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
FONDO DE SOLIDARIDAD PASTORAL - ÁFRICA



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ
4 de julio 2021
DÉCIMO CUARTO DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION /
PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL**

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Cecilia Lopez Oetgen,
clopez@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los
bautizos, Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation / Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding
date to complete requirements.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes
de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Fr. Ray Hall Library

Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall

Saturdays 4:15-4:45pm & by appointment

Los sábados: 4:15-4:45pm y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$6,484

Peter's Pence / Colecta de Caridad del Papa: \$2,232

Faith Direct (June Average /

promedio del mes de junio): \$14,873

**MISAL PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA /
WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE**

Today's readings can be found on page 616.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 617.

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR:

Catherine Algeri, Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner Covington, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Bertie Leahy, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Bob Morsches, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Janet O'Neil, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Wally Reyes, Michael Rodgers, Maritza Roland, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Janet Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B); 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOQUINTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Amos 7:12-15 (104B); Ephesians 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13

Amós 7,12-15 (104B); Efesios 1,3-10; Marcos 6,7-13

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 3-9

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 3-9 JULIO

DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday July 3rd

5:30 pm Shirley Fratus (D) by Anne Flack

Sunday July 4th

8:00 am the Parish

9:30 am the Parish

11:15 am Jose de Mesa (D) by Judith Francia Reyes and Wally Reyes

1:00 pm María Ysabel Cayho Birthday (L)

by María Teresa Laguna & Family

6:00 pm Chrystelle Massou - for success in her current plans, wisdom,
and good health (L) by Nadege Massou

Monday July 5th

12:00 pm Patricia Seiler by the Martocci Family

Tuesday July 6th

12:00 pm Agnes Mireille Cherestal (D) by her Children

Wednesday July 7th

12:00 pm Laura Bernabe & Miguel Molina (D)

by Thelma Molina & Family

Thursday July 8th

12:00 pm Catalino Yaptenco (D) by Judy and Wally Reyes

Friday July 9th

12:00 pm the Parish

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER --

Thurs., July 15

This month's meal is Thursday, July 15. We're making made -to-order subs, toppings & condiments, brownies & ice cream, and lemonade (back to a favorite we couldn't offer during Covid.) Contributions can be brought to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner 12:00-5:00PM and placed in the fridge, freezer or on the counter as required. If you have a hardship delivering, please let us know and we'll find a way. Use labels on the counter to indicate what item is and the date of dinner. You may bring food to the Shelter on the day of dinner, clearly labeled the same. See Carpenter's website for current delivery protocol. Previous donors will receive the usual email containing the signup form. Others, please contact Mary at mary.resnick@gmail.com, or call 703-462-4841 to add your contribution. Thank you to all!

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS!

The Food Pantry is in real need of brown paper bags with handles. The bags are used for the weekly food distribution to about 500 families and the good news is that we can give your bags a second life before recycling. Consider this a part of your effort to reduce waste! Please drop off bags during office hours from 10am until 2pm in the food collection bins behind Father Ray Hall or bring them to church and place them in the bin in the vestibule. Thank you!

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Father Frantz, pastor of St. Joseph of Medor parish, wrote that the solar system that powers the rectory and the secondary school's computer lab has been repaired and upgraded. He is delighted to report that the system is working well and provides all the energy needed to run the laptops for each computer class as well as for the multiple activities occurring in the rectory. Since Medor is far from an electric grid, solar power is an important source of energy for the parish and is preferable to using the parish's generator of which fuel is expensive, in short supply, and difficult to transport up the mountain. Thank you to all for your love and support of the people of Medor.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Tuesday at 1:06pm to reflect on the topic of Evangelize. There is no time requirement for your reflection and no virtual meeting to join. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, please pause for your reflection knowing you are with others from the OLQP community. Anyone wishing to add the OLQP moment to their calendar can email "OLQP Moment" to Patrick Julius at patjulius@verizon.net to receive the information in a calendar request. Please specify if you want the reminder in Spanish.

