

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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Office Hours (mask required)

Horas de oficina (se requiere el uso de mascarillas) Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm
Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

21-22 May— 5:30pm and 1pm in Spanish
21-22 de mayo— 5:30pm y 1pm
en español

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

May 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peace, I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.

John 14:27



La paz les dejo,
mi paz les doy.

Juan 14:27

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS' SECOND COLLECTION!

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests this weekend. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently there are 31 retired priests and an additional 15 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

¡SEGUNDA COLECTA PARA LOS SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS JUBILADOS!

Vamos a tener una segunda colecta para nuestros sacerdotes diocesanos jubilados el fin de semana del 21 y 22 de mayo. Esta colecta es una oportunidad para hacer algo por nuestros sacerdotes jubilados que han dado la mayor parte de sus vidas para servirles a ustedes y nuestra Iglesia diocesana. Actualmente hay 31 sacerdotes jubilados y 15 otros que se jubilarán en los próximos diez años. Por favor consideren hacer una donación para esta importante colecta. Gracias por su apoyo.



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

22 de mayo de 2022

SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Sandra Rivera,
srivera@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los
bautizos, Sandra Rivera, srivera@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

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo:

May 7-8 / 7-8 mayo: \$6,325

May 14-15 / 14-15 mayo: \$4,888

Catholic Communications Campaign / Comunicación Católica: \$1,911

Faith Direct (April Average /

promedio del mes de abril): \$13,843

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 802

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 803

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, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, Harris Family, Sally Hars, 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, 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, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Janet O'Neil, Carol Pacello, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Wally Reyes, Jeanna Reynolds, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Jim Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Hugo Sotomayor, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utey, Robin Vogel, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (57C); Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29
Hechos 15,1-2, 22-29 (57C); Apocalipsis 21, 10-14, 22-23; Juan 14,23-29

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR

Acts 1:1-44 (58C); Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23;
Luke 24:46-53

Hechos 1,1-11 (58C); Efesios 1,17-23 or Hebreos 9,24-28, 10,19-23;
Lucas 24,46-53

MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 21-27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 21-27 MAYO

SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Saturday May 21st

5:30 pm Charlie Horner (D) by Dan & Chatty Cunningham

Sunday May 22nd

8:00 am Jim Keightley (Birthday) (D) by the Keightley family
9:30 am the parish

11:15 am Sr. Connie Parcasio, SNDS (L) by Judy & Wally Reyes

1:00 pm Juan Antonio Jiménez (D) by Carmen Elena Ríos & family

6:00 pm Paulino Resma Sr. (D) by Susan Francia

Monday May 23rd

12:00 pm Mary M. Kearney (D) by Rein & Kearney families

Tuesday May 24th

12:00 pm Gail Malloy (D) by Ann Johnson

Wednesday May 25th

12:00 pm the parish

Thursday May 26th

12:00 pm People of Ukraine by Pat Carty

Friday May 27th

12:00 pm José Gomez (D) by Emma Grayeb

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO... Pretty much everyone has felt lonely, abandoned by friends or loved ones at some point in their lives. Most of us have felt fearful; wondering how we will make it through rough times with our children or parents, siblings or friends. Or, for African Americans and people of color -- they worry if they and their loved ones will make it through the violence spawned by racism and white supremacy that plagues our country, and our world.

Or, like the residents of Buffalo NY, who have suffered such horrible personal loss, wondering, how will they carry on?

Or we may have suffered or be suffering a terrible illness and wonder if we will be able to make it through it.

Today's Gospel tells us that in the very midst of our "lostness"...suffering...fear or sense of abandon that we are never truly alone, we are not abandoned, we are not orphans....for the Risen Christ remains with us.

When I was little I used to think that Christ was with me....but only when I was doing something good or only when I was in holy or sacred places.

Oh, how wrong I was! Jesus proclaims to the disciples that no matter what they "feel," not matter where they go, he will be with them. And, even more -- the Holy Spirit will be given to them and find a resting place within them.

We are the inheritors of this same promise. We are never alone; never abandoned! Our God is with us always...even when we can't feel that presence or sense it, God is with us. Even in the midst of our worst moments, our most selfish actions, even in the midst of our greatest sin...God is present and loving us through that dark moment -- whether I

acknowledge or embrace that presence or not! The "Presence" is still there! And each moment is charged with the possibility of different outcomes, precisely because of that "Presence". But, only if I am open and present to it!

When I embrace that presence of that Divinity that dwells within me, then new and different possibilities abound for my life. Embracing that Divine Presence within me and embracing it in "the other" is how I can work to overcome the sins of racism and white supremacy. When I acknowledge and embrace God's very presence in "the other" then I will truly see them as "God bearers", they themselves, dwellings of God!

This message of the "Divine indwelling" is a critical part of the core message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, along with *Christ's great command*, to "love one another as I have loved you". These truths leave NO space for racism and white supremacy! None!

Let us continue to hold in prayer the victims and families, friends and residents of Buffalo New York in the midst of their sorrow and grief. But also let us work to find meaningful ways to fight systemic racism and white supremacy in our nation and in the world around us.

How do I respond to being loved so deeply and passionately by God? How do I share God's amazing love for each person, with others who are different from me? When was the last time I heard the Holy Spirit calling me to something...or away from something, what was or will my response be?

