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## Give Them Something to Eat

The account of [Jesus feeding the five thousand](#) with five loaves and two fish is one of the best-known of Jesus' miracles. As the only miracle recounted in all four of the Gospels, it has a way of capturing our imagination. If we put ourselves into the setting as Jesus' disciples, we may learn something, as the disciples did, about the adequacy of our resources. In our passage from the Gospel of Luke, the disciples have returned from their mission. We can imagine them as both exhilarated and exhausted. Words tumble out as they tell Jesus the story of their mission and adventures. They need a rest, a break from the multitudes. So does Jesus, because he is grieving the death and burial of John the Baptist.



In Mark's account, the disciples and Jesus set sail towards a deserted area near the town of Bethsaida. The multitude follows and Jesus, tired though he is, welcomes the crowd and begins teaching and healing. When the disciples ask Jesus to send the crowd away because there aren't adequate resources to feed everyone, Jesus challenges them: "You give them something to eat." And then Jesus blesses the five loaves and two fish and gives them back, multiplied, for "the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled."

We can be overwhelmed with the vastness of the need. So many people detained and deported. So much gun violence. So few resources for those in need of health care, housing and food security. So much harm to our Sister, Mother Earth. Or we can place our resources in God's hands and trust that God will place them back in our hands, multiplied, more powerful than we could imagine, so that we can "give them something to eat."

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### **Suggested Action:**

[Read the letter from the U.S. Catholic bishops](#) to members of Congress to reconsider provisions that will harm those who are poor as well as our immigrant brothers and sisters. Consider writing a letter in response to your bishop.

### **Suggested Petitions:**

Lead refugees, immigrants and migrants to places of safety and sustenance. God, hear our prayer.

Advance efforts to protect the environment and secure clean air and water. God, hear our prayer.

**Prayer:**

**“Enough for Everyone”**

Your banquet is spread before us, Lord,  
acres of bread and vast jugs of refreshing water,  
barrels of beer and vats of fine wine.  
There is enough. For everyone.

Your banquet is spread before us, Lord,  
the grapes hang heavy and ripe for the picking,  
and the fruit drops from the laden trees.  
There is enough. For everyone.

And yet,  
the cry of a hungry child  
breaks the silence of plenty,  
and rebukes the powerful,  
who withhold their wealth.

It scatters the dice of the gamblers  
who bet on the price of food,  
and overturns the traders' tables  
to send the rich away.

Your banquet is set before us, Lord.  
There is enough.

For everyone.

## **Thank you for supporting our 2025 Benefit**

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported Franciscan Action Network's 2025 Benefit, *"I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me."* Your generosity helps sustain our mission to bring a collective Franciscan voice to the work of justice, peace, creation, and human dignity.

**FAN Shows Up**



FAN staff and members of Franciscan Justice Circles participated in pro-democracy actions in many locations on June 14.



See here photos of the DC Franciscan Justice Circle; Sr. Marie in Greenbelt, MD; members of the Richmond, VA Justice Circle; as well as Br James LaGrutta in Philadelphia.



## Join us for a Franciscan Family Information Session: Pilgrims of Hope for Creation

**JUNE 18**

**11 a.m. Pacific / 12 p.m. Mountain / 1 p.m. Central / 2 p.m. Eastern**

As we celebrate the anniversaries of the Cantic of the Creatures, Laudato Si', and the Jubilee Year, **communities across the United States will unite through Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation during the Season of Creation** (September 1 – October 4, 2025). Together we will pray for the grace to encounter Christ in the natural world and restore our relationships with God, Creation, and one another.

As Franciscans we have an opportunity and responsibility to share the Cantic as part of these pilgrimages. Please join the OFM/Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, OFM Conv/Province of Our Lady of the Angels, and the Franciscan Action Network as we **discuss what it means to participate in this national effort**.

The event will be recorded, and resources will be sent to all who [register](#).

**Rosie, add button, please!**

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## Christians for Ceasefire and Just Peace

**Solidarity Fast for Gaza: May 22 - June 30** - Sign up here to fast in various degrees (over 740 so far!): <https://www.fosna.org/2025gazafast>

**Caravans to south Louisiana** for Human Rights Over Unlawful Detentions of Palestinian rights activists and others: **June 20 - 22**. Details and registration [here](#).

**Multi-faith Action for Palestine, June 29 - July 1** - Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu organizations are mobilizing a series of actions (vigils, lobbying, singing, and other creative nonviolent witness) to address the Christians United for Israel (CUFI) conference in Washington DC. CUFI has advocated for Israeli government policies that enable occupation, annexation, and ethnic cleansing in Palestine. *Register here:* <https://www.interfaithforpalestine.com/takeaction>

Organizational Support: Your organization can sign up to be a supporter or an ally here: <https://www.interfaithforpalestine.com/organizations>

## Take Action: Uphold Dignity in Immigration Legislation

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recently raised serious concerns about immigration provisions in a budget reconciliation bill currently under consideration in the Senate. In a letter to Congress, several bishop chairmen warned that expanded enforcement, new detention funding, and prohibitive fees would harm vulnerable immigrants and unaccompanied children. [Click here to take action](#) and urge your senators to address these concerns.

## Sisters Speak Out June 24

Join FAN and Catholic sisters from across the country for Sisters Speak Out, a public witness in Washington, D.C. on **Tuesday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol Grounds**. Many lay people and men religious plan to participate as well. There will also be parallel events held around the United States. Together, we'll call for compassionate immigration policies and a federal budget that upholds the dignity of the vulnerable. The gathering will include praying a rosary, a press event with Catholic leaders, and visits to congressional offices. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Franciscan Justice Circle Updates

Members of the **Chicagoland FJC** are actively engaging with Laudato Si' inspired activities including an opportunity to collaborate on planning a Laudato Si' pilgrimage to Cicero and signing the [St. Francis Pledge](#). The injustices as a result of immigration-related actions and policies is being experienced by local community members as well as folks at the southern border, where some Secular Franciscans were recently able to visit. An FJC member, Mike Huck, joined hundreds in DC for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bread for the World Advocacy Summit and visited Capitol Hill in support of domestic and international hunger programs.



Upcoming [Franciscan Justice Circle](#) (FJC) gatherings:

**Monthly national FJCs call:** Tues. June 17 at 4:00 pm ET / 1:00 pm PT over Zoom

**Boston FJC:** Wed. June 18 at 7:00 pm ET over Zoom

**Phoenix FJC:** Thur. June 19 at 5:00 pm MST over Zoom

**Pacific Northwest FJC:** Thur. June 19 at 7:00 pm PT over Zoom

**Central IN FJC:** Fri. June 20 at 1:00 pm ET over Zoom

**CT - RI FJC:** Tues. June 24 at 7:00 pm ET over Zoom

**Texas FJC:** Tues. June 24 at 7:15 pm CT over Zoom

**Pittsburgh Metro FJC:** Thur. June 26 at 7:00 pm ET over Zoom

To find out more about any of the [FJC](#) gatherings coming up or for information about joining or forming a Circle, please contact Nora Pfeiffer at [FJCinfo@franciscanaction.org](mailto:FJCinfo@franciscanaction.org).