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO --

el jueves, 15 de julio

Nuestra cena este mes va a ser sandwiches hechos por encargo, condimentos, brownies, helado y limonada (una de las cosas favoritas que no podíamos ofrecer durante Covid). Puede traer las contribuciones a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida entre las 12:00 y 5:00PM y ponerlas en el refrigerador, congelador o el mostrador. Si se le dificulta traer la contribución, por favor déjenos saber y le ayudaremos. Por favor use las etiquetas del mostrador para indicar lo que contribuye y la fecha de la comida. También puede traer la comida directamente al Refugio e identificarla de la misma manera. Vaya al sitio web del Carpenter Shelter para ver el protocolo de entrega sin contacto. Las personas que han donado antes van a recibir un correo electrónico de Mary que tendrá la hoja para apuntarse. Si quiere donar, por favor contacte a Mary: mary.resnick@gmail.com, o llame al 703-462-4841. ¡Gracias a todos!

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO!

Verdaderamente necesitamos bolsas de papel con agarraderas. Usamos las bolsas para la distribución de comida semanalmente para alrededor de 500 familias. Y la buena noticia es que les damos una segunda vida a las bolsas antes de reciclarlas. ¡Considere esto como parte de su aportación para ayudar a reducir el desperdicio! Por favor tráigalas durante las horas de trabajo de 10am a las 2pm a los contenedores de recogida de alimentos detrás de Fr. Ray Hall o tráigalas a Misa los domingos y déjelas en la parte de atrás de la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

El Padre Frantz, párroco de la parroquia St. Joseph de Medor, escribió que la instalación eléctrica solar provee la electricidad para la rectoría y el laboratorio de computadoras ha sido reparado y mejorado. Él está muy contento de reportar que el sistema está trabajando bien y provee toda la energía necesaria para alimentar las computadoras portátiles para cada clase de informática como también para las muchas actividades que ocurren en la rectoría. Debido a que Medor está lejos de una red eléctrica, la energía solar es una fuente importante de energía para la parroquia y es preferible usarla que usar el generador de la parroquia porque el combustible es caro, escasea y es difícil transportarlo montaña arriba. Gracias a todos ustedes por el amor y el apoyo que les dan a las personas de Medor.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el martes a la 1:06pm para reflexionar sobre el tema de Evangelizar. No se requiere que se reflexione por un tiempo específico y no hay que asistir a una reunión virtual. Dondequiera que esté, sin importar lo que está haciendo, por favor pare para reflexionar sabiendo que está unido/o a otras personas de la comunidad de OLQP. Cualquier persona que desea añadir el momento a su calendario puede mandarle un correo electrónico "Momento de OLQP" a Patrick Julius – patjulius@verizon.net para recibir la información en una solicitud para el calendario. Por favor especifique si quiere el recordatorio en español.

OLQP ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

OLQP Religious Education Families are collecting new backpacks and school supplies for parish and local children, kindergarten through high school.

We STILL need:

66 Pocket Folders	251 Pencils
94 Scissors	12 Colored Pencils
115Markers	263 Erasers
115 Covered Sharpeners	337Glue sticks
152 Uncovered Sharpeners	96 Crayons
15 Pens	864 Notebooks
216 Backpacks --not a typo!!!	397 Pencil boxes

Please note, we do not need 3-ring binders. School supplies can be left in the food collection bins behind Father Ray Hall. If you have questions or would like to provide an entire backpack, please contact Pat Vinkenes at patvinkenes@yahoo.com.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION For 2021-2022 NOW OPEN

The registration form is on the parish website (olqpva.org >> our faith >> registration) or you can call the Faith Formation office to receive a copy by mail. We are registering for all 2021- 2022 programs including first year sacramental programs (First Communion and Confirmation are now 2-year programs). There is a family book fee for Foundations of \$20; one fee per family. Program/book fees are also in place for the sacramental programs. Fees can be paid on-line through Faith Direct (Faithdirect.net, parish code VA271, note "foundations") or families can mail in a check with "foundations" on the memo line. Details on all the programs being offered for 2021-2022 school year are available on the parish website under "our faith" tab. Please contact our new Director of Faith Formation, Cecilia (clopez@olqpva.org), with any questions or call 703-979- 5580 to leave a message for a return call.

***Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.
Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.***

THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE ADVOCATE IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The latest OLQP newsletter shines a light on environmental justice and the use of renewable energy to lessen our carbon footprint. Articles also honor those who have passed away; highlight OLQP members engaged in community advocacy; and give an update on the Youth and Young Adult ministry. Read it online (<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org>) or send an email to jgantzdaly@olqpva.org to receive *The Advocate* by email or to have it sent to your home address.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL PARA RECOGER MOCHILAS Y MATERIALES ESCOLARES

Las familias de la Formación de fe de OLQP están recogiendo mochilas nuevas y materiales escolares para las niñas y niños de la parroquia y del barrio de kindergarten a la escuela superior.

Por favor considere apoyar a nuestras niñas y niños. Verdaderamente necesitamos su ayuda y todavía necesitamos los siguientes artículos:

66 carpetas con bolsillos	251 lápices
94 tijeras	12 lápices de color
115 marcadores	263 gomas de borrar
115 sacapuntas con tapa	152 sacapuntas sin tapa
337 barras de pegamento	96 crayolas
15 bolígrafos	397 cajas para lápices
216 mochilas -- ¡Esto no es un error!	864 libretas

Por favor fjese que no necesitamos carpetas de anillas. Puede dejar los materiales escolares en los contenedores para los alimentos detrás de Fr. Ray Hall. Si tiene preguntas o quisiera donar una mochila completa, por favor contacte a Pat Vinkenes: patvinkenes@yahoo.com.

LA MATRÍCULA PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA EL 2021-2022 ESTÁ ABIERTA AHORA

El formulario de inscripción está en el sitio web de la parroquia (olqpva.org >> our faith >> registration) o puede llamar a la oficina de Formación de fe para recibir una copia por correo. Estamos matriculando para todos los programas del 2021-2022 incluyendo los sacramentales del primer año (Primera comunión y Confirmación ahora son programas de 2 años). Algo nuevo para el año escolar del 2021-2022 es una cuota por familia de libros de \$20. Hay también cuotas adicionales para programas/libros para los programas de los sacramentos. Las cuotas se pueden pagar en línea por Faith Direct (Faithdirect.net, código de la parroquia VA271, "foundations") o las familias pueden enviar un cheque por correo con "foundations" en la línea del asunto. Detalles acerca de todos los programas que se ofrecen para el año escolar del 2021-2022 están disponibles bajo la pestaña (tab) "our faith" del sitio web de la parroquia. Por favor contacte a nuestra nueva directora de la Formación de fe, Cecilia (clopez@olqpva.org), si tiene alguna pregunta o llame al 703-979-

MINKISI'S SCRIPTURE PRAYER AND REFLECTION "Walk in the Light"

All are invited to Minkisi's monthly Scripture Prayer and Reflection, at 6:45-9:00 pm, July 12, second Monday, in Zoom. Bob Rohde will lead the meditation on Luke 10:1, 17-20. Contact Cecilia Braveboy for program information, jisaac3@verizon.net, and for registration assistance Melody Atkinson, melatkinson72@gmail.com. REGISTER BY FRIDAY, July 9, and go to: <https://bit.ly/minkisijuly>.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

November 3 - 13

Join Father Peter McShurley and Father Ed Hathaway of the Diocese of Arlington on a pilgrimage to Italy this November. This trip features six nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi and includes round-trip airfare from IAD. You can expect beautiful four-star hotels, private transportation, an incredible program of Catholic and cultural tours led by master guides, most meals, and daily Mass, prayers and spiritual direction. The cost is \$4490.00 per person. Space is limited to forty pilgrims total.

NB - A negative Covid-19 test is required to visit Italy. The vaccine is not required.

For more information or to register please visit www.prorometours.com/italy-arlington or contact Margaret at office@prorome.com or 434-953-1112.

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

In today's Gospel Jesus goes home and is not well received by his neighbors and boyhood friends, even though large crowds from other towns and villages followed him around and he was causing a great commotion throughout the region by his preaching and the miracles he worked.