Easter Blessings,
Fr. Tim

MATTHEW 25, LOOKING FOR SORTERS – We are looking for a few good people to help sort for our very busy store. Sorters help with the store, the Afghan families, Feast on the Streets and Solidarity for Immigrants and Refugees. This is a great activity for youth, 16 years and older. Please consider helping one of the oldest ministries at OLQP. We need people Monday thru Thursday, 9 to noon. If interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

FOOD PANTRY – We are looking for 5 families/groups/friends to volunteer to glean at 2 local farmer's markets on Sundays. Fairlington Farmer's Market is up and running and the volunteers need to arrive at 12:30pm. It takes about 45 minutes to an hour to collect everything and place it in the car. The items are brought back to Father Ray Hall where they are refrigerated (if necessary) or placed in the room for produce. The Columbia Pike Farmer's Market will begin in June. Training will be provided. We are hoping to have enough interest that each group would only have to do it once per month or every 5 weeks. Interested? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org. Thank you for your continued support.

MATEO 25, BUSCA A PERSONAS PARA ORGANIZAR – Buscamos a unas cuantas buenas personas para ayudar a organizar nuestra tienda que es muy activa. Las personas organizadoras ayudan con la tienda, las familias afganas, Fiesta en la calle y Solidaridad con inmigrantes y refugiados. Esta actividad es muy buena para los jóvenes de 16 años o más. Por favor considere ayudar uno de los ministerios más antiguos en OLQP. Necesitamos personas de lunes a jueves, de 9 al mediodía. Si está interesada/o, por favor contacte a Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS – Estamos buscando a 5 familias/grupos/amistades para ofrecerse de voluntarios para espigar en 2 mercados campesinos los domingos. El mercado campesino Fairlingtonya está ya en marcha y las personas voluntarias necesitan llegar a las 12:30 p.m. Toma de 45 minutos a una hora recoger todo y ponerlo en el auto. Los artículos se traen a Fr. Ray Hall donde se refrigeran si es necesario o se ponen en el cuarto para los vegetales. El mercado campesino Columbia Pike va a empezar en junio. Se va a ofrecer entrenamiento. Esperamos tener suficiente interés para que cada grupo solo tenga que trabajar una vez al mes o cada 5 semanas. ¿Está interesada/o? Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

Special 2nd Collection:

SPIRITAN PENTECOST APPEAL – Weekend of June 4-5

It is the custom of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) to have a special collection on Pentecost Sunday to unite our parishioners and the people we are privileged to serve overseas. This annual collection helps the Spiritans spread the Good News “to the ends of the earth”. It is a great symbol of solidarity between the Spiritans at home and those Spiritans who serve in the Missions abroad, e.g., in Mexico, Taiwan, Tanzania, Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. As your pastor and associate pastor we want to personally thank you for your sacrifice for the work of the Church and your support of the missionary efforts of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. God bless you for your kindness. Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

ISIDORE'S GARDEN

Thank you to all who helped with Isidore's Garden Planting Day on May 14. A special thank you to Fr. Martin who blessed the garden and MFNV Extension Master Gardeners, Judy Johnson and Nina DeRosa, who helped plan the garden.

Please consider helping with this ministry that supplements our food pantry. We need volunteers during the growing season to help care for the garden...no experience required! Harvesting takes place on Tuesdays for the produce to be included with the food pantry distribution. Please e-mail

julenejarnot@gmail.com for more information. Visit <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/isidores-garden.html> to sign up for a week. Thank you.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

You and your families are invited to join Bishop Michael Burbidge and others from around the diocese for the second annual Diocesan Family Festival on Saturday, June 11, from 4pm - 8:30pm at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal. The event is free! It starts with an outdoor Vigil Mass at 4pm. You can bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from one of the many food trucks. Enjoy games, rides & inflatables for kids; lots of vendors, and musical guests including: Celtic rock band Scythian, and popular singer-songwriter Karla Miranda. To learn more visit: arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/. Space is limited so be sure to register.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

“You don’t have to be perfect to be a perfect parent.”

That’s the message that Adopt US Kids conveys about becoming an adoptive or foster family. Youth in foster care don’t need perfection; they need the commitment and love a forever family can provide. Learn more at

www.adoptuskids.org, and consider joining the Building Forever Families ministry to adoption & foster care. Drop off donations for Comfort Cases in the vestibule of Fr. Ray Hall. Contact Rebecca Carpenter (rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com) or Debra & Ralph Johnson (debralpholqp@gmail.com) to learn more.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Monday at 5:23pm to reflect on the topic of **Truth**. 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 receive the information in a calendar request (Patrick Julius at patjulius@verizon.net). Please specify if you want the reminder in Spanish.

2^{da} Colecta Especial

APELACIÓN DE PENTECOSTÉS DE LOS ESPIRITANOS – el fin de semana del 4-5 de junio

Es costumbre de la Congregación del Espíritu Santo (los spiritanos) tener una colecta especial el domingo de Pentecostés para unir a nuestros feligreses y a las personas que tenemos el privilegio de servir en el extranjero. Esta colecta anual ayuda a los spiritanos a difundir las Buenas Nuevas “hasta los confines de la tierra.” Es un gran símbolo de solidaridad entre los spiritanos que sirven en las misiones en el extranjero, por ejemplo, en México, Taiwán, Tanzania, Vietnam y la República Dominicana. Como su párroco y párroco asociado queremos personalmente darles las gracias por su sacrificio por la labor de la Iglesia y su apoyo por los esfuerzos misioneros de la Congregación del Espíritu Santo. Dios les bendiga a todos por su generosidad. El Padre Tim y el Padre Martin

