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Who, me, Jesus?

In the past six months, we have moved liturgically through sacred seasons and high feasts: Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, Holy Week, the Easter Season, and the Feasts of Ascension, Most Holy Trinity, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi. It will be six more months until Advent 2026. What do we do in these months without major liturgical seasons and feasts? (Except we Franciscans have the Triduum and Feast of St. Francis!) In the gospel reading for the [11th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (hardly “ordinary” in secular calendar time), Jesus tells us, as he told those first disciples: Go, I am sending you to announce, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Who, me, Jesus? Yes, you.



Carl Bloch - The Sermon on the Mount (1877)

How do we know what the kingdom of heaven looks like? Listen to Jesus and his teachings, like the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, the Last Judgement, his parables, and more. Look at his encounters with others: the sick and disabled, “lost sheep”, the Scribes and Pharisees, women, children, tax collectors, his close friends. Go and do likewise, because we are now the body of Christ. Last Sunday we celebrated Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. This week we are sent forth in this time, into this world, as Christ’s body on Earth.

Go with messages and actions of healing, of reconciliation, of compassion, of hope, of peace with justice, of love—especially of love. Ask nothing in return, says Jesus, for “. . .without cost you are to give.” But there are costs to us, as there were to Jesus: rejection, dismissal, betrayal, fatigue, misunderstanding, suffering, as well as dying to ego. When confronted with these and other costs, ask the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, for the grace, the spiritual maturity, to embrace them with “perfect joy,” as Francis did, because they unite us more closely with Love, who gave his all for us.

And let us go forth together. When we face these challenges and obstacles, we are fortified when we are in community, building the Kingdom together. The Franciscan Action Network is about taking action that promotes a justice rooted in love, but it also gives us the courage and connection to go forth together.

Sr. Marie Lucey, OSF

FAN Associate Director

Suggested Action: If you have not already done so, consider [purchasing a ticket](#) to FAN's annual benefit on June 16th: “Dignity First: Nourishing Lives, Transforming Communities”. It will be a nice way to celebrate all we have done together as a network this year, inspiring us to keep working for the Kingdom in the year ahead.

Suggested Petitions:

We pray that the Master of the harvest gives us the graces we need to labor for his harvest.

We pray that we may give without cost as disciples in 2026.

Prayer

**Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion
on the world.**

Amen.

**FAN's Benefit Is One
Week Away**



There is still time for you to join us for FAN's most important fundraiser of the year, our annual online Benefit, ***Dignity First: Nourishing Lives, Transforming Communities***, on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 7 pm Eastern Time on Zoom**. The Franciscan commitment to human dignity is seen in everything from FAN's advocacy to direct service of those in need. This is not a traditional sit-down dinner. Instead, guests are invited to join a live online program that connects FAN's advocacy with the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit**, where meals and direct service are provided to those in need while we reflect together on building a more just and compassionate world. We look forward to seeing you on June 16 for an evening of reflection, inspiration, and action. Together, we can put dignity first. [Join us](#).

Advocacy Works: War Powers Resolution Passed



After months of advocacy by constituents of FAN and many other organizations, the U.S. House of Representatives finally [passed](#) a War Powers Resolution on June 3 calling on the President to terminate hostilities in Iran. The Senate voted in May to bring a similar resolution up for a vote. While there are many steps remaining to make any such resolution binding, the fact that an increasing number of Republicans and Democrats are voting to end the war is an extremely important signal, reflecting widespread and rising public unhappiness with the war. **Thank you for all you have done and let's**

keep raising our collective Franciscan voice in favor of peace!

Webinar Tonight on AI and the Environment

**Panel discussion:
Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 PM ET**

Pope Leo's new encyclical invites each of us into a conversation about how to be most fully human in a world where AI is growing at an unchecked rate, elite and non-state actors control data, and the common good is not prioritized.

Kim Daniels of Georgetown University, Scott Hurd from Catholic Charities USA, Nichole Flores of the University of Virginia, and Paul Scherz from Notre Dame will help us to consider deeper questions about our relationships with God, each other, creation, and technology.