In spite of the fact that his hometown people were "astonished" by his words...they did not believe in him...perhaps their familiarity with Jesus and his family blinded them to his awesome power...and their lack of faith prevented Jesus from working great miracles in their presence.

Aware of their lack of acceptance of him, Jesus acknowledged that a prophet is seldom if ever accepted in his/her home town.

Perhaps it was jealousy or fear that kept Jesus' neighbors and friends from accepting and acknowledging his power and true identity.

Often enough our own insecurities prevent us from rejoicing in the successes of our family and friends...how sad when we cannot rejoice in and raise up the prophets in our midst...perhaps because they challenge us to see things with new eyes...perhaps it is because they challenge us to change how we live our lives!

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

We are so pleased with the uptick in online giving here at OLQP, especially with Sunday Offertory giving and especially as the pandemic continues to impact Mass attendance. We're not quite where we were pre-pandemic, but we're coming back! Sunday Offertory are contributions we rely on to pay for general operating expenses — liturgical supplies, janitorial supplies, payroll, ministry needs, lawn care and pest control, IT support and equipment maintenance and upgrades, insurance costs, office supplies, diocesan assessments, etc.

Faith Direct—a safe and secure e-giving company ranked as one of the top options by the diocese—handles ACH and credit card transactions for our parish. You can setup recurring Sunday offertory giving as well as second collection giving, and a number of special giving options such as the Food Pantry, the Covid Fund and the Youth Ministry Summer Work Camp. Sign up by visiting: <https://faith.direct/VA271>. The site will offer a list of all the options.

Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

Being a true disciple of Jesus means that we are all called to live prophetic lives, witnessing to the Gospel through our words and actions...and we, like Jesus, will be rejected in some places by those who refuse the challenge of living a Gospel centered life.

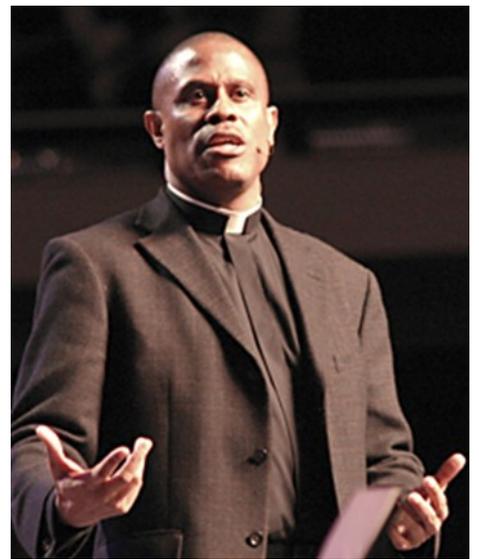
But we need not worry for like God told Paul... "my Grace is sufficient for you"! So we know that God's grace is indeed sufficient for us to stand up to the powers that be and demand racial justice for all of our sisters and brothers of color, NOW! Let us fight against racist and bigoted actions and words wherever and whenever we see them or hear about them.

Our discipleship calls us to be the prophetic voices in the midst of this appalling manmade humanitarian crisis at the border! Let us continue to speak out and to act to bring about a humane and just immigration policy and an end to all the detentions and the turning away of lawful asylum seekers. Let us welcome the stranger among us as the sisters and brothers they are.

Knowing God's grace is sufficient for us, let us all work for a more peaceful and just society through all we say and do!

*Blessings,
Fr. Tim*

Pax Christi USA recognizes Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, S.T.D. with the 2021 Teacher of Peace Award



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, D.C.— Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement, has recognized Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, S.T.D., theologian, author and scholar-activist, as the 2021 recipient of the **Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award**. With this award, Pax Christi USA is recognizing Rev. Massingale’s witness and leadership, his accompaniment and guidance of movements and organizations committed to the work of peace and social justice (including our own), and his promotion of the social mission of the gospel.

“I have often referred to Father Bryan Massingale as my teacher, especially in matters of understanding and responding to systematic racism,” stated Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop-President of Pax Christi USA. “He is clearly a Teacher of Peace and calls each of us all to work for genuine peace with justice. His prophetic voice is needed at this moment in our history and I am so pleased that Pax Christi USA is honoring him in this way.”

