

TO PAX CHRISTI EL PASO AND FRIENDS

♪ *Summertime* ♪
BILLY STEWART

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Newsletter Pax Christi El Paso June 2021

Note: Happening Tonight!

Wednesday, June 2 at 7 pm: You are invited to listen in and join **a zoom discussion** about the film, *The Years of Fierro*, which many of us watched during May, as well as the panel discussion about the film. This was an El Paso Wrongful Conviction for which Cesar Fierro spent 40 years on death row! Join us for the zoom discussion on June 2 to learn more about the many flaws in the death penalty system. Send your email address to phdelgado@hotmail.com to receive an invitation to the zoom.

PAX CHRISTI VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 9, at 7 pm MT

We will "meet" again on Zoom. If you did not attend last month, and would like to receive an invitation and link, please send me your email. (phdelgado3583@gmail.com) You may attend with a computer, smart phone. or by audio using any type of phone. All are welcome! We will focus our discussion on **Chapter 6: Dialogue and Friendship in Society**, paragraphs 198-224, pages 115-128 of *Fratelli Tutti* .

PAX CHRISTI EL PASO is very excited to announce the launch of our **new website**, thanks to the expertise and great work of David Harvey! Check us out!

<https://www.paxelpaso.org/>

♪ **The Cathedral of Earth, Sky and Sea** ♪

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

<https://youtu.be/aiRi-isYISU>

Pope Francis launches program to put *Laudato Si'* into action throughout the church. May 25, 2021, by Brian Roewe

The Vatican's long-awaited program for putting Pope Francis' ecological encyclical into action throughout the church debuted Tuesday, with the pope inviting all Catholics on a journey "to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world."

At the same time, a top Vatican official confirmed that the pope is pondering a journey of his own — a possible trip to COP 26, the next major United Nations climate summit, set for November in Glasgow, Scotland.

That news came at a May 25 press conference where the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development introduced the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The ambitious church wide initiative outlines seven categories of sustainability goals in the spirit of Francis' 2015 encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," which emphasizes integral ecology. Seven sectors of the church are asked to achieve those goals within a seven-year timeframe. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/pope-francis-launches-program-put-laudato-si-action-throughout-church>

Restorative Justice Ministry

CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK'S FIRST FRIDAY VIRTUAL VIGILS TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life. These virtual spaces offer a place to pray together as a faith community in response to the injustice of the death penalty. They include time for guided prayer, petitions, Scripture reflections, and contemplative silence. The vigils feature the voices of Catholic bishops, Church leaders, and allies across the death penalty abolition movement. If you attend, you are able to insert your own petitions into the "chat box" during intercessory prayer time.

The next First Friday Prayer Vigil is scheduled for **Friday, June 4, at 2 p.m. EDT / 12 NOON MT**. RSVP below to attend.

<https://catholicmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils>

On the same page you can sign up to receive links for first Friday vigils automatically.

John William Hummel is scheduled to be executed in Texas on **Wednesday, June 30**. Prayers will be offered for the victims: Joy and Jody Hummel, and Clyde Bedford, their families and the family of John Hummel. He has been on death row since 2011. He had a previous execution date in March 2020 which was postponed due to covid.

If the execution is not stayed, El Pasoans Against the Death Penalty and the Diocesan Restorative Justice Ministry will be on the corner of San Antonio and Campbell Streets downtown from **12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesday, June 30th to protest executions**. Executions are never the solution, and our death penalty system is full of discrimination and policy flaws, and costly to taxpayers. Texas is an outlier in holding onto this unnecessary and barbaric system. Join us to spread this awareness. Info: 915 740-3962

Racism and the Catholic Church one year after George Floyd's Murder (video) from *America Magazine*.

A live conversation with Fordham University's Bryan Massingale about the progress of racial justice in the United States since George Floyd's murder one year ago, hosted by America's national correspondent Michael O'Loughlin: [click here](#)

Interested in working to Save the Planet?!?

Alyssa Burgin, a longtime peace activist, and Co-founder of the Texas Drought Project, has contacted Pax Christi El Paso, looking for contacts here in El Paso who would be interested in working for progress on preventing climate change, being in contact with our legislators, and raising awareness here on the border of what we can do to stop global warming. If you would be interested in joining a team to work, mostly virtually, on this important goal, please send me your contact information (name and phone or email)

Pax Christi USA's monthly virtual Peace Mass, June 24, 2021

4th Thursday of each month at 8 pm ET, **(6 pm MT)** A wonderful action of solidarity for our Peace community to gather together and celebrate no matter where we are! All are Welcome! <https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/03/16/pax-christi-usa-to-host-a-monthly-peace-mass-starting-in-march/>

Pax Christi and Border Peace Presence participated in the Funeral Mass and Memorial Service, Celebration of Life, for Fr. Peter Hinde, O.Carm, this past weekend. Both services were live-streamed and are posted on facebook, links below.