EL JARDÍN DE ISIDORO

Les damos las gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron el Día de la siembra en el jardín de Isidoro el 14 de mayo, especialmente al Padre Martin que bendijo el jardín y a Judy Johnson y Nina DeRosa (Extension Master Gardners) que ayudaron a sembrar el jardín. Por favor considere ayudar con este ministerio que complementa nuestra despensa de alimentos. Necesitamos personas voluntarias durante el tiempo de cosecha para cuidar del jardín. ¡No se necesita tener experiencia! El trabajo es los martes para poder incluir los vegetales con la distribución de la despensa de alimentos. Por favor mande un correo electrónico a julenejarnot@gmail.com para obtener más información. Visite <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/isidores-garden.html> para apuntarse para trabajar una semana. Gracias.

FESTIVAL FAMILIAR DIOCESANO

Ustedes y sus familias están invitados a unirse al Obispo Michael Burbidge y a otras personas de la diócesis para el segundo Festival Familiar Diocesano el sábado, 11 de junio de 4pm a 8:30pm en Warren County Fairgrounds en Front Royal. ¡El evento es gratis! Empieza con una Misa de vigilia al aire libre a las 4pm. Puede traer su propio picnic o comprar comida de uno de los muchos camiones de comida. Disfrute de juegos, atracciones y juegos inflables para las niñas y niños. Habrá muchos vendedores y música, que incluyen la banda de Celtic rock Scythian y la cantante y autora popular Karla Miranda. Para aprender más visite: arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/. El espacio es limitado, así que asegúrese de inscribirse.

MES NACIONAL DEL CUIDADO TUTELAR

“Usted no tiene que ser perfecta/o para ser una madre perfecta o un padre perfecto”.

Ese es el mensaje que Adopt US Kids comunica sobre ser una familia adoptiva o de cuidado tutelar. Las niñas y niños en cuidado tutelar no necesitan perfección; lo que necesitan es el compromiso y el amor que una familia para siempre les puede ofrecer. Aprenda más en www.adoptuskids.org, y considere unirse al ministerio de Creando familias para siempre de adopción y cuidado tutelar. Traiga donaciones para Comfort Cases al vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall o contacte a Rebecca Carpenter (rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com) o a Debra & Ralph Johnson (debralpholqp@gmail.com) para aprender más.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el lunes a las 5:23pm para reflexionar sobre el tema de la **Verdad**. 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 unida/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.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Soirisne Saul, the director of Medor's clean water program, visited 375 families from January through March this year to provide instruction on how to purify water. This was no easy task because he walked many miles over rugged terrain to reach each family. He states that ~65% of the families use treated water. With the unrest in many Haitian cities, the people of Medor avoid leaving their community in order to keep themselves safe. Getting supplies for cleaning the water has become very difficult. It is admirable that, despite Haiti's difficulties, so many Medor families recognize the importance of clean water and find ways to follow water purification guidelines. We are grateful to Soirisne for his excellent work!

WE'RE CELEBRATING PARISH GRADUATES

Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish graduates by publishing their picture in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email the photo to office@olqpva.org and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your message. **Deadline is Sunday, June 19** (for publication in the June 25-26 Graduation Bulletin).

VIRGINIANS ORGANIZED FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (VOICE) is ready to mobilize. Our Lady Queen of Peace VOICE will hold one more listening session of ten (10) parishioners per session at 1915 S Edgewood Street. Each discussion will center around VOICE's 2022 priorities of Mental Health and Addiction and Affordable Housing, plus any topic close to your heart. **Next session: Saturday, May 28 at 10am. Let us know you plan to attend** (Chuck Moran at chuckmoran106@gmail.com, Roy Tucker at roytucker12@gmail.com or Shirley Hopkins at sblackbae@gmail.com).

OLQP Homeless Ministry "FEAST ON THE STREET" Needs Your Support

Every Thursday afternoon, with the help of many parish families, our often forgotten, unhoused brothers and sisters, living on the streets of DC, are fed and clothed. One week it's a hot meal of chili, the following is a brown bag dinner containing several sandwich choices. Always fruit, brownies, and water. The clothing and toiletry line has become more popular, and almost more essential than anything else we provide. Birthdays are celebrated, stories are shared, and desires made known. Community and friendship has been created. All of this is possible because of the generosity of OLQP. Thank you!

As the need for food and clothing continues to grow each week, we are seeking several more volunteers, who may be able to donate 10-20 brown bag sandwiches each month, or a pot of chili. We are also in need of a volunteer to help sort, label, and pack the clothing bags on Wednesday mornings. Donations of men's boxers (sizes M-3xl), large bars of soap, travel size hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and toilet paper are also appreciated. If you are able to help with any of these needs, please contact Katie Remedios or Jack McHale for details (katie.remedios@gmail.com, Mchalej68@gmail.com).

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

Soirisne Saul, el director del programa de agua limpia de Medor, visitó a 375 familias entre enero y marzo este año para proveer instrucciones de cómo purificar el agua. Esto no fue fácil porque él caminó muchas millas por terreno escabroso para llegar a cada familia. Él dice que aproximadamente 65% de las familias usan agua procesada. Debido a los disturbios en muchas ciudades en Haití, las personas de Medor evitan salir de sus comunidades para mantenerse seguras. Obtener suministros para purificar el agua ha resultado muy difícil. Es admirable que, a pesar de las dificultades en Haití, muchas familias de Medor reconocen la importancia de tener agua limpia y de encontrar maneras de seguir las directrices para la purificación del agua. ¡Le agradecemos mucho a Soirisne su excelente trabajo!

