

THE CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 2011

2011 is the U.N. International Year of Forests: *Forests for People*. Various organizations have initiatives including the *United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)* and *U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*. **Contact:** www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/.

OCTOBER 2011 INTERNATIONAL

- **October 5-7, 2011: 2011 JPIC National Bilingual Gathering: *Co-Creating with the Spirit on the Cutting Edge: Actualizing a Transformed Earth Community***, organized by the **Canadian Religious Conference (CRC)**, will take place at the Sheraton Montreal Airport Hotel in Montreal, and expects at least 200 JPIC religious, associates and collaborators from all over Canada. Keynoters include Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D., Yale scholar, and Michel Verne, journalist. \$185 before August 15 (does not include accommodations or meals). Fr. Jean Paul Pezzi, MCCJ plans to attend. **Contact:** (514) 259-0856 or e-mail Joyce Murray, CSJ (if English) at jmurray@crc-canada.org, or Francine Cabana (if French) at fcabana@crc-canada.org. Visit www.crc-canada.org for a poster, the schedule and the registration form.
- **October 10, 2011: The Feast Day of St. Daniel Comboni** will be celebrated in Comboni communities around the world – in more than 40 countries. **For more details, contact:** www.comboni.org.
- **October 10-20, 2011: U.S. Catholic China Bureau's Religious Study Tour to China** includes visits to places of cultural and religious significance in Hong Kong, Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai. The estimated cost is \$3,000. **For more details, contact:** (973) 763-1131 or check the web site, www.usccb.net.
- **October 13-16, 2011: Catholic Episcopal Taskforce Symposium: *ONE CHURCH: From every Tribe, Tongue and People! From the Past to the Future*** will celebrate the independence of the Republic of South Sudan at a cultural center in Juba. Sr. Giovanna Sguazza, CMS, of South Sudan is one of the organizers. Comboni Sr. Adele Brambilla speaks on Day One on "Prophetic Ministry of the Comboni Missionary Sisters in the History of Evangelization in Sudan in the Vision of St. Daniele Comboni." Other talks include "Witnesses on the Past," "The Role of the Local Church towards Independence of South Sudan," and much more. **If you would like to help sponsor** this unique event at a unique time in So. Sudan's history, **contact:** cmsprovsupss@ss-cms.org.
- **October 16, 2011: World Food Day: *Food Prices, From Crisis to Stability***. Visit www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en/.
- **October 16-22, 2011: "Break the Silence" Congo Week**. The purpose of *Congo Week* is to educate the global community about the situation in the Congo and mobilize support on

behalf of the people of the Congo who are fighting for peace, justice and human dignity. Find out ways to get involved in your own communities. There are many ideas. Visit www.CongoWeek.org and www.friendsofthecongo.org.

- **October 17-23, 2011: Fr. Roy Bourgeois Speaking Tour**, presented by the School of the Americas Watch organization, presents in Rome, Italy. Find out more at www.SOAW.org.
- **October 20-21, 2011: The Promise of the Media in Halting Mass Atrocities: A Conference to Mark the 10th Anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect** will take place in Montreal, Canada and is hosted by the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights (MIGS) at Concordia University. Jonathan Hutson is one of the distinguished speakers. See www.enoughproject.org/events/promise-media-halting-mass-atrocities-conference.

UNITED NATIONS: See www.un.org/observances/days.shtml#october.

- **October 1-7, 2011: U.N. Climate Change Conference: AWG-KP 16 and AWG-LCA 14** will be happening in Panama City, Panama. This third part of the sixteenth session of the *Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 16)* and the third part of the fourteenth session of the *Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA 14)* will take place at the Centro de Convenciones ATLAPA, Panama City, Panama. Visit <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>.
- **October 17, 2011: U.N. 2011 International Day to Eradicate Poverty. Visit:** : <http://social.un.org/index/Poverty/InternationalDayfortheEradicationofPoverty/2011.aspx>