The **Funeral Mass took place at the Maria de Los Angeles Parish in Juarez** on Friday at noon. The Bishop of Juarez celebrated the Mass. This was one of the chapels where Fr. Peter regularly celebrated Mass, and many of the people from neighborhoods nearby were able to attend. Fr. Peter wanted to be buried in Juarez where he ministered and lived very simply for the last 25 years. The Mass is in Spanish. Click here to access: [Funeral](#)

On Sunday afternoon, Sacred Heart Parish in El Paso, hosted the **Memorial Service**. It was a wonderful gathering of prayer, videos of pictures, and very special testimonies, followed by a reception outside in the placita. What a blessing to be able to gather again after so long, to honor Fr. Peter, to be reminded again of his extraordinary life and witness to the Gospel, and to be re-energized to follow his example. Fr. Peter, Presenté! Click here: [Celebration of Life Memorial](#)

Daniel Berrigan SJ, Presenté: May was the anniversary of the 100th birthday of Daniel Berrigan. In honor of him and the Catholic Peace Activists that he inspired, some of us watched a film made about the beginnings of the Catholic movement made up in the beginning mainly of priests and nuns.

The name of the film is *Hit and Stay*. The link to the film is below. It is a wonderful resource to inspire us to think about nonviolent peace action.

When you click on the link to the film, it will ask for information regarding your age. I am told that it's because some of the films they offer require you to be at least 18 years of age. Once you put in the numbers, it should take you directly to the film---no charge. Thanks to Pax Christi Dallas coordinator, Joyce Hall for providing this information.

https://tubitv.com/movies/414052/hit-and-stay?start=true&utm_source=google-feed&tracking=google-feed

LINKS

NEVER AGAIN: NOT JUST A SLOGAN, by Rabbi Lisa Kingston

The Shoah, the systematic attempt to annihilate the Jewish people, forever haunts our community while also offering us inspiration to act for justice. But is Israel truly upholding its lesson of Never Again when there are Palestinians without citizenship, residing in refugee camps with no home of their own? . . .

https://jstreet.org/two-way-street-for-yom-hashoah-never-again-not-just-a-slogan/#.YKHFuhgXA_5

Anglican archbishop of Jerusalem issues statement on violence in Holy Land

". . . We call upon the United Nations and the international community to work with all parties to seriously address the underlying injustices and grievances that have led to this latest unrest in a recurring cycle of violence, working for a just and lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis that incorporates a viable Two-State Solution. . . ."

READ MORE AT <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/05/17/jerusalem-archbishop-issues-statement-on-violence-in-holy-land/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2a89d71d-61eb-45b7-9a22-3a825a2a99c3>

Upcoming events:

Thursday June 17, 6:30pm, "Seeds of Peace: The Case for Nuclear Disarmament," Ira Helfand (Physicians for Social Responsibility). Contact Pax Christi Little Rock for the Zoom link: paxchristilr@gmail.com.

Saturday July 10, 1:30pm (12:20pm MT), **Pax Christi Texas state conference**, part 2. Presentation by R. Khari Brown (Wayne State University): "Religion and Black Lives Matter," followed by Q & A. Some members expressed the wish to visit and catch up after the program. **Save the date**; link information will be forthcoming.

Tuesday July 13, 6:30pm-**Thursday July 15**, 8:00pm, *Laudato Sí and the U.S. Catholic Church. A Conference Series on Our Common Home*, sponsored by Catholic Climate Conference and Creighton University. Addresses by Blasé Cardinal Cupich (Archdiocese of Chicago),

Maureen Day (Franciscan School of Theology), Bishop Joseph Tyson (Diocese of Yakima, Washington), and Sister Ilia Delio, osf (Villanova University).

Complete schedule: <https://www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate/schedule/>

Register at:

https://reg.abcsignup.com/s_reg/reg_registration_maintenance.aspx?ek=0036-0013-440150ea4e6b4155aae2e37436d164b1

Friday July 30-Saturday July 31, 49th anniversary Pax Christi USA conference, online. Keynote Speaker: Olga Segura, author of *Birth of a Movement: Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church*. Conference mass presider: Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. **SAVE THE DATE**

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