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## Join our Community of Franciscan Hearts

Starting with today's feast of St. Margaret of Cortona, Franciscan Action Network (FAN) is [launching a campaign](#) to increase monthly donations from our community of Franciscan Hearts.

St. Margaret of Cortona was born of humble origins in Laviano, Tuscany. She found her way to Cortona and pursued a life of prayer and penance, eventually establishing a hospital and founding a congregation of tertiary sisters.

**I have always been inspired by St. Margaret of Cortona's humility and great charity.** While

imperfect, she was not afraid to face her mistakes and ask forgiveness, rejoicing in the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus.

My community, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, is a founding member of FAN. FAN's work advocating on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are marginalized and made poor, as well as our wounded earth, is desperately needed today. When I was Board President from 2013-2019, I was most passionate about building relationships with those who needed the loving care of a Franciscan heart. This work needs consistent nurturing and support.

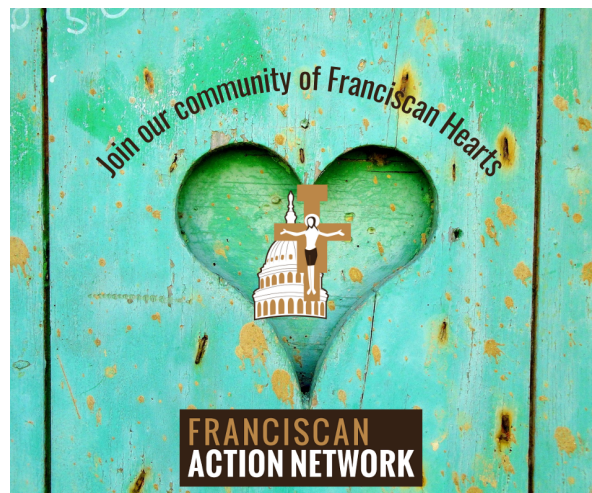
**One way I show my support is by donating each month to FAN. I invite you to join me in this committed and joyful community of Franciscan Hearts by becoming a monthly donor.** Whether you can support FAN with a \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$100 gift each month, your recurring commitment helps to sustain FAN's work throughout the year.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for considering this important charitable opportunity. With your gift, the prophetic Franciscan voice will be a constant echo in the ears of policy makers.

Peace and all good.



Sr. Margaret Magee, OSF  
FAN Board Member



[Donate and Join FAN's Community of Franciscan Hearts](#)

## This Week's Gospel Reflection

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This reflection on the readings for the [6th Sunday of Easter](#) was written by Br. Paul Crawford, OFM Cap:

*In next Sunday's Gospel reading from John, Jesus is preparing us, His followers, for what is to come. These passages are called "the Last Supper discourses." Jesus continues to prepare those who have been witnesses and believe that the "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit" will be sent to teach them "everything".*

[Continue reading on our blog page.](#)



## Get Ready for Laudato Si' Week

[Laudato Si' Week 2022](#), to be held May 22-29, will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. We urge our members and friends to take part.

The Laudato Si' Week [events page](#) has a listing of scheduled events as well as ideas for both online and in-person functions. Click [here to find resources](#) such as social media posts, pulpit announcements and more. Additionally, some of our partners have developed special programs:

- Catholic Climate Covenant has developed an interactive educational program for 2022, [Integral Ecology: Pursuing the Common Good for Our Common Home](#), is a guide to help your parish or Catholic community celebrate Laudato Si Week.
- Laudato Si Movement (formerly the Global Catholic Climate Movement) has created [52 Ways to Care for Creation](#).



## Webinar: Guns in Houses of Worship Part II

Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence announces the latest in a series examining the issue of "Guns in Houses of Worship."

On **May 26th at 1pm ET / 10am PT** Faiths United will present Part 2 of this series, "[How Faith Spaces are Addressing Gun Violence and Security](#)". Panelists from different faiths and houses of worship across the country will discuss how they are working to keep their congregations safe amidst a surge in gun violence. The full list of panelists and presenters will be announced next week.

[Please register at this link](#) and share with your networks.



## Continue Urging an End to Title 42

Immigration advocates are coming together to continue the call to end Title 42.

The Senate could vote to keep Title 42 in place as early as this week and we urge you to take action. Please **demand an end to Title 42 for good** and call for the full restoration of the U.S. asylum system.

### Ways to take Action:

1. **Make a call tomorrow, May 17** to both of your Senators. Use this [call-in script](#) from the good people at Welcome With Dignity.
2. **Uplift on Social Media.** This [IIC toolkit](#) includes action alerts, a faith sign-on letter, social media posts and graphics, and more.
3. **Send an Email.** Church World Service [developed this action](#) to **urge Congress to reject anti-asylum policies** and invest in humane welcome.



Thank you for taking action to restore asylum.

## Take Action: Sign on to Letter Urging Extension of Child Tax Credit

It is time to build a better kind of politics with children at the center. In January, 3.7 million children fell back into poverty when Congress allowed the monthly Child Tax Credit to expire. Between inflation and the pandemic, families are struggling to get by.

Our friends at NETWORK Lobby have developed [this letter](#) to urge Congress to extend the monthly Child Tax Credit. Please [click here to sign](#) and then share it with your congregations, associates and co-members, ministries, networks, and Catholic parishes or organizations. **Signatures are due by midnight on Thursday, May 19.**



## National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of Victoria, bishop promoter of [Stella Maris](#), the **apostolate of the Catholic Church for the people of the sea**, is inviting dioceses in the United States to mark the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea on May 22.

The maritime industry is a vital part of the world's economy and notably, many of the United States ports are the gateway

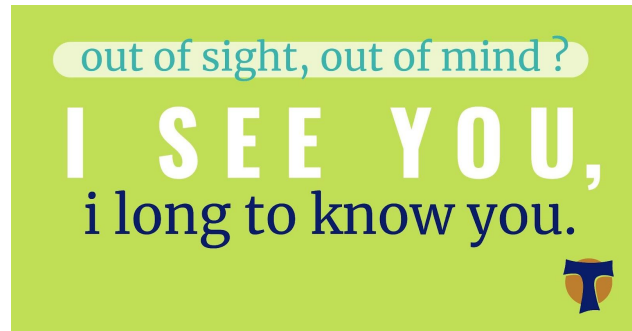


for international trade and cruise vacations. The annual National Maritime Day celebration is an opportunity to applaud the important work of seafarers and helps to create awareness for their around the clock work that often goes unrecognized.

Get more information including resources and guides for liturgy [by clicking here](#).

## Franciscan Justice Circle Updates

One of the key components of a [Franciscan Justice Circle](#) is its base in Franciscan spirituality. Inspired by Jesus' and Francis' intentionality of seeing those whom others would rather not see, Circle members also seek to form relationships with people on the margins in their own communities, and be open to how God is calling them to act in favor of the dignity of their sisters and brothers.



Are you called to the action and advocacy based on the values Sts. Francis and Clare embodied? [Contact us](#) to learn more about joining or forming a Franciscan Justice Circle.