ESTAMOS CELEBRANDO A LOS GRADUADOS DE LA PARROQUIA

Cada año, OLQP honra orgullosamente y publica las fotos de los miembros de la parroquia que se graduaron en el *Graduation Bulletin* (el Boletín de la graduación). Incluimos a estudiantes de escuela media, escuela superior y universidad. Si quiere que la foto de su graduada/o salga en el boletín, por favor mande la foto por correo electrónico a office@olqpva.org e incluya una nota con el nombre de quien se gradúa y el de su escuela. Por favor indique "graduation bulletin" en la línea del asunto de su mensaje. **La fecha límite es el domingo, 19 de junio** (para la publicación en el boletín de graduación del 25 y 25 de junio).

LA ORGANIZACIÓN VIRGINIANS ORGANIZED FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (VOICE) está lista para movilizarse. Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz VOICE va a tener otra sesión de escucha de diez (10) feligreses por sesión en 1915 S Edgewood Street. Cada discusión se va a concentrar en las prioridades de VOICE 2022 de salud mental y adicción y vivienda asequible, además de cualquier otro tema de su predilección. **La próxima sesión: el sábado, 28 de mayo a las 10am. Déjenos saber que piensa asistir.** (Chuck Moran - chuckmoran106@gmail.com, Roy Tucker - roytucker12@gmail.com o Shirley Hopkins - sblackbae@gmail.com).

"FEAST ON THE STREET" / "BANQUETE EN LA CALLE" Necesita su apoyo

Cada jueves por la tarde, con la ayuda de muchas familias de la parroquia, nuestras hermanas y hermanos sin vivienda, que viven en las calles de DC y que a menudo olvidamos, reciben comida y ropa. Una semana es una comida caliente de chili, la siguiente es una bolsa de papel que contiene varias opciones de bocadillos. Siempre reciben fruta, brownies y agua. La ropa y los artículos de tocador se han convertido en lo más popular y casi más esencial que cualquier otra cosa que proveemos. Se celebran los cumpleaños, se comparten historias y se expresan los deseos. Se ha creado comunidad y amistades. Todos esto es posible debido a la generosidad de OLQP. ¡Gracias!

Mientras que la necesidad de comida y ropa continúa aumentando cada semana, buscamos varias personas voluntarias más, que puedan donar 10-20 bolsas de papel con bocadillos cada mes o una olla de chili. También necesitamos a una persona voluntaria para organizar, identificar y empacar las bolsas de ropa los miércoles por la mañana. También apreciamos donaciones de calzoncillos tipo bóxer para hombres de tamaño M-3XL, barras de jabón, desinfectante de manos tamaño miniatura, pasta de dientes y papel de inodoro. Si puede ayudar con alguna de estas cosas, por favor contacte a Katie Remedios o a Jack McHale para más información (katie.remedios@gmail.com o Mchalej68@gmail.com).

PLANT HOPE – Moms Demand Action, Arlington invites you to join in the **WEAR ORANGE** event to end gun violence on Saturday, June 4, 5-6pm at Hope Garden (2100 Clarendon Blvd. – corner of 15th St N and Courthouse Rd). This Wear Orange event honors victims of gun violence in America. Bring a rock to add to the memorial garden and bring a small toy (new or gently used) for the community partners. Remember to Wear Orange or plan to buy a new orange Moms t-shirt!

Be part of the nationwide call to **End Gun Violence!**

SIEMPRE ESPERANZA – las Madres exigen acción, Arlington les invita a unirse al evento **WEAR ORANGE (VÍSTASE DE NARANJA)** el sábado, 4 de junio de 5 a 6pm en Hope Garden (2100 Clarendon Blvd. – esquina 15 St. N y Courthouse Rd.) para acabar con la violencia por armas de fuego. Este evento honra a las víctimas de la violencia por armas de fuego en América. Traiga una roca para añadir al jardín conmemorativo y traiga un juguete pequeño (nuevo o de poco uso) para las alianzas comunitarias. ¡Recuerde vestirse de naranja o planea comprar una camiseta naranja Moms nueva!

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Faith Formation Registration for all our programs (Family Circles, Foundations, Children's Liturgy of the Word, First Communion and Confirmation) will begin on May 17th and end on August 17th. Please register online at our webpage: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/registration1.html>

Don't miss the registration deadline!

Mandatory Parents' Meeting: Several dates in August and September have been schedule for parents to learn about the program and to receive the material.

Volunteer with the Faith Formation Program: We invite parents and teenagers to get involved by volunteering with the program – a variety of commitments are available, both occasional and more often. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact us if you or your teenager are interested: Cecilia Lopez Oetgen clopez@olqpva.org or Sandra Rivera srivera@olqpva.org.

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.

ECO-TIP: Try planting native plants in your garden. These are plants that grew naturally in our region before human settlement. When established, they require less water and attract pollinators. Enter your zip into nwf.org/nativeplantfinder for a list of plants native to our area.

