

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!

Contact / Contacto:

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703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

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:

23-24 July— 6pm and 1pm Spanish
23-24 de julio— 6pm 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

July 24, 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Señor, enséñanos a orar, como
Juan enseñó a sus discípulos.

Lucas 11,1



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

24 de julio de 2022

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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: \$5,975

Faith Direct (June Average /

promedio del mes de junio): \$14,071

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 906

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 907

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — 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, 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, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Jim Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Genesis 18:20-23 (111C); Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Génesis 18:20-23 (111C); Colosenses 2,12-14; Lucas 1,1-13

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 (111C); Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 23-29

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 23-29 JULIO

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday July 23rd

5:30 pm Patricia Ann Reidy (D) by Maureen O'Keefe & Kevin Donnelly

Sunday July 24th

8:00 am the parish

9:30 am Peter Nguyen Huu Chi (D) by Fr. Martin Vu

11:15 am Ricardo Yabes (D) by the family

1:00 pm José de la Cruz Barrios (D) by Odalis Barrios

6:00 pm Jovita Cabada Branscomb (D) by Jacquelyn Cabada Branscomb

Monday July 25th

12:00 pm Gail Meighan (L) by the Minkisi Committee

Tuesday July 26th

12:00 pm Jim Shea (D) by Phyllis Shea

Wednesday July 27th

12:00 pm Jim Buzzella (D) by Mary & Mike Ray

Thursday July 28th

12:00 pm the parish

Friday July 29th

12:00 pm Elizabeth McDonnell (L) by her children

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome four new Christians. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a cuatro nuevos cristianos.

Marcei de Jesús Arnez, Gianna Catherine Amurrio-Costar,

Noah Mosser & Devlin Rose Bloom

Baptized July 23 / Bautizados el 23 de julio

CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!

Sara Bodner & Edward Vitelli

Married November 23/ Casados el 23 de noviembre

In Memoriam: Suzanne Trevisan

Died in the Lord June 18, 2022

Suzanne was a faithful member since 2020 and a former member of the Parish office staff. A Mass of Christian Burial is planned for Saturday, July 30, at 12noon.

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

Pastor / Párroco: **Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp**, thickey@olqpva.org

Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado: **Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp**,

mvu@olqpva.org

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j.nangleofm@yahoo.com

Deacon / Diácono: **Dcn. Tony Remedios**,

tremedios@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

In today's Gospel the disciples ask: Lord teach us how to pray. A simple request but what Jesus teaches is an amazing response! It surely amazed the disciples, to speak to God in such warm and familiar terms.

Think for a moment of reaching out to the Creator of the universe as the "perfect parent," a loving Mommy or Daddy. It is both intimate and tender. This sets up a whole new world view. It affects how we interact with each other, it affects our stance towards the world, our stance towards life itself!

In place of a distant and impersonal deity, Jesus' words call us into a relationship with the Creator as a loving and caring parent! That would mean then we are the beloved child!

So then this prayer not only speaks to God's identity as loving parent but in a very real way proclaims us beloved children of our Abba God.

In this prayer we pronounce that the very name of God is holy, and then we cry out that "God's way" should prevail both in heaven and on earth. So as we pray for this to be a reality then we are also called to work for it to be so, by the way we live our lives...building up the Reign of God.

As the prayer progresses, we next ask for the necessities of daily life...not for a super abundance, but for "our daily bread". Just that which we need, not for riches and excess! This request has much to do with how we live on this earth. For instance, it has everything to do with our carbon

footprint, with how we care for our common home.

Asking only for "our daily bread", will then impact the needs of others, especially the poor and the marginalized. If we truly seek "only what is necessary for our lives" then our excess can be shared with those in need. I would argue that this reality is directly connected to the previous request that "God's way should prevail both in heaven and on earth" -- surely sharing our excess with the poor is building up the Reign of God.

As the prayer moves along, next we ask to be forgiven as we forgive others. This is a very dangerous ask because it seems to be asking to limit God's forgiveness to the same extent we forgive. Do we really want God's forgiveness to be modeled on and limited to the manner and nature of our personal forgiveness of others? I am not so sure that is the case.

But I think there is a challenge here for us, to look at how we forgive others, a call to more freely forgive our sisters and brothers. Fortunately, God's grace and forgiveness is limitless, always available, and just waiting for us to ask for it!