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- **October 1, 2011: Annual Raffle and Dinner Dance to Benefit the Work of the Comboni Missionaries** is set for Cavanaugh Hall at a church in Covina, CA near Los Angeles. The annual event begins at 6:45 pm and spotlights the new country of South Sudan. There will be a photo display of Comboni Missionaries in South Sudan and Guatemala. Tickets are \$30/adult and include a catered dinner, and more. Will particularly benefit the education of seminarians in Africa and the formation of Lay Christian leaders in Latin America. **For more information contact:** Roxanne Schorbach/Office Manager; (626) 339-1914.
- **October 1-2, 2011: Green Festival** is a premier sustainability event happening in New York with speakers, eco-innovations, networking and refreshments. Visit www.greenfestivals.org.
- **October 6, 2011: Theology on Tap in Dayton, Ohio** begins at 7:30 pm at “Oregon Express.” Nicole Muhlenkamp will discuss “God’s Game Plan: Theology of the Body and You. Theology on Tap is open to young adults, ages 18-39. For more information, visit www.totdayton.wordpress.com.
- **October 7, 2011: Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards 2011** will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Come congratulate the winners and recognize the contributions of Latinas in Ohio. Find out more at <http://ochla.ohio.gov>.

- **October 9, 2011: *School of the Americas Watch March on U.S. Southern Command (South-Com)*** takes place in Southern Florida outside of Miami. **Find out more at www.SouthComWatch.org.**
- **October 16, 2011: Bread for the World Sunday** will inspire 1000s of congregations to renew their commitment to ending hunger and poverty—through education, prayer and worship. *Bread for the World* resources include a study of Matthew 22:15-22 by Donald Senior, CP, a noted biblical scholar and president of Catholic Theological Union, and a litany and prayers by Rev. Michelle Baker-Wright, director of the chapel at Fuller Theological Seminary and assisting priest at St. James' Episcopal Church in Pasadena, CA. **Find out more at www.bread.org/help/church/bread-sunday/.**
- **October 16-18, 2011: The Maryknoll Centennial Symposium: *Church in Mission: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*** will explore new perspectives of faith from Asia, Africa, Latin America and help you discover the gift of mission for your own life journey. The event will be held at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago at 5401 S. Cornell Avenue (60615). Presenters include Ms. Marie Dennis, Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC, Sr. Antoinette Gutzler, MM, Rev. Stephen Judd, MM, Sr. Madge Karecki, SSJ-TOSF, Rev. Peter Phan, Sr. Ana Maria Pineda, RSM, Dr. Dana Robert, Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, Rev. Robert Schweitzer, CPPS, Rev. Roger Schroeder, SVD. The guest celebrant is Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, CSN, DD. **Visit www.ctu.edu/maryknoll.** Please register by contacting Greg Darr at gdarr@maryknoll.org; (773) 493-3367, ext. 262 as soon as possible. Online registration closed 8/31.
- **October 18-19, 2011: Raise the Roots: *Engaging Communities of Color in Tax Fairness*** is presented by the Tax Fairness Organizing Collaborative at United for a Fair Economy in Boston. It is open to tax fairness advocates and allies. Register today or submit a workshop. **Learn more at www.faireconomy.org/conference.**
- **October 19, 2011: 21st Annual Westheimer Peace Symposium: WaterCARE; Conservation, Access, Responsibility, Equality** is set for Wilmington College campus, with most events in the Heiland Theatre, from 10 am – 9 pm. The schedule includes a talk by Charles Fishman, “The New Age of Water: Re-Imagining How We Use Water and How We Think about it;” then after lunch (1:15 pm), Dr. Aaron Wolf on “Healing the Enlightenment Rift: Rationality, Spirituality, and Shared Waters;” then the Wilmington College Chorale performing Water Song. From 3:45 pm-5:15 pm, the film, GASLAND, will be shown in the McCoy Room, then the day breaks for dinner. At 7:30 pm, Chad Pregracke speaks on “Helping to Clean America’s Rivers.” All events are free and open to the public. Tickets and pre-registration are not required. **For information** on handicap-accessibility and seating, please call (937) 382-6661, ext. 719.
- **October 20, 2011: Promoting a Circle of Protection: *A Catholic Message for the SuperCommittee*** will be presented by Kathy Saile, Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Domestic Social Development Office, from 7-9 pm at the Archbishop Pilarczyk Center, 1436 Needmore Road in Dayton. She’ll offer an enlightening look into the work of the bishops’ conference on advocating for a Circle of Protection around the programs that meet the essential needs of hungry and poor people at home and abroad. **Contact:** (937) 224-3026/ E-mail: csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.
- **October 21-22, 2011: Peace in Asia and the Pacific “Alternatives to Militarization” Conference** is the theme of a U.S. peace movement capacity building conference, co-sponsored by Peace Action, and scheduled for the American University, Washington, D.C. It will help attendees understand and respond to new developments and the dangers of a militarized U.S. policy in the Asia-Pacific region. Through workshops, plenary sessions and

networking, the event provides an opportunity to examine possible campaigns and ways to build solidarity with peace movements and campaigns in the region. **For more details, contact:** (301) 565-4050/ Web site: www.peace-action.org.