WEBINAR ON REDUCING ENERGY WASTE: St Luke in McLean invites you to a free webinar on "Reducing Energy Waste: The Quickest, Easiest, and Most Effective Way to Care for Creation". Wed. May 25, 7 pm. RSVP to Care4Creation@SaintLukeMcLean.org to receive Zoom link.

The OLQP LECTOR MINISTRY is Calling

It's not too late! OLQP is seeking new lectors to proclaim the Word at Mass. If you are interested in lectoring once a month, have been a registered parish member for at least six months, and open to attending an early June training, contact coordinator Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net, for more information.

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Inscripción para la Formación de fe para todos nuestros programas (Círculos de familia, Fundaciones, Liturgia de la Palabra para niñas y niños, Primera comunión, y Confirmación) va a empezar el 17 de mayo y terminará el 17 de agosto. Por favor inscribise en línea en nuestro sitio web: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/registration1.html> ¡No se pierda la fecha límite para la inscripción!

Reunión obligatoria para padres. Se han fijado varias fechas en agosto y septiembre para que los padres aprendan acerca del programa y para recibir los materiales.

Ofrézcase de voluntaria/o en el Programa de Formación de fe. Invitamos a madres, padres y adolescentes a formar parte del programa al ofrecerse de voluntarias/os. Hay una variedad de oportunidades disponibles, tanto de vez en cuando como más a menudo. ¡Esperamos tener noticias de ustedes! Por favor contáctenos si usted o su hija o hijo adolescente está interesada/o: Cecilia López Oetgen clopez@olqpva.org o Sandra Rivera srivera@olqpva.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: There are still a few spots available for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, July 28-August 7, 2023 in Portugal. We hope you'll join Father Martin and Rebecca on this walk in faith and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from around the world. To register or for more information, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

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READING SCRIPTURE WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS

With Rev. James Okoye, CSSp, DPhil

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go. Oppress'd so hard they could not stand, Let my people go. Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh

Let my people go.

Scripture kept African Americans alive in the days of slavery. Reading it with their own eyes, encountered God in a different manner. We try to see how they read and the God they met. Meeting via [Zoom](#) Saturday mornings from 10am to 11:30am — one session remains: May 28.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89814163166?pwd=eFlwL3UrcTlzb1pvbXRXNVNNVHhQUT09>



Lay Spiritan Associates

WHO ARE LAY SPIRITAN ASSOCIATES?

We are women and men single and married, of all ages and professions – companions to one another. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, eagerly available to God in prayer and to our neighbors in service – especially the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, most abandoned and excluded of society. We make visible the kingdom of God in the ordinary circumstances of daily life by embracing a lifestyle of compassion, inclusivity, prayer, and material simplicity.

Lay Spiritan Associates share:

- Devotion to the Holy Spirit and the holy heart of Mary
- Commitment to God's mission and to Spiritan spirituality
- Unity as sisters and brothers in community

Lay Spiritan Associates organize ourselves in various ways: Fraternities, Friends, and Lay Spiritan Communities.

FRATERNITIES & FRIENDS

Spiritans Fraternities emphasize prayer, study, and reflection on the spirituality of the Spiritan founders. Spiritan Friends participate in Spiritan mission in the context of a familial community, accompanied by a lay or professed Spiritan. Examples of Spiritan Friends include collaborators, supporters, and advocates.

Collaborators actively engage in a particular Spiritan ministry or project and embrace ongoing formation adapted to their needs, dispositions, and contexts. Supporters provide spiritual, material or sometimes fundraising support to a Spiritan mission or project. Advocates volunteer to promote the fundraising work of the Spiritan Office of Mission Advancement (SOMA).



LAY SPIRITAN COMMUNITIES

Lay Spiritans experience a call to live their whole lives in deep embrace of Spiritan spirituality and make a life commitment to share in Spiritan mission, prayer, and community life. We experience a call from the Holy Spirit to:

- Live the grace of their baptisms more intensely
- Respond actively to the signs and challenges of the times
- Give new expression to the Spiritan charism of "evangelical availability"

Lay Spiritans participate in a lengthy period of formation and discernment. They enter into a written covenant agreement celebrated in liturgical ritual. They participate in ministry with those on the margins – locally, nationally and/or internationally. We serve on provincial committees, may be appointed to governing councils, and join in dialogue with professed Spiritans at governing chapters and other deliberative assemblies of the congregation.

LEARN MORE

Contact a member of the Lay Spiritan formation team: Anne Marie Hansen: hansen@duq.edu | Rich Gosser: rgosser@gmail.com.

Visit www.Spiritans.org/lay-spiritans-associates.

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, or "Spiritans," is a Catholic religious congregation whose mission for more than 300 years has been to evangelize the poor and marginalized all over the world.

OLQP has been lead by the Spiritan Fathers since it's founding in May 1945.

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Start the 9 day Novena on Friday, May 27th, in time for Pentecost.

www.Spiritans.org



Spiritans serve in evangelization and education ministries in more than 60 countries in the world, among the poorest and most abandoned.



The Congregation of the Holy Spirit

PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Francis Libermann

Venerable Francis Libermann had a most remarkable journey of faith. He was born into an orthodox Jewish family in the Alsace region of France in 1802, and given the name Jacob.

Jacob Libermann's father was a rabbi, and Jacob was preparing to become a rabbi himself when his studies led him to the New Testament and to Christianity.

He was baptized Francis Mary Paul, in 1826, at Christmas.

Soon he was studying for the Catholic priesthood, but violent attacks of epilepsy put his vocation on hold.