And finally we ask our loving Divine Parent to guide us and guard us as we journey through our day. In the midst of all the "violent words" we hear spoken each day, let us speak these words of intimacy, tenderness and forgiveness. Let us open our hearts to these words and allow them to transform us and our world into a place of peace and healing...into the Reign of God. Amen.

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

CELEBRATING A GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

Were you married in 1972 or 1997? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2022 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va. Contact Jeannette (Jgantzdaly@olqpva.org) in the parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
What difference can God make in my life? The RCIA is a gradual process of formation for those seeking a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of the Catholic faith. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey, are already baptized in another Christian tradition and want to explore Catholicism, or are seeking preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, RCIA is the pathway. The journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session in September. Join us! For information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin at acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082.

¿CELEBRA UN ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DE ORO O DE PLATA ESTE AÑO?

¿Se casó en 1972 ó 1997? Entonces únase al Obispo Michael F. Burbidge para la Misa de 2022 para las jubilaras que se celebrará el domingo, 16 de octubre a las 3:00 p.m. en la Catedral de St. Thomas More en Arlington, VA. Contacte a Jeannette (Jgantzdaly@olqpva.org) en la oficina de la parroquia para inscribirse, no más tarde del 3 de octubre. Para obtener más información visite www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)
¿Qué diferencia marca Dios en mi vida? El RICA es un proceso gradual de formación para personas que buscan una relación más profunda con Dios y un entendimiento mejor de la fe católica. Ya sea que usted esté empezando su jornada de fe, ya sea que ya se haya bautizado en otra tradición cristiana y quiere explorar el catolicismo o está buscando prepararse para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación, el RICA es su camino. La jornada empieza con una reunión de investigación "sin compromiso" en septiembre. ¡Únase a nosotros! Para obtener información contacte a Cecilia López – clopez@olqpva.org o llame al 703-979-5580.

Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Medor's agroforestry program is implemented by the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA). The program empowers farmers to plant and care for trees while earning items needed to increase their crop yields and incomes, including high quality crop seeds, agricultural hand tools, and training on improved farming techniques. Participants are able to improve their crop yields and incomes. The program addresses the UN Sustainable Development Goals to end Poverty, Food Insecurity, Gender Inequality, and Climate Change. We are grateful to the SFA for implementing this important program in our twin parish.

WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT

Join the parish community on Tuesday at 11:01am to reflect on the topic of **Compassion**. 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.

MATTHEW 25 – Summer Clothing Needed

Our second-hand clothing store is in real need of women's and men's **summer** clothing only. Please share your gently worn summer items with those in need. Drop off bin is located in front of the Ministry Center each day but Friday 9am -12pm. Thank you for your continued support.

GABRIEL PROJECT DONATIONS NEEDED

OLQP's ministry to support struggling pregnant women is especially in need of cribs and mattresses, diapers and wipes. We need sizes NB, 1, 2, 3 and 4 diapers. Contributions/donations are greatly appreciated. Contact via email Rosie at rosie.saberton@verizon.net or Chrissi Gelson at chrissi152@gmail.com

BLOOMIN 4 GOOD PROGRAM -- Throughout the month of August 2022, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$12.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag sold at Giant located at 3480 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church. If you live in Falls Church, please support the church by buying yourself something pretty for your home. Thank you.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

La Alianza de pequeños agricultores (SFA por sus siglas en inglés) implementa el programa agroforestal de Medor. El programa capacita a los agricultores a sembrar y cuidar de árboles mientras ganan artículos necesarios para aumentar sus cosechas y sus ingresos, inclusive semillas que dan cosechas de alta calidad, herramientas de mano para la agricultura y entrenamiento en técnicas de agricultura mejoradas. Las personas que participan pueden mejorar sus cosechas e ingresos. El programa aborda los Objetivos de desarrollo para terminar con la pobreza, la Inseguridad alimentaria, la Desigualdad de género y el Cambio climático de las Naciones Unidas. Le agradecemos a la SFA la implementación de este programa importante en nuestra parroquia hermana.

MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP

Únase a la comunidad parroquial el martes a las 11:01am para reflexionar sobre el tema de la **Compasión**. 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.