- **October 22, 2011: The Hunger Project's Annual Fall Gala: Africa Prize for Leadership** will take place at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers in New York City. See www.thp.org.
- **October 22, 2011: End Genocide Action Summit**, hosted by United to End Genocide (a recent merger of the *Genocide Intervention Network*, *STAND* and the *Save Darfur Coalition*) will take place at The Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St., NW in Washington, D.C. It will educate and empower activists on how to become stronger leaders on their campus and in their community while demonstrating the strength of the movement to end genocide to policy makers on Capitol Hill. **Contact:** www.enoughproject.org/events/end-genocide-action-summit.
- **October 22, 2011: National Make a Difference Day.** Join Facebook's www.facebook.com/makeadifferenceday.
- **October 28-29, 2011: Building Bridges of Peace Conference: *Dialogue through Philanthropy, Education & Storytelling*** will take place at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago, IL. Join the Central Asia Institute's Greg Mortenson, Maz Jobrani, Jack G. Shaheen, Robert Renteria, Fatan Tahir and others for two days of heartfelt and thought-provoking dialogue. On the 28th, from noon-6 pm (free), there will be panel discussions, and on the 29th, dinner, dialogue and storytelling (\$35 ticket). This is a Central Asia Institute special event supporting its mission of peace through education. Speakers will explore their visions to build dialogues of peace, discussing ideas, methodologies and personal struggles. The exchange of ideas will include how these speakers have created successful non-profit organization models; written best-selling inspirational books; or have shaped their lives to bridge cultural and political divides. **For tickets, visit** www.ikat.org/chicago. E-mail Sadia Ashraf at sadia@ikat.org or Michelle Laxson at info@ikat.org.
- **October 28-29, 2011: Amnesty International's 2011 Midwest Human Rights Conference** will take place at the Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City and feature prominent human rights defenders and leading experts talking about today's most pressing human rights concerns. There will also be discussion on the growing movement to abolish the death penalty following Troy Davis' recent execution and the next steps for another death penalty case coming up in Missouri. Other topics include the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa; protecting workers' rights; the rights of immigrants; ending poverty; the torture "debate;" and much more. **Contact:** www.amnestyusa.org/events/regional-conferences/midwest-regional-conference.
- **October 28-30, 2011: 2011 U.S. Catholic Mission Association (USCMA) Annual Mission Conference: *Push out into the deep...Communion and Missionary Discipleship*** will take place at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort in Miami, Florida. The conference opens at 3:30 pm on the 28th with a keynote by Ambassador Miguel Diaz, followed by dinner and *Mission Awards*. Dialogue sessions are immersed throughout the schedule. On the 29th Steve Bevans, SCD delivers the morning keynote, and in the afternoon, there will be a field trip to Notre Dante d'Haiti. Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archdiocese of Miami, will preside at the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by a Fet with the Haitian community. On the 30th, the keynote will be presented by Sr. Madge Karecki, SSF-TOSF (Archdiocese of Chicago), followed by the closing ritual. **Find out more, and register online at** www.uscatholicmission.org.

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- **October 5, 2011: Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton** features Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer in “Pick the Bishop’s Brain,” a question & answer session. It’s 7-9 pm at Martino’s on Vine, 2618 Vine Street. The series continues each Wednesday in October. Check it out on Facebook at Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton. **For more information, visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/TOT-2011-Bishop-1-Final-Color.pdf.**
- **October 6, 2011: Exploring Critical Issues: Enrique’s Journey: An evening with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sonia Nazario** begins at 7 pm at the Duff Banquet Center at Xavier University’s Cintas Center. Her presentation will focus on her book which describes her firsthand account of riding on top of trains with teenagers as they migrate from Central America through Mexico toward the United States. The dialogue promises to educate our community about one of our nation’s most pressing issues—immigration, specifically the phenomenon of teenage migration. Kristine Suna-Koro, an X.U. theology professor and Leo Pierson, a sociology professor from Cincinnati State Community College, will provide a brief commentary on the phenomenon of migration. Free. **For more information, contact: (513) 745-3922.**
- **October 7, 2011: Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council “Fifth Annual International Education Summit,”** will take place at Northern Kentucky University from 8 am – 1 pm. The overall topic is the Global Economy with break out panels on World Finance, World Energy, World Politics, and International Careers. The goal is to raise high school students’ global awareness by providing a practical learning experience. The Summit correlates with tri-state school curriculum guidelines, identifies and presents international economic issues, and explores international careers as the students contemplate college and career paths. **For more information or to register visit www.cincyworldaffairs.org or call the World Affairs Council at (513) 621-5222. Also, visit www.globalcincinnati.org.**
- **October 10, 2011: Emerging Spirituality Dialogue: The Pathway Within** is a follow-up to the dialogue “A Church in Pain! Pathways to Healing.” The meeting, co-sponsored by Bellarmine Parish and various Xavier University departments, will be facilitated by the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center. It is open to all and will continue with the recognition that grace loves chaos. Through large and small group dialogue, they’ll explore a dynamic emerging spirituality, engage in communal contemplative experience and step into their inner authority as they honor the past and create a new future together. The gathering will take place with pizza from 6-6:30 pm, followed by the dialogue, from 6:30-9 pm, in the Conaton Board Room in Schmidt Hall at Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway (Cincinnati, OH 45206). Free parking is available on University Drive and in the