It was fifteen years before he was finally ordained, in 1841.

A Second Founder

In 1848 Libermann brought personnel and a renewed Spiritual energy to the Spiritans that transformed the Congregation.

Those intervening years were a time of grace and of maturing, as Libermann became an advisor and confidant to many seminarians and others wanting to grow in the spiritual life. His own trials and painful experiences, as well as joys and perceived blessings, developed in him a great confidence in Providence and a sense of the Holy Spirit directing human affairs.

His approach of "practical union with God" helped him, and others, find the divine in the everyday and to face life with confidence and faith.

His spirituality of responsiveness to the Spirit served Libermann well during the difficult period of organizing his Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and of gaining official permission from Rome to begin this apostolate to people of African descent. Libermann's followers viewed his being cured of epilepsy at this time and subsequent ordination as approbation from heaven on the mission of his "little band", whose charismatic leader and visionary apostle he had become.



Joining the Spiritans

Soon his growing group was asked by Rome to join the Spiritans, a much older religious community, legally and canonically established in France, but on hard times by the mid-1800s. They were working in France and in North and South America and in the Far East.

Libermann recruited and educated missionaries, both lay and clerical. He negotiated with Rome and with the French government over the placement and support of his personnel.

Francis Libermann was a pioneer of strategies now recognized as a blueprint for modern missionary activity. He urged the Spiritans to "become one with the people" so that each group received and understood the Gospel in the context of their own traditions. Fr. Libermann's zeal was so inspiring that when seminarians in France heard of the deaths of some of the first missionaries to West Africa, they lined up at his door to volunteer as replacements.

He exhausted himself in the process of leading his great enterprise, and died on February 2, 1852 before his 50th birthday. Surprisingly, Fr. Libermann himself never went overseas. Yet he inspired and empowered literally thousands of missionaries around the globe.

Libermann was a visionary, a missionary, a profoundly spiritual man who has affected the course of history in the last 150 years. His influence and that of his Spiritans, in the Church and in the emerging world (including our own country since the late 19th century) has been inestimable.

Fr. Libermann faced incredible obstacles, yet patiently accepted his trials and tribulations with great inner peace and tranquility. May God bless the Spiritan Congregation, and all of us, through the intercession of Venerable Francis Libermann. And may his spiritual teaching of Practical Union with God through the Holy Spirit bring us closer to the path of holiness in our daily lives



Vatican's major sustainability campaign the main focus of Laudato Si' Week 2022

by Brian Roewe

The Vatican is placing its flagship sustainability push, the Laudato Si' Action Platform, front and center during Laudato Si' Week 2022, with the hope that a week highlighting the multiyear initiative will inspire more Catholics and church institutions to sign up.

Running May 22–29, the now-annual Laudato Si' Week will feature eight days of events and actions marking the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark 2015 [encyclical on ecology](#), "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home."

An official Laudato Si' Week program, hosted by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will feature nine events situated across the globe mixing both virtual and in-person encounters, in the latter's case for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in March 2020.

Along with the official schedule, organizers anticipate hundreds more ancillary celebrations across the globe. Carrying the theme "Listening and Journeying Together," the week is expected to feature a world ecological tour of liturgies, actions and discussions, from Manila to Brazil to Assisi, and will also offer a sneak peek at a forthcoming *Laudato*

Si' documentary.

Francis is expected to kick off the week during his Sunday Angelus prayer on May 22 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Laudato Si' Week, now held for the fourth time, marks the anniversary of the date (May 24) that Francis signed the encyclical, or papal letter, the first such solo effort of his papacy and the first from any pope focused primarily on matters of ecology. Since the fifth anniversary in 2020, Laudato Si' Week has been sponsored by the integral human development dicastery and supported by numerous Catholic organizations, including the Laudato Si' Movement.

In that time, the Vatican has sought to use the encyclical anniversary as a means to spark action within the Catholic Church to live out the messages and teachings Francis conveyed in *Laudato Si'*, motivated in part by the timeline scientists say is necessary to mitigate climate change and avoid its worst impacts.

During the 2020 celebration, the dicastery [first announced plans](#) for the Laudato Si' Action Platform, an ambitious grassroots initiative inviting all facets of the Catholic Church to take up seven-year journeys toward total sustainability by completing a series of actions in the spirit of integral ecology.

A year later, [Francis personally invited Catholics to join the platform](#) and a multi-year journey "to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world."

The 2022 celebration will double down on those efforts.

Each day of the week will center on one of the seven thematic goals under the Laudato Si' Action Platform:

- Response to the cry of the earth;
- Response to the cry of the poor;
- Ecological economics;
- Adoption of sustainable lifestyles;
- Ecological education;
- Ecological spirituality;

Community resilience and empowerment.

The dicastery hopes that Catholic institutions and individuals will use the week to learn more about the action platform and ultimately to sign up. Enrollment for the first cohort group will remain open until Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. As of the end of March, around 4,200 institutions and individuals have joined.

"As the purchasing of fossil fuels funds wars and further destroys God's creation, our Holy Father is calling on us not to despair but to unite, not to lament this destruction but to take

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urgent action together," Cardinal Michael Czerny, head of the integral human development dicastery, said in an Earth Day message announcing Laudato Si' Week 2022.

Salesian Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, head of the dicastery's ecology sector, told EarthBeat in an email that they hope focusing Laudato Si' Week on the action platform and its goals "will help us get closer to reaching the critical mass of people that is necessary to shape a true ecological revolution and save our common home."

