

TSSF Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) -

Why JPIC

Many international, regional and local justice concerns urgently call more individuals and groups promote integrity of all creation. Every TSSF tertiary can find ways to expand spiritual formation alone, within fellowship meetings and/or in the local parish. Praying, studying, and working for peace, justice and integrity of creation enhance spiritual formation. TSSF daily principles 7-13 and 18-20 inspire us to promote JPIC. The two principles below evoke Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) as part of our charism:

Day Thirteen - The Three Ways of Service

Tertiaries desire to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, whom they serve in the three ways of Prayer, Study, and Work. In the life of the Order as a whole these three ways must each find full and balanced expression, but it is not to be expected that all members devote themselves equally to each of them. Each individual's service varies according to his/her abilities and circumstances, yet the member's personal rule of life includes each of the three ways.

Day Eighteen - The Second Way of Service

As well as the devotional study of Scripture, all recognize their Christian responsibility to pursue other branches of study, both sacred and secular. In particular there are members of the Third Order who accept the duty of contributing, through their research and writing, to a better understanding of the church's mission in the world: the application of Christian principles to the use and distribution of wealth; questions concerning justice and peace; and of all other questions concerning the life of faith.

What Is JPIC

The operative word in Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation (JPIC) is justice. We need to **SEE** (Social, Economic, Environmental) justice as a trinity that will not be divided. Some tertiaries are more comfortable addressing social justice than economic and environmental justice. Much of the focus in this document is about environmental issues which often get the least attention in our parishes. We are called to pray, study and work for all justice issues. Prayer, study and hands on work can help us confront complex issues like climate change, genetically modified organisms (GMO), divesture of fossil fuels, protecting water and food sheds, confronting environmental racism and classism, as well as many money and faith issues.

Reflection, Education and Action as described below can help each tertiary expand time for prayer, study and work. These enable us to find more ways to protect the environment, promote sustainable communities and preserve the sanctity of creation.



Reflection Open our hearts through scripture, prayer, theology and liturgy. Every element of creation is a gift of God and a revelation of God. How we relate to the natural world reflects our relationship with God, renews reverence for life.

Environmental stewardship is grounded in a theology of creation, drawing from the Christian and Celtic spirituality and the strong sacramental tradition of the Anglican Communion.

Liturgies - celebrate God as Creator emphasizing Christian responsibility in a time of ecological upheaval. Special liturgies: *Rogation Day, The Feast of St. Francis a Creation Season and Transfiguration*. (Contact Joyce Wilding if you want resources for these liturgies.)



Education - Open our minds to learn and teach the issues before us through individual study groups and forums. Deepen our understanding of the threats to Creation.

Years of irresponsible human behavior toward natural resources threaten our generation and future generations. Examine how the growing environmental crisis impacts social justice, learn the connection between economics practices and sustainability, work with ENEJ, Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (<http://www.enej.org/>) and consult the STF, *Science, Technology & Faith Network* (<http://episcopalscience.org/>) for ecological and scientific expertise. See canticampus.org to find on line Franciscan spirituality classes.



Action - Open our hands to implement projects. Live in ways that protect, heal and honor the integrity of God's creation. Intentional changes in lifestyles can reflect a reverence for God's creation. Simple living can be responsible and abundant living. Actions can transform lives.

Through our works we are known to the world. Much can and must be done at the individual, parish, diocesan and provincial levels.

- Organize JPIC teams to address the crisis facing God's planet Earth
- Develop and distribute worship and education resources.
- Contact *Episcopal Public Policy Network* - www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn
- Contact TSSF Jeff Gollhofer (jmgollhofer@earthlink.net) to learn about his Environment and Sustainable Development work with the Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations. Jeff represents the worldwide Anglican Communion on these matters.
- Network with interfaith and ecumenical care for creation groups. See the resources on the EEN web site www.eenonline.org - if you are unable to get information from your regional leaders listed on this site, contact:

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