MATEO 25 – Necesitamos ropa de verano

Nuestra tienda de ropa de segunda mano necesita urgentemente solo ropa de **verano** para mujeres y hombres. Por favor comparta sus artículos de ropa poco usada con las personas necesitadas. Llévelos al contenedor frente al Ministry Center que está allí todos los días de 9am a 12pm excepto los viernes. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

EL PROYECTO GABRIEL NECESITA DONACIONES

El ministerio de OLQP que apoya a mujeres embarazadas en dificultades tiene necesidad urgente de cunas y colchones, pañales y toallitas para bebés. Necesitamos tallas para recién nacidos (NB), 1, 2, 3 y 4 de pañales. Se aprecian mucho las contribuciones/donaciones. Contacte a Rosie por correo electrónico: rosie.saberton@verizon.net o a Chrissi Gelson: at chrissi152@gmail.com

PROGRAMA DE BLOOMING 4 GOOD (FLORECIENDO PARA BIEN)

— Por todo el mes de agosto 2022, la Despensa de alimentos de la iglesia Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz ha sido seleccionada para recibir una donación de \$1 por cada ramo de flores de \$12.99 Blooming 4 Good con la etiqueta morada que se vende en el Giant en 3480 S. Jefferson Street, Falls Church. Si vive en Falls Church, por favor ayude a la iglesia comprando algo bonito para su casa. Gracias.

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 Street and Solidarity for Immigrants and Refugees. This is a great activity for children, 16 years and older. Please consider helping one of the oldest ministries at OLQP. We need people Monday through Thursday 9 to 12noon. If interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS! We are in real need of brown paper bags with handles. These help volunteers package our foods and give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste. Please drop them off in the food collection bins behind Father Ray Hall.

PASSPORT AUTO GROUP PRESENTS CARPENTER'S COOK-OFF POP-UP

2022! Carpenter's Shelter's signature tasting event will be held at a fabulous new Pop-Up location on the Alexandria waterfront on Sunday, August 28, 12:00-3:00pm. *Carpenter's Cook-Off Pop-Up* includes sampling (and judging!) delicacies from top-rated local restaurants and caterers, live music from the Jones Point Band, a Children's Corner, award presentation, live and silent auctions, and raffles. Join us for this fun-filled, family-friendly event that supports children, women, and men experiencing homelessness in Alexandria. Our new location is 201 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA (top floor), right next to the Torpedo Factory. Get your tickets today:

<https://cookoff2022.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, please contact Monise Quidley, Director of Development, at MoniseQuidley@CarpentersShelter.org or 703-548-7500 ext. 203.

ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

UPDATE: Please check the signup site ([OLQP Back Pack & Supply Drive](#)). We are in particular need of elementary backpacks and continue to need backpacks for older children/youth, school supplies and monetary donations. Monetary donations provide us the flexibility to purchase the much needed items that help us meet our goal of serving 500 school children, including Afghan children attending school for the first time in the U.S. Please help by making a donation today.

Online donations can be made through FaithDirect.net on the give now appeals page ([click here](#) to make a one-time gift to OLQP Backpack Drive); place monetary donation in the collection basket with "backpack drive" on the check memo line, or mail in / drop off at parish office.

If you are interested in volunteering to help pack backpacks or with distribution, please contact DeeDee Tostanoski at DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com. Thank you!

MATEO 25 – BUSCA PERSONAS PARA ORGANIZAR

Estamos buscando unas cuantas buenas personas para ayudar a organizar nuestra muy concurrida tienda. Las personas para organizar ayudan con la tienda, con las familias afganas, con Fiesta en la calle y Solidaridad para personas inmigrantes y refugiadas. Esta es una buena actividad para jóvenes de 16 años o mayores. Por favor considere ayudar uno de los más antiguos ministerios en OLQP. Necesitamos personas de lunes a jueves, de las 9 a las 12 del mediodía. Si está interesada/o, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO! Necesitamos urgentemente bolsas de papel con asas. Las bolsas ayudan a las personas voluntarias a empaquetar los alimentos y les dan una nueva vida a las bolsas antes de reciclarlas. Gracias por tratar de reducir el desperdicio. Por favor tráigalas a los contenedores detrás de Fr. Ray Hall o tráigalas a la iglesia el próximo fin de semana.