Cintas Parking Lot. **RSVP to** Katie Minning at (513) 745-3567 or at minning@xavier.edu.

- **October 11, 2011: Mass, Reception and Lunch Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Daniel Comboni** begins with the Mass at 11 am in the chapel at the Comboni Mission Center. **Find out more** from Jeanie Stephens at stephens@combonimissionaries.org.
- **October 12, 2011: Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton** features “I Don’t Like Fish, but I Love Fish Fries,” a panel of young adults sharing the joys and struggles of being part of the Catholic faith community. It’s 7-9 pm at Martino’s on Vine, 2618 Vine Street. Check it out on Facebook at Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton. **For more information, visit** www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/TOT-2011-Bishop-1-Final-Color.pdf.
- **October 19, 2011: Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton** with “Incoming Missal! Mass Hysteria?” features Karen Kane who explains and fields questions about the Mass and the new Roman Missal. It’s 7-9 pm at Martino’s on Vine, 2618 Vine Street. Check it out on Facebook at Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton. **For more information, visit** www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/TOT-2011-Bishop-1-Final-Color.pdf.
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- **October 23, 2011: World Mission Sunday Mass and Social in Asian Tradition.** Honor and celebrate the spiritual and cultural gifts Asian Catholics bring to the universal church on World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2011. Catholics of all cultures are invited to join us at 3:00 p.m. at St. Susanna Church in Mason for Mass to Celebrate the Gifts of Asian Catholics. Mass will be followed by Asian food, entertainment and fellowship in Meyer Hall. This celebration is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office, St. Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Community, Blessed Chavara Syro Malabar Catholic Mission, The Filipino Catholic Community and Our Lady of LaVang Vietnamese Catholic Community. **For more information, please contact** the Mission Office at (513) 421-3131 Ext. 2632, or email mission@catholiccincinnati.org.
- **October 26, 2011: Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton** with “Living Catholic: It’s an Inside Job,” features Jeanne Hunt who explores the “how tos” of living an authentic Catholic life. It’s 7-9 pm at Martino’s on Vine, 2618 Vine Street. Check it out on Facebook at Cincinnati Theology on Tap@Clifton. **For more information, visit** www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/TOT-2011-Bishop-1-Final-Color.pdf.
- **October 29, 2011: IJCP’s Day of Dialogue Facilitator Training:** The success of any small group dialogue relies on the presence of skilled facilitators. To that end, IJPC is offering its training workshop for those wanting to acquire facilitation, active listening and constructive inquiry skills. You can use these in your classroom, home and community. **For questions, or to RSVP,** contact: Kristin at IJPC; (513) 579-8547.
- **October 29, 2011: Defending Life Against the Sentence of Death: A Conference for Catholic Respect Life Month:** organized by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Social

Action , Family and Respect Life Office and Advocates for Justice Death Penalty Task Force. The conference will take place from 9 am to 12:30 pm at Good Shepherd Church in Symmes Township. Speakers will include local and national leaders, including those from the National Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty, endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Joseph Binzer will lead with morning prayer with keynotes and panel presentations to follow. **Contact:** Catholic Social Action Office at csa@catholiccincinnati.org.

