

CALLED TO BE HOLY

In our Adult Faith Education Carl Madigan presented three sessions on environment. The theme was “Dare to Dream”. The premise was the earth has a dream and that dream is for all life to live in harmony and respect for one another.

Humankind also have a dream. In 1997 the United Nations gathered people together to compare what was to be called The Earth Charter. Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union was part of their initiative. It was completed in 2000.

Can each of us live this charter in some way in our own lives, privately and publically? This question we must ask ourselves.

Earth Charter

Preamble: We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life and to future generations.

Earth: Our Home: Humanity is part of a vast evolving universe. Earth, our home, is alive with a unique community of life. The forces of nature make existence a demanding and uncertain adventure, but Earth has provided the conditions essential to life's evolution. The resilience of the community of life and the well-being of humanity depend upon preserving a healthy biosphere with all its ecological systems, a rich variety of plants and animals, fertile soils, pure waters, and clean air. The global environment with its finite resources is a common concern of all peoples. The protection of Earth's vitality, diversity and beauty, is a sacred trust.

The Global Situation: The dominant patterns of production and consumption are causing environmental devastation, the depletion of resources and a massive extinction of species. Communities are being undermined. The benefits of development are not shared equitably and the gap between the rich and the poor is widening. Injustice, poverty, ignorance and violent conflict are widespread and the cause of great suffering. An unprecedented rise in human population has overburdened ecological and social systems. The foundations of global security are threatened. These trends are perilous-but not inevitable.

The Challenges Ahead: The choice is ours: from a global partnership to care for Earth and one another, or risk the destruction of ourselves and the diversity of life. Fundamental changes are needed to our values, institutions and ways of living. We must realize that when basic needs have been met, human development is primarily about being more, not having more. We have the knowledge and technology to provide for all and to reduce our impact on the environment. The emergence of a global civil society is creating new opportunities to build a democratic and humane world. Our environmental, economic, political, social and spiritual challenges are interconnected and together we can forge inclusive solutions.

Universal Responsibility: To realize these aspirations, we must decide to live with a sense of universal responsibility, identifying ourselves with the Earth community as well as our local communities. We are at once citizens of different nations and of one world in which the local and global are linked. Everyone shares responsibility for the present and future well-being of the human family and the larger living world. The spirit of human solidarity and kinship with all life is strengthened when we live with reverence for the mystery of being, gratitude for the gift of life, and humanity regarding the human place in nature.

We urgently need a shared vision of basic values to provide an ethical foundation for the emerging world community. Therefore, together in hope we affirm the following interdependent principles for a sustainable way of life as a common standard by which the conduct of all individuals, organizations, businesses, governments and transnational institutions are to be guided and assessed.

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 6 TO 14, 2019

Saturday, April 6: Weekday Mass

4:00 Alessandro Palladini by wife & children
Enza & Antonio LaPosta by Concetta LaPosta

Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 IN LOVING MEMORY: Leona Clarke, Colombo & Emma Salvati and Luigi & Alba Paliotti

11:00 Italo Falcone and Italo & Anna Mariani
by Louisa & Angelo Falcone
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Odette Handel by the family

Monday, April 8: Weekday Mass

8:00 Flavio Spurio by mother & siblings

Tuesday, April 9: Weekday Mass

8:00 Fernanda Rampezzotti Maraharitis by daughters Cassandra & Daphne

Wednesday, April 10: Weekday Mass

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini by daughter Louisa
Gregory DeSantis by Celeste DeSantis

Thursday, April 11: Weekday Mass

8:00 Aniello D'Addio by Franca & family

Friday, April 12: Weekday Mass

8:00 Donato & Loreta Pedicelli by Ernesta Ciampini

Saturday, April 13: St. Martin I

4:00 Ignazio Ciampini by Ernesta Ciampini
Maria Cardilli by Salvatore Cardilli

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

8:30 Ettore Lanni by Virginia Lanni
Vincenza Forte by Nadia Arcuri
Domenico, Lucia & Raymondo Spatolo by daughter Grace

11:00 IN LOVING MEMORY: The Cullen family, Silvano Zilli, and Richard Ring

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 18: Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19: Service at 3 p.m.
Way of the Cross at 8 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 20: Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Mass at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Adult Faith Enrichment –

Upcoming Events

Video Divina: This year, Fr. Lloyd Baugh's film series looks at movies from different cultural and religious traditions and considers how their deities invite believers to undertake the journey towards holiness which is wholeness: Join him on **Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the film **"Three Colors: Red"**. Free admission and popcorn, with discussion to follow. All are welcome!



Development and Peace: Share the Journey Lenten Campaign

Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon. **On this Solidarity Sunday we extend a warm thank you for your generosity.** Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Columbia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria and elsewhere. Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home.
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