

## Dear Holy Trinity...

The [Feast of the Holy Trinity](#) this Sunday encourages us to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity, a mystery that enriches our lives. The Gospel of this Feast hints of the revelation of the Holy Spirit when Jesus says to the apostles: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot hear it now. But when the spirit of truth comes, you will be guided to all truth." Jesus told them only this much because he knew they could not bear much more since this was the night he would be arrested and led to be questioned and then crucified.



The Holy Spirit is the greatest gift of God. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we have received that gift and experience God's love deep within us. The Spirit's gift of love enables us to endure every manner of suffering. The result is that we grow in love, become strong in character, and put all our hope in God.

It is always a struggle when we try to explain the Trinity in human terms. Perhaps it is best to just remember we are children of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Son, and filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A few years ago, I was inspired to address all my prayers and requests with "Dear Holy Trinity." It felt all encompassing. For I believe God watches over us, Jesus gives us lessons on how to act and react, and the Holy Spirit gives me inspiration when I need to deal with something, write something or give a speech. Yet they all do this as one. This may sound simplistic but it helps me accept the mystery for myself.

A great way to think about the Trinity in today's terms begins with Jesus' command to love one another as He loved. Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we become channels of God's love in this world, such as when we hold our leaders accountable to how their decisions affect the vulnerable. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are bound in a perfect love that is expanded to humanity through our advocacy actions and efforts to care for each other and our planet.

Sr. Marge Wissmman  
FAN Board Member

### **Suggested Action:**

Consider this week what issue of injustice or suffering seems too big or too overwhelming, and pray about it daily, training you to come to the Holy Spirit persistently and prayerfully in the face of injustice. Take action by making a call or sending an email to an elected official about it.

### **Suggested Petitions:**

For the Church, that we may be attentive to the Holy Spirit who guides us to all truth, and follow that guidance as we work to build unity in the Church and in the world, we pray...

That the Holy Trinity's unending love and mercy may bring hope to those whose endurance is being tested, we pray...

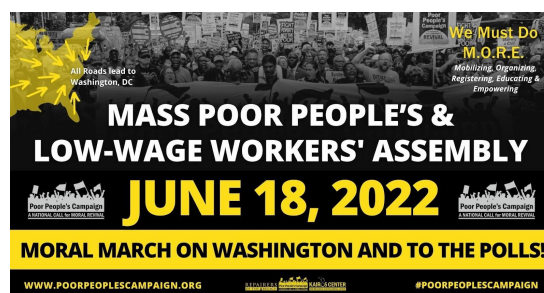
**Prayer:**

**Trinity, let us walk with you as our protector, to trust in you as Savior, to be enlightened by you as Spirit, that all our works may praise you and our lives may give you glory.**

**Amen**

## Join or Watch: Poor People's Campaign Moral March on Washington

On June 18, people from across the nation will assemble and march as a moral coalition to shift the moral narrative, put a face on the pain of our people and challenge the notion that this is the best we can do. Take a moment to read this blog post about the [Poor People's Campaign and the Franciscan Call](#) by New York City Area FJC member, Julie Leininger Pycior.



**Please join us in Washington for this important event. [Contact Director of Campaigns, Toby Harkleroad](#), for more info and find updated information and links on [our website](#). For those who can't make the trip to DC, we encourage you to coordinate a watch party. The program will be [livestreamed on Facebook](#) June 18th starting at 9:30am ET. Please also contact Toby for more information on how to hold a watch party.**

## Encounter for Common Home Follow-Up Action

As a follow-up from the Encounter for our Common Home campaign last month, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has developed this [action alert asking](#) Senators to pass the climate provisions in the reconciliation bill. These provisions are necessary to meet U.S. emissions reductions targets in the Paris Agreement. Our elected officials on both sides of the aisle need to hear how important this issue is for the Catholic community, especially as time runs out to finalize a budget reconciliation bill this summer.