¡PASSPORT AUTO GROUP PRESENTA CARPENTER'S COOK-OFF POP-UP 2022!

El evento característico de probar alimentos del Refugio del carpintero se llevará a cabo en un local Pop-Up nuevo en el paseo marítimo de Alexandria el domingo, 28 de agosto, de 12:00 a 3:00pm. El evento incluye el muestreo de exquisitos (¡y juzgarlos!) de restaurantes y servicios de catering locales de máxima categoría, música en vivo de la banda Jones Point, una esquina para actividades para niñas y niños, presentaciones de premios, subastas silenciosas y en vivo y rifas. Únase a nosotros para compartir este evento divertido y apto para familias que apoya a niñas y niños, a mujeres y a hombres que experimentan la falta de vivienda en Alexandria. Nuestro nuevo local está en 201 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA (en el último piso), al lado de Torpedo Factory. Obtenga sus boletos hoy:

<https://cookoff2022.eventbrite.com>.

Para obtener más información, por favor contacte a Monise Quidley, Directora de desarrollo:

MoniseQuidley@CarpentersShelter.org o llame al 703-548-7500 extensión 203.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL PARA RECOGER MOCHILAS Y MATERIALES ESCOLARES ACTUALIZACIÓN: Por favor vea el sitio para inscribirse ([OLQP Back Pack & Supply Drive](#)).

Especialmente necesitamos mochilas para estudiantes de escuela elemental y seguimos necesitando mochilas para estudiantes mayores, materiales escolares y donaciones de dinero. Las donaciones de dinero proporcionan la flexibilidad de comprar los artículos muy necesarios que nos ayudan a alcanzar nuestra meta de servir a 500 estudiantes, inclusive a los estudiantes afganos que asisten a clases por primera vez en los Estados Unidos. Por favor ayude contribuyendo hoy.

Se puede donar en línea por FaithDirect.net en la página "give now appeals" (haga clic aquí para hacer una donación por una sola vez a la Campaña para recoger mochilas). También puede poner una donación monetaria en la cesta de la colecta con "backpack drive" en la línea del asunto en el cheque, mandarlo por correo o llevándolo a la oficina parroquial. Si está interesada/o en ofrecerse de voluntaria/o para ayudar a llenar las mochilas o distribuir las, por favor contacte a DeeDee Tostanoski:

DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

OLQP4Afghans

We continue to appreciate your generosity in helping our 20+ families. The SignUp Genius list has been updated with the needs of families we are currently helping. You can view the list by going to the OLQP4Afghans notice in the latest bulletin on the OLQP website and clicking on the link ([OLQP 4 AFGHANS](#)). Guidance and timing for making donations is provided. If you have questions or assistance, please contact us at OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

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) began on May 17th and ends 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 scheduled for parents to learn about the program and to receive the material.

Volunteer with the Faith Formation Program: We invite adults 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 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

REMEMBER: Stephen Ministers are available for confidential, non-judgemental listening. Contact Joan Brown to be linked with a trained Stephen Minister 703-608-5059 or to find out more about Stephen Ministry

VICPP JULY FILM FESTIVAL on Social Justice Issues

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is holding a free virtual film festival on social justice on Monday in July at 6:00pm. Great topic: 7/25 - Criminal Justice Reform: Solitary Confinement. For more information on each of the films and to register, go to: www.tinyurl.com/vicpp2022films

INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY

You are invited to join the *Rosary Across America Conference Call in Solidarity with Catholics worldwide for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and Racism*. The Rosary, organized by the Arlington Diocese Black Catholic Ministry, is prayed every Sunday at 2pm. The call-in # is 1-605-313-5111 (access code 840082#). OLQP will be leading the Rosary on the third Sunday every other month.

ECO TIP: Did you know that many household products that have traditionally been sold in plastic bottles are now being offered in plastic-free packaging? Next time you go to replace your household goods, be on the lookout for products such as shampoo and conditioner bars (similar to a soap bar) and laundry detergent strips, all which avoid plastic bottle packaging.