The pope's call for a worldwide ecological conversion is also a call to a synodal conversion, he added, that begins with listening to poor and marginalized communities and to the earth itself, especially within each person's local area.

"It is only by walking together that we can take meaningful action on behalf of our common home," Kureethadam said.

Along with raising the profile of the Laudato Si' Action Platform, the Laudato Si' Week events will highlight a global celebration of Francis' encyclical.

A prayer gathering on May 22, hosted in Uganda, will feature voices of people and communities on the front lines of climate change. Another liturgical celebration will take place May 24 at the Manila Cathedral in the Philippines, which will be followed by a program showcasing ways various communities have responded to the encyclical's calls toward integral ecology and responding to the poor.

A conversation on biodiversity, in advance of the United Nations COP15 Convention on Biodiversity later this year, will include Salesian Sr.

Alessandra Smerilli, secretary of the integral human development dicastery, Indian environmental activist Vandana Shiva and Theresa Ardler, a Gweagal Aboriginal woman and director of Gweagal Cultural Connections in Australia.

Other discussions will focus on the ties between climate change, fossil fuels and violence, and ways for Catholics to align their finances and investments with their faith and *Laudato Si'* during an event* May 26 hosted at Ireland's An Tairseach Ecological Retreat Centre.

A Laudato Si' Festival showcasing Catholic artists will be held May 28 in Assisi, Italy, the birthplace of patron saint of ecology St. Francis of Assisi, and the week will conclude the next day with a final prayer gathering based in Brumadinho, Brazil — where a toxic waste spill in 2019 killed 270 people — that will also uplift voices of people impacted by climate change.

The idea for a multinational celebration was to show how the Catholic Church is responding in prophetic ways to the climate emergency and ecological crises around the world, said Tomás Insua, executive director of Laudato Si' Movement.

"On six continents, Catholics are taking urgent action to combat the dual crises of climate change and biodiversity collapse," he told EarthBeat. "They're taking action in the ways that make sense for their communities, from using sustainable transportation in Europe to planting trees in Sri Lanka to holding outdoor masses in Peru."

One of the highlights of the week will come May 27, the day spotlighting ecological education, with a sneak peak of "The Invitation," a full-length documentary film on *Laudato Si'* that

features Francis. The film, from director Nicolas Brown, is set to be released later this year and available to stream free on YouTube Originals. Clips were previously screened during the COP26 U.N. climate change summit during an event hosted by The New York Times.

Other events throughout Laudato Si' Week will include Laudato Si' Masses in the Archdioceses of Atlanta and Chicago, tree plantings in Uganda, a youth forum hosted by Caritas Oceania, a vigil at the shareholders meeting for oil giant Shell in London and an underwater clean-up with divers in the Cebu Archdiocese in the Philippines.

A full schedule of events can be found at the [Laudato Si' Week website](#).

Kureethadam said that Laudato Si' Week is an opportunity for every person to listen to the cries of the poor and the earth, and to what God is saying through them, and ultimately to then do something.

"This cannot be something abstract, like a mere global event in Rome at the center of the Church, but rather something grounded in our own local communities, beginning from the peripheries," he said.

**This story has been updated to provide additional information about the May 26 event.*

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CHRISTIANS CAN'T BE LUKEWARM IN DENOUNCING 'REPLACEMENT THEORY'

BY ADAM RUSSELL TAYLOR

Another set of gun massacres have consumed the headlines and gripped our nation, including the senseless murder of physician John Cheng while worshipping in church in Laguna Woods, Calif., and the vicious killing of ten people in Buffalo, N.Y.: Margus D. Morrison, Andre Mackniel, Aaron Salter Jr., Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearl Young, and Ruth Whitfield. Our nation should know these names as we grieve their tragic deaths and the white supremacist terrorism that motivated the teenager in Buffalo who killed them.

When I first heard the news out of Buffalo on Saturday, I felt a piercing pain and grief that quickly turned into righteous anger. In a chilling echo of other recent acts of white supremacist terror, a white 18-year-old drove halfway across his home state of New York to a predominantly Black neighborhood of Buffalo and **killed 10 people** at a neighborhood grocery store, wounding three others. The teen had also **considered** attacking a Black church and a predominantly Black elementary school in the area. His gun, an assault rifle he bought legally and then modified to hold more ammunition, had a racial slur written on the barrel. He posted a lengthy manifesto online stating his white supremacist motives for the massacre.

The killer **explicitly linked his heinous act** to the belief that Western elites are attempting to “replace” and disempower white people. This belief is at the core of what’s known as “**the great replacement theory**,” which weaponizes white fear and anger about the growing diversity in many Western

nations in ways that have contributed to horrific violence against the Black, Asian, Latino, and Jewish communities.

The grief and trauma that I feel and that is being felt within these communities is compounded by the killings of nine Black worshippers at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., 2015; the 11 Jews killed inside a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018; the 23 predominantly Latino people killed at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in 2019; and the eight predominantly Asian women who were killed just over a year ago in Atlanta. This racist massacre, like those that came before, serves as a deeply painful and personal reminder that white rage is an ever-present threat to our physical safety, whether we are worshipping at church, shopping at a local grocery store, or just going about our day. These killings are another painful reminder that common sense gun safety reforms are long overdue, with Americans holding **roughly half of all civilian firearms worldwide** despite making up only 4 percent of the world’s population. And this massacre must be a resounding wake-up call about the real and present danger that white supremacist domestic terrorism poses to our nation.