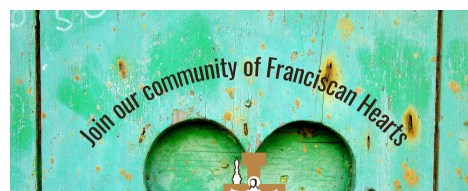
To assist in understanding the current list of climate provisions, Interfaith Power and Light has put together this [easy-to-read explanation](#) of the specifics.



## Join our Franciscan Hearts: Become a Monthly Donor

Giving monthly is one of the best ways to support FAN's work that channels and unites the cries of our Franciscan hearts for peace and justice.

For the majority of FAN's life, our main source of



funding has come from our institutional members, which are communities of religious sisters and friars, and we are so grateful for their ongoing support. Through monthly contributions from justice-minded people such as yourselves, we can continue to grow our [community of Franciscan hearts](#) to ensure that Franciscan values are heard throughout the halls of Congress and across the country. We hope you will consider [joining us](#).

## Join Newtown Action Alliance for June #EndGunViolence Lunch & Lobby Sessions

The Newtown Action Alliance has been active in urging Congress to pass gun legislation. Register to join them for one or all of four Mondays in June at the [#EndGunViolence Lunch & Lobby Sessions](#).

These 2-hour sessions from 12p-2p ET (10a-12p PT) are a communal effort to honor victims of gun violence through action. Each week, attendees are walked through the latest updates of various pieces of gun legislation. Then, armed with passion and a suggested script, participants call Congress at the same time (like a phone bank) and urge them to pass the legislative proposals that are needed to end the gun violence crisis in our nation. [Click here to register](#).



## Status Updates on Immigrant Youth and Refugees

June 15th is the 10th anniversary of the inception of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). For a decade, DACA has been a band-aid instead of lasting protection for immigrants. Many continue to live with constant uncertainty as the future of DACA hangs in the balance. We invite you to learn more by attending [DACA's Precarious Future: A Conversation with Legal Experts and Advocates](#) this **Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 2pm ET (11am PT)**.

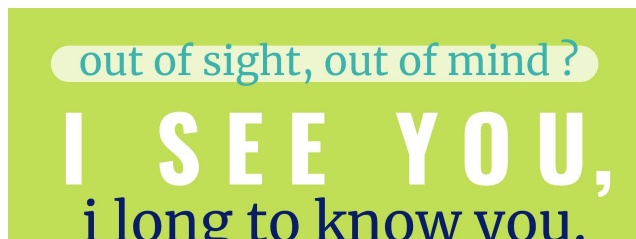
We continue to advocate for permanent protections for our undocumented sisters and brothers. Home is Here offers [this one-pager](#) with several ways to **take action on June 15th**.



The number of people seeking safety globally continues to climb while the United States' ability to welcome them continues to deteriorate. Ahead of World Refugee Day, join in [Holy Voices for World Refugee Day: Welcome For All!](#) on **June 13 at 7pm ET (4pm PT)** to hear about the urgent need to restore welcome for all. From the refugee resettlement program to the asylum system, speakers will educate, inspire, and equip attendees to advocate for change.

## Franciscan Justice Circle Updates

Members of Franciscan Justice Circles take action in many varied ways. In this space in past newsletters, we have let you know about folks in Boston feeding the hungry and a Circle in California



responding to homelessness in relation to mental health.

Patrick Carolan is a member of the Connecticut-Rhode Island FJC, former executive director of FAN and social justice activist. He recently [wrote this article](#) in Franciscan Media about his experience volunteering in a refugee camp in Virginia for new Afghan arrivals.

While not all of us have the ability to take weeks to volunteer at a refugee camp, we can all do something. Take the time to get to know the FJC in your area or think about starting your own. We will help you every step of the way! [Contact us today](#).

If you live in the Richmond, VA area, please [join us for a Come and See](#) meeting to explore joining a Franciscan Justice Circle [TODAY, June 6 at 7pm](#).