Rev. Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is the James and Nancy Buckman Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University and the Senior Fellow in its Center for Ethics Education. He is the author of ***Racial Justice and the Catholic Church***, considered to be one of the preeminent books on racial justice and faith, offering both an exploration and critique of the

Catholic Church’s history in relation to racism. For all those concerned with justice and healing for our world, Rev. Massingale’s voice and perspective are essential.

“Fr. Massingale is the prophetic edge of the Catholic Church in the United States today,” stated Isaac Chandler, National Chair of Pax Christi USA. “In word or action, he mines the intersections of race, sexuality, and faith, raising our awareness of issues ranging from criminal justice to LGBTQ rights to capital punishment. He is the voice of reason and leadership that is needed to guide us through these turbulent times. We are thrilled to honor him as this year’s Teacher of Peace Award recipient.”

An award-winning contributor to major Catholic thought vehicles such as *US Catholic*, *Commonweal*, *America Magazine*, and *The National Catholic Reporter*, Rev. Massingale is also a public intellectual who frequently addresses issues of racial and sexual justice on National Public Radio (NPR), ABC News, and the PBS NewsHour, as well as in the Huffington Post and the Associated Press. His current writing projects explore the contributions of Black radicalism to Catholic theology; the notion of “cultural sin” and its challenge to Catholic theological ethics; and the intersections of race and sexuality in both social life and Catholicism.

In her nomination of Rev. Massingale for the 2021 Teacher of Peace Award,

Pearlette Springer, coordinator of the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team, wrote: “Fr. Bryan has been a ‘teacher of peace’ most of his life, going above and beyond the norm to sustain efforts to address social injustices within the Catholic Church. ... He continues to push the envelope in service to BIPOC and LGBTQ communities.”

Pax Christi USA first gave the Teacher of Peace Award to Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, in 1978 and has since recognized some of the most significant U.S. Catholic activists for peace and justice of the past 4 decades, including actor Martin Sheen; poet and priest Daniel Berrigan, S.J.; torture survivor and abolition activist Sr. Dianna Ortiz, O.S.U.; and *Dead Man Walking* author Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J.

This year’s Teacher of Peace award will be presented to Rev. Massingale on July 31st at **Pax Christi USA’s 2021 National Conference**.

The OLQP Pastoral Staff stands with Pax Christi USA in honoring Rev. Bryan Massingale for his commitment to the work of peace and justice, especially as it relates to race relations.

Sustainable farms show how Catholics can apply *Laudato Si'* to their daily lives

By **Barbara Fraser**

For the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, in Indiana, a commitment to environmental justice is rooted in St. Mother Theodore Guerin's love for the forest and farmland where she started the teaching community in the 1840s.

Nearly two centuries later, her love for the place has taken root in new ways, first with the establishment of the community's White Violet Center for Eco-Justice in 1996, and more recently with a commitment to climate justice, spurred by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home."

"Love for the land is important," Lorrie Heber, director of the eco-justice center, said during a [June 23 webinar](#) sponsored by the Catholic Climate Covenant, featuring three of what the group calls "sustainability champions."

By highlighting three farm-related projects where Catholics are living out *Laudato Si'*, the virtual event helped show how groups can take part in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform that the Vatican launched in May.

The action platform invites Catholic families, parishes and dioceses, schools and universities, health care facilities, religious communities, farms and businesses, and lay-run organizations to [commit to achieving sustainability](#) over the next seven years.

For the Sisters of Providence, the shift came in the 1980s and 1990s, when the community began to focus more on social justice and one sister became concerned about how the community's farmland was being treated by the industrial-scale farmers who rented it for commercial agriculture. The sisters decided to take back management of their land, founding the [White Violet Center for Eco-Justice](#) in 1996 to better care for creation.

The sisters ground their efforts in Francis' call for Christians to "realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and the creator is an essential part of our faith, that we have a responsibility and a duty to undertake this work, that everything is interconnected," Heber said. "This invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity

which flows from the mystery of the Trinity."

They now manage some land for forestry, raise certified organic produce, have areas with plants that attract pollinators, and grow hay to feed their 36 alpacas, which are a high point for visitors.