- **October 29, 2011: Film Screening: *Bad Blood: The Border War that Triggered the Civil War*** is set for 1 pm at the Freedom Center, Freedom Way, downtown Cincinnati. In the years leading up to the Civil War, a bloody conflict between slaveholders and abolitionists focused the nation's eye on the state of Missouri and the territory of Kansas. Told through the actual words of slave owners, free-staters, border ruffians and politicians, *Bad Blood* presents the complex morality, differing values and life-and-death decisions faced by those who lived on the Missouri-Kansas border in the turbulent years from 1854-1860/ Winner of two 2007 Emmys. For more information, visit www.freedomcenter.org.
- **October 30, 2011: All Saints Celebration** takes place at Grailville in Loveland, at 5:30 pm, beginning with a potluck supper, then an All Saints Parade. Please bring a favorite dish and donation for the use of space. Drinks will be provided. We'll also celebrate the 67th birthday of Grailville and the 90th birthday of the Grail. **For more information and/or to reserve your spot**, call (513) 683-2340/ Web site: www.grailville.org.

NOVEMBER 2011 INTERNATIONAL

Elections in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

South Asia Social Forum scheduled in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- **November 2-5, 2011: Annual JPIC Workshop** for JPIC promoters will take place in Rome. For application forms in English and Spanish, visit [http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN JPIC institute](http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_JPIC_institute).
- **November 19, 2011: JPIC Seminar: *The Impact of the Synod of Bishops' 1971 Document, "Justice in the World," on Consecrated Life and its Relevance for Today***. This will take place in the Fratelli Cristiani in Rome. **For copies of the document** in English, Spanish and French, visit [http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN Justice](http://jpicformation.wikispaces.com/EN_Justice).

UNITED NATIONS: See www.un.org/observances/days.shtml#november.

- **November 20, 2011: World Day of Prayer and Action for Children.**
- **November 28-December 9, 2011: 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** will take place in Durban, South Africa.

NATIONAL

- **November 4-6, 2011: Call to Action 2011 National Conference: *Living the Gospel of Love*** will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The lineup of speakers includes Marcus Borg, Mujerista theologian, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz and the Catholic Reporter columnist, Jamie Manson and internationally acclaimed author, Kenneth Hardy. In addition the weekend will be jammed with events, presentations, exhibits and worship. **For all the details, please contact www.cta-usa.net/CTA2011.php.**
- **November 12-13, 2011: The Green Festival** is a premier sustainability event happening in San Francisco with speakers, eco-innovations, networking and refreshments. **Visit www.greenfestivals.org.**
- **November 18-20, 2011: Annual “Shut Down the School of Assassins: Resist U.S. Militarization in the Americas” Mobilization** at the Gates of Fort Benning, Georgia . The goal continues to be to shut down the SOA and change the oppressive U.S. Foreign Policy. History is made by movements! Join with the thousands of solidarity activists, torture survivors, union workers, people of faith, students, immigrants, veterans and others, and take a stand for justice! There are many activities planned. To join the *Peacemaker Working Group* email kathleend8@gmail.com. For info on the non-violent *Direct Action Working Group*, contact directaction@soaw.org. **Contact:** Nico at (202) 234-3440/E-mail: Nico@soaw.org or visit www.soaw.org.
- **November 19, 2011: Comboni Chicago Event: 45th Annual Dinner Dance** honoring Francis Cardinal George, recipient of the *Spirit of Daniel Comboni Award*, and also John Fields & Fields FIAT of Highland Park, recipient of the *Comboni Benefactor Award*. The site is the Abbington Distinctive Banquets at Route 53 & Butterfield Road in Glen Ellyn, IL. The entertainment will be provided by Nino Folino and Enzo and Iliana Incandela. **For all the details, please call (708) 354-1999, or contact cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net.**

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- **November 5, 2011: Ant-Abortion Conference: *Choose Life: The Heart of it All*** will be held from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm at Purcell-Marian High School in O’Byronville on Madison Road. Most Rev. Bishop Martin D. Holley, the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker, and Most Rev. Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will lead the morning prayer with workshops to follow. The event is co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Offices of African-American Catholic Ministries, Family and Respect Life, and Catholic Social Action. \$20. **To register, click at www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/african-american-catholic-ministries.**
- **November 11, 2011: Special Event/Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council: “Dinner with Lieutenant General Snowden,”** will take place at Sharonville Convention

Center from 6-9 pm. Please join us for this special evening with Lieutenant General (ret.) Lawrence F. Snowden. His distinguished military career covered three wars, the last years of which he served as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corp. He also served on the Commission which investigated the terrorist attack on the nation's Marine Amphibious Unit in Beirut, Lebanon. The cost is \$100 for members of the Council; \$125 for non-members. **For more information, or to register visit www.cincyworldaffairs.org** or call the World Affairs Council at (513) 621-5222. Also, visit www.globalcincinnati.org.

