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1. ROME UPDATE

- 1.1 JPIC Ecology Seminar, March 3 (half day):** Three PowerPoints and a handout from the Ecology Seminar by Fr. Rayappa's Seminar are available at – http://jpictionformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Seminars+and+Conferences. Many of his resources, including several of his books, are available without charge at - www.planetschaser.com
- 1.2 JPIC in Formation Seminar:** The Seminar 'Go and announce the Kingdom of God'. JPIC in the formation processes of Consecrated Life' will take place on Saturday, May 26, at the Fratelli, Via Aurelia, 476, from 9.00-18.00. Please contact - jplic@cgfma.org
- 1.3 A JPIC Orientation Manual for Promoters:** An introductory letter to the project and some support resources are available in English and Spanish at: http://jpictionformation.wikispaces.com/EN_JPICCongGuidelines The JPIC office is interested to know if any congregation has decided to develop their own JPIC Orientation Manual.
- 1.4 JPIC Workshop:** Take note that the JPIC Workshop for new International JPIC promoters will take place from **November 22-25, 2012** at the *Casa di Esercizi Spirituali dei SS Giovanni e Paolo – Passionisti – Roma Piazza San Giovanni e Paolo, 13. Roma (Celio)*. For information and application forms go to http://jpictionformation.wikispaces.com/EN_JPIC_institute
- 1.5 International Day of the Family Prayer (May 15th):** The prayer in the following languages [**English, Italian, Spanish, French, German, Korean, Slovak, Indonesian, Japanese, Croatian, Albanian and Thai**] is available at http://jpictionformation.wikispaces.com/EN_May15_prayer Additional translations will be available in the near future.
- 1.6 Integrity of Creation Working Group:** In response to an appeal by the group, 45 religious from all Continents have got in touch with them. They are developing a survey to identify more affective ways for advocates and persons at the grass roots to work together. It is hoped to discover some 'best practices' through this survey and other resource that have become available to the group. To add more names to the list contact Sr. Sheila at skinsey.fcjm@gmail.com
- 1.7 Way of the Cross:** Copies of the text of *an open-air WAY of the CROSS* (in English), which took place in Rome on March 18, are available at - http://jpictionformation.wikispaces.com/EN_general
- 1.8 'Women in the Church' Survey:**
On March 3rd, 2012 several JPIC Promoters met to explore a common interest in a justice issue that has emerged as 'collaboration of women and men in the (Catholic) Church. They shared some possible starting

points and possible topics for a working group to reflect on in the future. To explore this further, you are asked to respond to a very short survey (5 minutes of your time) available in English and Spanish. Click 'done' when you finish responding. Go to,

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/jpicsurvey>

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/encuestadejpic>

- 1.9 MADAGASCAR: JPIC Training Session.** The JPIC Africa Working Group is planning its 7th Training Session to be held in Madagascar in August 2012. More specific information will be available in the near future. If you have members in Madagascar, please encourage participation by those involved in or preparing for JPIC animation ministry. Contact: jpctraining@gmail.com
- 1.10 Economic Justice Working Group:** This Working Group has been collaborating with representatives of "Banca Etica" in Italy related to the activities of two Italian Corporations, ENI and ENEL. Banca Etica is involved in critical shareholder action with these corporations whose operations are negatively affecting countries including Chile, Nigeria, Congo-Brazzaville and Kazakhstan. Visit their website (in several languages) to learn more about the efforts of Banca Etica, at - <http://www.bancaetica.com/Default.ep3>
- 1.11 ECONOMIC REFORM (Presentation):** If you had difficulty downloading Sr. Helen Alford's Power Point presentation in January on the call for economic reform from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, please use this alternative link to the PPT: <http://db.tt/f9rGUBJc>
- 1.12 Rio + 20 Update:** There will be 4 Main Themes feeding and connecting the debates at Rio (copy, right click and click on 'open hyperlink'): 1. Ethical and philosophical fundamentals: subjectivity, domination, and emancipation. 2. Human rights, peoples, territories, and defense of Mother Earth. 3. Production, distribution and consumption, access to wealth, common goods, and economies in transition. 4. Political subjects, the architecture of power, and democracy. For a summary of the initiatives and proposals go to rio20.net. Share yours by writing to contact@forums.rio20.net or directly within the social network.
- 1.13 Prayers:** Our Condolences to Carlos Rodríguez LINERA OP whose mother died recently. His email is jp.carlos@curia.op.org
- 1.14 Reminders: (see previous issues of Newsbrief for more details)**
- **JPIC Formation at Antonianum, Rome:** This year's theme is on Peace and Reconciliation. It takes place from April 17-27. It will be offered in three languages – English, Spanish and Italian. The afternoon sessions are open. For further details contact the OFM JPIC office at pax@ofm.org or for a copy of the programme at, <http://www.ofm.org/ofm/?p=1096&lang=en>
 - **JPIC Distance Learning Program:** The Spiritan-owned Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA, has launched a **JPIC Distance Learning Program (in English)** in mid-August 2011. You can find detailed information on the program and contact details at <http://www.duq.edu/jpic>.