Before the public outcry dies down — and isn’t it sad that we all know it will? — we must boldly and unequivocally denounce the great replacement theory and instead live out the great commandment. The great replacement theory draws on the worst of our nation’s history, falsely implying that nonwhite people are threats to our nation’s future. But the great commandment offers the best of our civic and religious values, reminding us that we are to love our neighbors as

ourselves; it lends itself to a moral vision of multi-racial democracy in which everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, and religion, is equally valued.

To repudiate the great replacement theory, we must first disabuse ourselves of the idea that this hateful conspiracy theory is held only by an extremist fringe. According to polling by the Public Religion Research Institute, 50 percent of white evangelicals, 60 percent of Republicans, and 11 percent of Democrats agree with the statement that “Immigrants are invading our country & replacing our cultural and ethnic background.” Politicians like Reps. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), and former President Donald Trump have **appealed** to great replacement theory on **Twitter, Facebook, and on the campaign trail**; Fox News host Tucker Carlson has **relentlessly promoted** the theory’s core tenets on his top-rated show. And even Christian leaders like Mark Driscoll have echoed replacement theory talking points about the supposed death of the “traditional” family, **stating** that Black Lives Matter was “dismantling the nuclear family.”

The great replacement theory is also not new; it’s simply the latest mutation of a series of myths that have disfigured our nation since its founding, including the myth that we are a chosen nation, an innocent nation, and a Christian nation — all of which have undergirded and justified white Christian nationalism. We see different versions of this idea show up throughout our history: the concept of Manifest Destiny which was used to justify genocide against Indigenous people, the Jim Crow regime of the

segregated South, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Richard Nixon's "Southern Strategy" in the 1970s, and more recently in the 2017 Unite the Right protest in Charlottesville where white supremacists chanted "you will not replace us."

As I argue in ***A More Perfect Union***, even the highly emotive "Make America Great Again" slogan that helped propel Trump to office was often used as a dog whistle to stoke white fears and grievance about the nation's changing demographics. The problem is that this nostalgia for the greatness of our past painfully erases and ignores that our past has been far from "great" for Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, and Asian Americans. To so many people of color and others, the slogan comes across as an effort to maintain the primacy and normality of white people and culture; in other words, to make America *white* again.

During his visit to Buffalo on Tuesday, President Joe Biden forcefully challenged every American to repudiate the lie of white supremacy and great replacement theory saying, "I call on all Americans to reject the lie. And I condemn those who spread the lie for power, political gain, and for profit." It is imperative that Biden continue to use his bully pulpit to name this threat and inspire and persuade Americans to reject this ideology that has seeped into our body politic, particularly within the GOP. I was also encouraged by the candor of Wyoming Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney, who on Monday **tweeted**: "The House GOP leadership has enabled white nationalism, white supremacy, and anti-semitism. History has taught us that what begins with words ends in far worse. @GOP leaders must renounce and reject these views and those who hold them." It is long overdue for the rest of the GOP to echo her courage and candor.

But this moment for bolder truth-telling is not reserved just to our politicians. White supremacy will have no place in U.S. politics and life once it has no place in the U.S. church. When church and religious leaders stay silent, we help accelerate the spread of this idea in both its overt and subtle forms. We must replace the great replacement theory with biblical truth.

First and foremost, the great replacement theory denies the *imago dei* (Genesis 1:27), the core belief that every person is made in the very image of God and possesses inherent dignity and equal worth. In contrast, replacement theory is super-charged by a belief in a hierarchy of human value that views white Americans as the "true Americans" and sees increasing racial, ethnic, and religious diversity as a threat rather than as a strength.

The great replacement theory also contradicts Jesus' example that we must show a particular love for those who are deemed the "other" and the marginalized. Racism distorts and blinds us to who is our neighbor. If nonwhite Americans are perpetually considered as an "other," it becomes easier to justify dehumanizing them and denying them the same rights and privileges as white Americans. A commitment to loving and seeing the full humanity in the "other" also serves as a powerful antidote to a racialized zero-sum worldview in which the advances made by any minority group must come at the expense of the majority — white Americans, in our nation's case. Finally, for Christians, the Apostle Paul's teaching to the Galatian church that "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28), serves as a necessary reminder that our shared identity in Christ must supersede every other identification and allegiance. White supremacy is a form of idolatry

that must be dismantled.

It's long past time to expunge the racist and antisemitic poison of replacement theory from our society — including the church. In particular, we need to call to account and genuine repentance faith leaders and their congregants who have been lukewarm in calling out racism and white supremacy in church and society.

Just as Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. **denounced** the white moderate pastors who were "more devoted to 'order' than to justice," we need to call in faith leaders across the country to stop prioritizing the harmony of their congregations at the expense of a bold stance against white supremacy in all its forms, including the tenets of replacement theory. It is easy for a pastor (or for that matter a politician) to denounce an act of violent hatred like the massacre in Buffalo. What is more difficult but no less important is for pastors to preach and teach boldly against the heresy of replacement theory as it finds more and more traction in media, politics, and yes, even churches. It is imperative for all of use our voices to repudiate this theory while we also call people in to embracing the alternative vision of the Beloved Community where everyone is equally valued and our growing diversity is indeed our nation's greatest superpower, not its greatest weakness.

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