- **November 19, 2011: Grailville's A Day of Quiet** is set from 10 am – 4 pm. Women and men are invited to Grailville, 932 O'Bannonville Road in Loveland for this seasonal day of quiet reflection and prayer to refocus on personal goals and what brings growth and joy in your life. Grailville will provide a simple framework of prayer and song for participants to use or not, as each sees fit, as well as optional gathering times for those in attendance. Partners, friends and families may also choose to use the time to reconnect. Give yourself this gift of quiet renewal in the midst of your busy life. Lunch is provided. Sliding fee scale from \$25 per day (covers basic costs) to \$45 per day (program supporter.) Find out more at Grailville; (513) 683-2340/E-mail: grailville@fuse.net; Web site: www.grailville.org.

DECEMBER 2011 **INTERNATIONAL**

World Summit on Climate Change will be held in Durban, South Africa. Details tba.

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International Year of Volunteers: A Special Session of the General Assembly will occur on the 10th anniversary.

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- **December 9-11, 2011: Fr. Roy Bourgeois Speaking Tour**, presented by the School of the Americas Watch organization, presents in South Bend, Indiana. **Find out** more at www.SOAW.org.

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JANUARY 2012 **LOCAL**

- **January 16, 2012: 2012 King Legacy Awards Breakfast** is sponsored by the MLK Coalition and part of its 37th celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's dream and legacy. The event will feature exciting performing arts presentations as well as the recipients of the Awards for those leaders who embody Dr. King's spirit. It will be held at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center with an expected attendance of 300. The annual March will take place after the breakfast. Sponsor forms needed in by November 18. **For more information, contact** Leslie Mooney/Freedom Center at lmooney@nurfc.org, or contact (513) 333-7529.

MARCH 2012 **NATIONAL**

- **March 23-26, 2012: Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice: *Is This the Fast I Seek? (Isaiah 58) Economy, Livelihood and Our National Priorities*** will be held in the Washington, D.C. area. In this era of economic and political urgency, as critical decisions are being made about U.S. federal budget priorities and as national elections are fast approaching, join other Christian disciples in seeking a global economy and a national budget that breaks the yokes of injustice, poverty, hunger and unemployment – heeding Isaiah’s call to become “repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in.” Experts will lead sessions. **Watch www.AdvocacyDays.org** for more details.

APRIL 2012 **NATIONAL**

- **April, 2012: Days of Action by the School of the Americas Watch**, Washington, D.C.

JUNE 2012 **INTERNATIONAL**

- **June 11-25, 2012: South Vietnam Immersion Trip**, is being organized by leaders and members of the Vietnamese Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Dr Mike Gable, Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The purposes are to build solidarity, friendships, spiritual support and understanding among local Vietnamese Lavang and other Vietnamese parishes with parishes of other cultures in the Cincinnati archdiocese and many others. Potential travelers would include pastors, parish staff members, parish leaders, social justice and mission commission members, teachers, youth group leaders. \$1550-\$1800 airfare; \$1,000-\$1,200 local transportation, food, lodging (\$100 daily). Probably visiting sites and experiences in South Vietnam include Saigon, Vung Tau, Da Lat, Nha Trang, Kontum/Pleiku; dialogue, mass and reflection with potential twinning partners; visit to Care2Share charity projects with schools, orphanages and scenic tour sites and relaxation. Trip information nights coming up, then 3-4 orientation and follow-up meetings, tba. Contact: mgable@catholiccincinnati.org; (513) 421-3131, ext. 2630.

UNITED NATIONS

- **June 4-6, 2012: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) (Rio + 20)** is scheduled in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This will mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio, and the 10th Anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg. The conference will include Heads of State and Government to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development. It will look at new and emerging challenges. **Visit www.uncsd2012.org/rio20**.

JULY 2012
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- **July 20-22, 2012: Pax Christi USA National Conference 2012** celebrates the 40th anniversary of Pax Christi USA at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. More information available soon at www.paxchristiusa.org.

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MARCH 2013

- **March 1-3, 2013: 30th Anniversary of the Africa Faith & Justice Network (AFJN) Conference** will take place at Notre Dame University in Notre Dame, Indiana. Details later!!!! Visit www.afjn.org.

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