2. Outside Rome

- 2.1 A Good Friday Reflection: End use of Death Penalty:** Go to, <http://omiusajpic.org/2012/03/14/a-good-friday-reflection-end-the-use-of-the-death-penalty/v>

- 2.2 Catholic Letter on Human Rights (Sri Lanka):** A row in the Catholic Church has developed over a letter calling for an investigation by the UN Human Rights Council on the legacy of the civil war. Go to, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-17268307>
- 2.3 Protest at Jeju Island, KOREA:** For updates on the campaign, supported by Fr. Patrick Cunningham, Columban, to stop the destruction of Jeju Island, go to <http://uspeacecouncil.org/?p=1368>
- 2.4 Augustinian JPIC Canada:** For an interfaith report on 'A Forum on Housing and Homelessness' (Sept 20, 2011), write to Brian Dwyer OSA at, Augustiniancentre@rogers.com
- 2.5 Muslims and Christians reject violence in Nigeria:** Go to, http://act.religionsforpeace.org/site/MessageViewer?dlv_id=8161&em_id=5361.0
- 2.6 Justice and Peace Newsletter:** For a copies of the South African Episcopal Conference Newsletter go to, <http://www.sacbc.org.za/about-us/departments/justice-and-peace/>

3. USEFUL RESOURCES

- 3.1 Mining is a Social Justice Issue:** To read this article by Christian S. Monsod (Philippines) go to, <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/-depth/03/03/12/christian-monsod-mining-social-justice-issue>
- 3.2 International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) REPORT. June 2011:** <http://www.eaffu.org/go/downloads/IYFF%20Report%20June%202011%20ENG.pdf>
- 3.3 World Rural Forum Web page:** Available in English, Spanish and French at <http://www.ruralforum.net/Default.asp?id=en>
- 3.4 Countries must provide food security:** Governments need to prioritize food security strategies and invest in their agricultural sectors to reduce poverty. Go to, <http://reliefweb.int/node/480397>
- 3.5 Joseph Kony and his Lords Resistance Army (LRA):** For a video plea to end the exploitation of children, go to <http://www.kony2012.com/>
- 3.6 Information on Landgrabs:** GRAIN has released information on 416 large-scale land grabs, mostly in Africa. Go to, <http://www.grain.org/fr/article/entries/4479-grain-releases-data-set-with-over-400-global-land-grabs>
- 3.7 MDG on Water:** According to a report released by the WHO/UNICEF, the MDG goal of halving the number of people without drinking water has been achieved before 2015. For more information and some cautions, go to <http://omiusajpic.org/2012/03/12/mdg-target-on-access-to-water/>
- 3.8 Alternative World Water Forum (AWWF):** The AWWF has been set up to defend common goods and to counter the influence of the World Water Council, which is pro-transnational companies and the World Bank. Go to: <http://www.fame2012.org/en/>

- 3.9 Faith-Based Shareholders Call for News Corp Board Shakeup:** Go to:
<http://omiusajpic.org/2012/03/01/faith-based-shareholders-call-for-news-corp-board-shakeup/>
- 3.10 GMO Crops and World Hunger:** For an article contradicting Bill Gates' affirmation that GMOs can reduce world hunger, go to:
<http://www.nationofchange.org/sorry-gates-gmo-crops-proven-be-ineffective-fighting-world-hunger-1330705495>
- 3.11 Urbanization in Africa slower than first predicted:** for information go to,
<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/95015/AFRICA-Challenging-the-urbanization-myths>
- 3.12 Death threats:** Activists against a mining project in Peru have received death threats. Go to:
<http://www.generacion.com/noticia/144473/amenazan-muerte-integrantes-proyecto-mantaro-revive> (in Spanish)
- 3.13 Sunday Gospel:** Commentaries by Fr. José Antonio Pagola available in several languages at
<http://ecllesia.wordpress.com/2012/03/14/mirar-al-crucificado/>. Another English translation also at,
<https://sites.google.com/site/gospelcommentaryoftheweek/>
- 3.14 The Charter of Compassion:** to read this Charter, go to,
<http://charterforcompassion.org/share/the-charter>
- 3.15 Stop Trafficking Newsletter:** Go to, <http://www.stopenslavement.org/index.html>

4. Upcoming JPIC Meetings: APRIL 2012

- **English JPIC Core Group:** April 2, @ 15.00 at Fratelli Cristiani
- **JPIC Spanish/Portuguese Promoters' group:** April 4 @ UISG at 9.00
- **Economic Justice Working group (EJWG):** April 11 @ 15.00 at *Caritas Internationalis*
- **Africa JPIC Working group:** April 19 @ 15.30 at the Curia of M.Afr
- **FAO Working group:** April 20 @ 3.30 at Passionist Curia
- **Integrity of Creation Working group:** May 21 @ 9.00 – 12.00 at the UISG
- **JPIC English Promoters' Meeting:** April 18 @ 9.00 in UISG offices
- **Peace Prayer:** April 27 @ San Marcello at 19.00

Note: Please send a brief outline of information you think JPIC Promoters might find useful for future publications to the JPIC Commission Office at the emails below. Please confirm if you do not wish your email to be published.

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