People visit the center "because they want to meet the alpacas, and while they're here, we get to introduce them to farming," Heber said. "The Sisters of Providence are growing as a congregation, and one of the touch points for that growth ... has certainly been the work that we do through the White Violet Center."

After Francis issued *Laudato Si'*, the sisters decided to [focus their justice efforts on climate change](#), launching a task force, issuing a manifesto and making their own commitment, as a community, to reduce their carbon footprint.

The community's members range in age from 28 to 104, live in very different situations and had different degrees of awareness of sustainability issues, so the sisters developed a method that "met people where they

are and allowed them to commit to what they could do in their own environment," Heber said, using the book *Low Carbon Diet, a 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds* as a guide.

As the community's general chapter approaches, the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform is "a really good opportunity for a renewed direction," she added.

Laudato Si', with its call to heed "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor," also spurred a community of Conventual Franciscan friars in Ellicott City, Maryland, to stop leasing their land for industrial, single-crop farming and launch [Little Portion Farm](#), which raises organic crops for a soup kitchen in nearby Baltimore.

"After *Laudato Si'* came out, the friars decided that they wanted to manage the land differently ... in a way that we believe is caring for creation," Matthew Jones, Little Portion's farm and outreach coordinator, said during the webinar.

For the Franciscans, hearing the cry of the earth meant restoring the depleted soil with cover crops and doing the farm work by hand, without machinery that would destroy the soil structure and release greenhouse gases.

Following St. Francis' exhortation to keep part of the garden wild, the friars and the volunteers who work on the farm also have planted wildflowers to attract beneficial insects, as well as native shrubs for hedgerows and windbreaks. "So we're balancing out the ecosystem," Jones said.

The produce goes to the soup kitchen at the Franciscan Center of Baltimore, which Jones said has served as many as 1,000 meals a day during the pandemic, providing organic produce to people who might have trouble

buying fresh fruits and vegetables.

Prayer is also part of farming at Little Portion, with the friars and volunteers joining in rituals to bless the seeds for planting and the first fruits of the harvest. Jones suggested that even Catholics who are not farmers can put *Laudato Si'* into practice through prayer.

Saying grace before meals "reminds us of our dependence on God for life," he said. "Most of us eat three meals a day, so each of these moments presents an opportunity to experience a direct connection with the earth and with our neighbors, and ... ultimately to connect with God."

Slightly to the west, in Clayton, West Virginia, [Bethlehem Farm](#) is a Catholic community that invites visitors to develop a deeper connection with the earth and with neighbors by working on the farm, living in community and helping local people with home repairs, said Molly Sutter, one of the farm's caretakers.

Along the way, they disconnect from telephones, watches, iPods and the internet; experience an "electricity fast;" plan and celebrate liturgies together; and learn what Catholic social teaching has to say about ecology and faith.

Bethlehem Farm draws inspiration from *Laudato Si'*, but also from earlier pastoral writings by the bishops of Appalachia and the Catholic Committee of Appalachia. The caretakers live in intentional community, receiving volunteers — about 400 people a year before the pandemic — for week-long stays. They also offer retreats.

In an area where the nearest grocery store is 40 minutes away, visitors learn the importance of eating "as locally and sustainably as possible" and caring

for creation through organic farming, she said. They develop a different relationship with water by using the rainwater the farm collects and limiting themselves to two showers a week.

At the end of the week, "we invite our volunteers to take [the experience] home," Sutter said. "We know that our environmental issues are Catholic issues, not just because of what climate change is going to do in the next 10, 20 or 50 years, but because of how it impacts the poor and vulnerable today."

To put *Laudato Si'* into action closer to home, she suggested, people can look for local volunteer opportunities, build relationships with local farmers, engage in an electricity fast or work on local environmental issues.

"If you work with young people or parent young people, teach them about sustainability. If you are a young person, teach your parents or your teachers about sustainability. Start the conversation" at home, at work, in your parish or book club, Sutter said. "What we invest our time, our talent and our treasure in is what we will see continue to grow throughout our lives."

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