OLQP4Afghans

Seguimos apreciando su generosidad al ayudar a nuestras 20+ familias. Se ha actualizado la lista SignUp Genius con las cosas que las familias que estamos ayudando necesitan. Puede ver la lista en el aviso OLQP4Afghans en el último boletín en el sitio web de OLQP y haciendo clic en el enlace ([OLQP 4 AFGHANS](#)). Allí encontrará ayuda para ver cómo y cuándo pueden donar. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda, por favor contáctenos en OLQP4Afghans@gmail.com. Gracias por su ayuda.

PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN DE FE 2022-2023

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With the planet at 'a breaking point', pope urges decisive action at UN environment summits

by [Brian Roewe](#)

As dangerous heatwaves and wildfires blister the globe this summer, Pope Francis has called for bolder actions from nations at two major international environment summits later this year, and for all people to "repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems" in a collective effort to rein in climate change and save ecosystems and people on a planet he said is reaching "a breaking point."

In his message for the upcoming monthlong Season of Creation, the pope proposed that an ecological conversion must occur not only among individuals but within "the community of nations," with particular attention to United Nations conferences focused on addressing climate change and rapid biodiversity loss.

The message was introduced Thursday at a press conference at the Vatican, where Cardinal Michael Czerny, head of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, lent support to the proposed Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, which has garnered growing attention as an avenue for nations to bring a rapid end to the age of fossil fuels.

While countries under the Paris Agreement agreed to work to limit average global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the planet has already heated at least 1.1 C since preindustrial times, Czerny said, and "new fossil fuel projects every day accelerate our race towards the precipice. Enough is enough."

"All new exploration and production of coal, oil, and gas must immediately end, and existing production of fossil fuels must be urgently phased out," the cardinal said, adding that such a phase-out be done in a just transition that takes care of impacted workers and communities.

Those three positions form the pillars of the proposed [Fossil Fuel Non-](#)

[Proliferation Treaty](#), which Czerny said "holds great promise to complement and enhance the Paris Agreement."

Advocates of the treaty estimate that coal, oil and gas are responsible for 86% of carbon emissions in the last decade, and say that countries are on pace to use double the amount of fossil fuels that would be allowable to still hold temperature rise to 1.5 C by 2030.

Tzeporah Berman, a Canadian environmental activist and chair of the initiative behind the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, welcomed the support of a Vatican official, saying in a statement "What is needed now is moral courage. ... Expansion of fossil fuel production magnifies the climate crisis but also undermines all of the living systems that are core to our survival."

In his message, Francis called the 1.5 C Paris goal "quite demanding," and said that meeting it requires countries to work together to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions "as quickly as possible," including through more ambitious climate plans at COP27, the U.N. climate conference in November. It's expected the Vatican will look to play a larger role in those proceedings after it recently announced it has [formally joined the Paris Agreement](#) and the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.

"The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars," Francis said.

Solutions to climate change, from changing modes of consumption and production as well as lifestyles, present a "need for a covenant between human beings and the environment," he continued, and repeated a call for extractive industries to end practices that destroy ecosystems, threaten biodiversity and harm communities.

"It is necessary for all of us to act decisively. For we are reaching 'a breaking point,' " the pope said.

'Anguished cries' of creation

The [Season of Creation](#) is an annual ecumenical period, first observed by Orthodox Christians and later placed on the Catholic liturgical calendar by Francis, that invites all Christians to pray for God's creation and to work to better care for it. The season begins Sept. 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes Oct. 4 with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Building off the season's theme this year, "listen to the voice of creation," Francis said that by putting that skill into practice "we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance."

"On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator," he said, ringing from "a grandiose cosmic choir" composed of countless creatures, and "on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

The latter chorus, Francis said, is made up of an ensemble of the cries from the earth itself, species facing extinction, people who are economically poor facing the gravest impacts of climate change, Indigenous communities whose ancestral lands have been invaded and destroyed by "predatory economic interests," and young people who "are crying out, anxiously asking us adults to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems."

"Listening to these anguished cries, we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems," the pope said.

