

JPIC Communiqué JPIC OFS Canada December / Décembre 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Francis and Clare

The National JPIC Committee invites you to Pray and take Action in your daily lives and to share a solidarity with the marginalized of society and denounce injustice.

Due to personal reasons the Editor had to take a hiatus from producing this Communiqué and hence there were no JPIC Communiqués issued in October or November.

Future issues of the JPIC Communiqué will have a new format and a new focus... the Terms of Reference of the JPIC Team show that part of its responsibilities is to:

- Monitor issues of interest to the OFS and suggests responses to these issues.
- Act as a focal point for the OFS during natural disasters and suggests how the OFS can help.
- Collaborate with other Franciscan families, and other relevant groups outside the OFS, to promote and coordinate the work of JPIC, and encourages Regional and Local fraternities to do likewise by sharing their contacts and coordinates.
- Promote moments prayers of observances proposed by the Church or national organizations in relation to JPIC issues.
- Promote specific campaigns by sharing information through Regional and National OFS websites.

We are not here to repeat all the good works done by other Canadian Franciscan media outlets such as Franciscan Voice Canada, and Le Service Intercommunautaire d'Animation Franciscaine (SIAF), or to replace the many Local and Regional fraternity websites. Our job is to collaborate with them, and encourage individual Secular Franciscans through their Local and Regional Fraternities, to follow the Catholic Action model of "See, Judge, and Act"... and may I add always praying before Acting.

Advent is a Season of waiting, preparation and anticipation. It is a Season of Hope. What are we hoping for? The Second Coming of Jesus as demonstrated by the return of Goodness, Justice, and Faith? Have we prepared our actions to demonstrate our confidence, passion, and love to a hurting world by concrete actions (Rule 4) and by promoting justice (Article 14)?

What concrete steps have I, my Local Fraternity, or my Regional Fraternity taken to promote Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation?

In this Season of Advent, may the Peace of Christ disturb you to take cochange color of pagechange ncrete steps.

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