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS:
DISARMING AI, BEING FULLY HUMAN,
AND INTEGRAL ECOLOGY**

Tuesday, June 9th
7:30 pm EST
Register at bit.ly/MagHumWeb

The poster features a central image of a human hand holding a globe, with a robotic hand reaching towards it. Below the main text is a row of logos for partner organizations: Association of Catholic Bishops and Universities, CHA, Catholic Charities USA, LCWR, LaRED, Catholic Health Charities, Laudat Movem, Franciscan Action Network, Franciscan Friars, Office of Justice and Ecology, Saint Kateri Conservation Center, and NETYS.

You can register [here](#).

FAN Welcomes Two Summer Interns



Celestine Adjaglo recently graduated from Neumann University with a degree in Political Science on the Pre-Law track and a minor in Spanish. She is originally from Philadelphia, but her family is from Togo, West Africa. She first became involved with FAN through the 2024 Franciscan Justice Leadership Conference. Since then, Celeste has served as a Franciscan Justice Circle (FJC) intern on campus and has attended several FAN conferences. This summer, she will work as the Conference, Website, and Webstore Intern.



Alexis Serio is a rising senior at St. Bonaventure University, double majoring in Faith and Social Justice and Spanish. She is from Forestville, NY and recently started her position as the Outreach, Data, and Donor Acknowledgement Intern for FAN. She first became involved with FAN in 2023 at the Franciscan Justice Leadership Conference and has participated in the subsequent conferences. Since then, she has been involved with the Franciscan Justice Circle at St. Bonaventure University and recently helped to open a free

exchange store on the campus.

Don't Miss Out on Early Bird Conference Price

Registration is open for the **2026 Franciscan Justice Leadership Conference: Ours to do** on **November 7-9, 2026** with early bird registration prices through **July 15**. Through Franciscan formation, inspiring speakers, hands-on training, and civic engagement on Capitol Hill, we'll explore how to live out our Franciscan values and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Learn more, hear from people who attended last year's conference and register [here](#). Sponsorship information is available [here](#).



Franciscan Justice Circles

Members of the **Arizona FJC** are engaging in many ways: advocating with their U.S. representative to carve out sensitive locations from having ICE present; visiting immigration detention centers to pray and be present; collaborating with AZ Interfaith Power & Light to advocate to keep a line item regarding extreme heat mitigation in the governor's proposed budget; and working with an interfaith group to support a delegates assembly discussing multiple issues including homelessness, safety, immigrant safety and justice, and access to healthcare.

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

Mid-Hudson Valley FJC: Tue. June 8 at 12:00 pm ET via Zoom

CT-RI FJC: Tue. June 8 at 7:00 pm ET via Zoom

Delaware Valley FJC: Tue. June 8 at 7:00 pm ET via Zoom

New Mexico FJC: Tue. June 8 at 6:30 pm MT via Zoom

National Monthly FJCs call: Wed. June 10 at 1:00 pm PT / 4:00 pm ET via Zoom

Prayer Vigil for Immigrants: Wed. June 10 at 2:15 pm PT / 5:15 pm ET via Zoom

Rochester FJC: Thur. June 11 at 3:30 pm ET via Zoom

SoCal FJC and Bay Area & Northern CA FJC: Thur. June 11 at 7:00 pm PT via Zoom

Central Indiana FJC: Fri. June 12 at 1:00 pm ET via Zoom

DC Metro Area FJC: Sat. June 13 at 10:00 am ET In Person

Driftless Regions FJC (WI, MN): Mon. June 15 at 6:00 pm CT via Zoom

Michigan FJC: Wed. June 16 at 7:00 pm ET via Zoom

Virtual FJC (ltd. mobility): Thur. June 18 at 11:00 am PT / 2:00 pm ET via Zoom

Pacific Northwest FJC: Thur. June 18 at 1:00 pm PT via Zoom

NYC-area FJC: Thur. June 18 at 7:30 pm ET via Zoom

Arizona FJC: Thur. June 18 at 6:30 pm MST via Zoom

To find out more about any of the [FJC](#) gatherings coming up or for information about joining or forming a Circle, please sign up [HERE](#).