The pope's message was released while record-breaking temperatures scorched across parts of Europe and North America. Extreme heatwaves, which are becoming longer and more intense due to climate change, have broken out [throughout the Northern Hemisphere](#) this summer. On Tuesday (July 19), more than 30 cities in the

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typically wet, temperate United Kingdom broke the country's record high temperature of 40 C (104 F). Record highs were also set in [60-plus areas in France](#). In Oklahoma, every weather station in the state Tuesday recorded temperatures of at least 103 F, with some of Oklahoma and Texas reaching 115 F. More than 80% of the U.S. population, [or roughly 265 million people](#), were expected to experience heat advisories this week as temperatures eclipsed 90 F.

Along with the extreme heat, wildfires have broken out in many parts of Europe, including France, Turkey, Croatia, Greece, Spain and Portugal, with more than 1,000 deaths on the Iberian Peninsula [attributed to the heat and fires](#).

Papal proposals on climate, biodiversity

Francis reiterated that the responsibility to care for creation is an essential part of living a virtuous life for Christians and that all people of faith have a responsibility not only to engage in a personal ecological conversion but also to work and act "in a spirit of maximum cooperation," especially among countries at two U.N. environment conferences in the coming months.

The next international climate change conference, COP27, will take place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, a resort town on the shores of the Red Sea. There, world leaders are expected to scale up national climate plans and financing in order to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. The global community will again gather in December, this time in Montreal, Canada, for the COP15 U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity. That meeting is expected to produce a global pact on conservation and reversing biodiversity loss similar to the Paris Agreement on climate change.

In recent weeks, Catholics groups around the world have expressed concerns around both gatherings, [pointing to a lack of progress](#) and [raising fears](#) that global attention has turned away from climate change and biodiversity preservation amid the war in Ukraine and soaring inflation and energy costs.

Francis said that his recent move to authorize the Holy See to formally join the Paris Agreement was "in hope that the humanity of the 21st century 'will be

remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities.' "

He said that meeting the 1.5 C Paris goal and reaching net-zero emissions by mid-century begins with more ambitious national climate plans to reduce the heat-trapping gases driving climate change, which countries pledged to bring to COP27 though few have so far announced them.

The pope said that for the world to meet the net-zero emissions goal "means 'converting' models of consumption and production, as well as lifestyles, in a way more respectful of creation" and to practice integral human development that is grounded in responsibility, prudence, solidarity and concern for the poor and future generations. Like Czerny, he stressed the transition away from emissions-producing fossil fuels "cannot neglect the demands of justice, especially for those workers who are most affected by the impact of climate change."

Supporters of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, including the Carbon Tracker Initiative, are planning to roll out later this year a first-ever global registry of fossil fuels that would provide an open-source database of global coal, oil and gas production and reserves by country and project.

Mark Campanale, founder of Carbon Tracker Initiative, said that the registry will make countries more accountable for their fossil fuel plans, and added the endorsement of the fossil fuel treaty from Czerny, a top Vatican official, also "makes it even harder for world leaders to ignore the central role of fossil fuels in the climate catastrophe unfolding around us."

As for COP15, the pope outlined four principles for the meeting, beginning with forming a "clear ethical basis" for the measures to preserve biodiversity. He added that a global pact on biodiversity should reverse its decline, support conservation and cooperation, and promote meeting the needs of people in sustainable ways. Francis also encouraged a potential agreement to promote global solidarity, recognizing biodiversity as "a global common good demanding a shared commitment," and to prioritize Indigenous people, the elderly, youth and other vulnerable

communities whose livelihoods and cultures are threatened alongside the loss of biodiversity.

Francis went on to repeat a call he made in October 2021 during a meeting of popular movements, pleading, "In the name of God, I ask the great extractive industries — mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness — to stop destroying forests, wetlands, and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people."

Within both international environment meetings, the pope said that richer countries must acknowledge the "ecological debt" they've incurred through centuries of polluting and take greater responsibility in producing solutions to climate change and biodiversity loss. That includes honoring past technological and financial promises to less-developed countries — among them, \$100 billion annually to assist with climate mitigation and adaptation — and to provide additional financial support for conservation efforts, the pope said. But he added the lack of progress by the world's economic powers does not preclude other countries to justify their own failure to act.

"During this Season of Creation, let us pray that COP27 and COP15 can serve to unite the human family in effectively confronting the double crisis of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity," Francis said.

Recalling St. Paul's call to the Romans to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, the pope concluded the message by saying, "Let us weep with the anguished plea of creation. Let us hear that plea and respond to it with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

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