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Narrative

The Power to Make Good Choices

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Two years ago this March, we installed in our office of the Ecology Program of Jesuit Service Cambodia in Phnom Penh, a solar power system to provide for the electrical requirements of the entire office. With only 3 laptops, 1 printer, 3 fans, a couple of lights for working at night, and the periodic charging of phones and other devices, it isn't a very big office. Nevertheless, we decided to disconnect the electrical lines of our office from the main building in which we were located and to try, from then on, to be fully dependent on the sun's radiation.

After two years of relying on the sun for our electricity needs, we would like to report that it has been a very positive experience for us. Here are some lessons we learned along the way. [Read more...](#)

Flashnews

Zimbabwe - Mbare environment group launches Waste containment area as Typhoid hits Mbare



The Team Up to Clean Up Mbare led by Fr Isaac Fernandes SJ, the Parish priest of St Peter's, successfully launched a new and first Waste Containment area slab in a bid to improve waste management. Mbare is one of Harare's oldest suburbs and is highly populated. The opening ceremony of the containment area was held at the Matererini football pitch was lit with a lot of entertaining activities. The

containment area aims at deterring community members from throwing litter at open grounds to avoid spreading of diseases and to facilitate smooth refuse collection. [Read more...](#)

Ireland - Jesuit Curia joins 'Flights for Forests' initiative



If you have ever calculated your carbon footprint, you will have noticed that the footprint size jumps considerably when you include air travel. A round-trip flight from Europe to the United States, for example, generates about three tonnes of carbon dioxide per person. In total, the average European generates approximately ten tonnes of carbon dioxide per annum.

In comparison, someone from a country such as Ethiopia, which is at the forefront of climate change, has a carbon footprint of just 0.1 tonnes. The Irish Jesuit Provincialate has taken the decision to commit to reflecting critically on its own use of air-travel. [Read more...](#)

USA - Jesuits Denounce Unjust Treatment of Asylum Seekers and Migrant Families



The Jesuit Conference's Office of Justice and Ecology, along with several other Jesuit organizations, including 11 Jesuit law schools, has [denounced the Trump Administration's "morally repugnant" zero tolerance policy](#), that reinforces the criminalization of migration and has already separated thousands of migrant families. In addition to the Jesuit's Office of Justice and Ecology, the statement came from Loyola University

Chicago's Center for the Human Rights of Children, the Kino Border Initiative, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and 11 Jesuit law schools. [Read more...](#)

Latin America - Mining and environmental justice: The struggle for water, health, and human security in Honduras



Mining is linked to water contamination, deforestation and environmental degradation, as well as conflict and violence due to land grabbing, the fracturing of the social fabric of communities, and human right violations in Honduras. According to survey results, community residents experience high levels of water and food insecurity and limited access to education and health services. Also, they are very concerned about the environmental damage caused by mining,

especially to water, and indicate that they do not want mining activities in their communities. [Read more...](#)

USA - On the Third Anniversary of Laudato Si', Catholic Institutions Declare "We Are Still In" on the Paris Agreement



Nearly 600 U.S. Catholic organizations declared that they are "still in" to support the Paris Agreement on the third anniversary of the release of [Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical on the environment](#), Laudato Si'. The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, as well as the five U.S. Jesuit provinces were among those to sign on. Other U.S. Jesuit apostolates

to sign it included 22 Jesuit colleges and universities; 16 Jesuit high schools; 13 Jesuit parishes; 12 Jesuit communities; the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities; the Jesuit Schools Network; Jesuit Refugee Service/USA; and the Ignatian Solidarity Network.. [Read more...](#)

Global - Vatican launches International Conference on ecology



An International Conference entitled "*Saving our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth*" took place in the Vatican on 5 and 6 July. Organized to coincide with the third anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical "**Laudato Si'**", the event saw the participation of Vatican Officials and climate change experts from all over the world. Almost 10 Jesuits and their collaborators from all 6 Jesuit Conferences, members of Ecojesuits, and professors of Gregorian University took part in the conference. Pope Francis received the participants in an audience in the Sala Clementina on 6th July. In his remarks to the group, Pope Francis said, "Your presence here is a sign of your commitment to take concrete steps to save the planet and the life it sustains". [Watch Video](#), [Read more...](#)

Japan - "We are here"- fostering solidarity with migrants



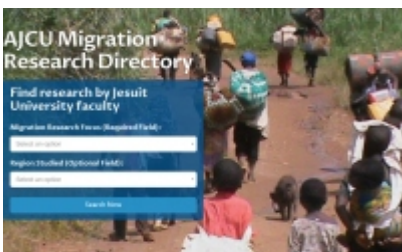
The Jesuit Social Centre Migrant Desk recently joined NGOs from all over Japan for a national convention on migrant rights in the country. Titled "Campaign for Rights of Migrants 2020 - *Koko ni iru*. I am here; we are here", the convention's theme was an expansion of one of the core concepts of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games - Unity in Diversity. Fr Ando Isamu SJ, Head of the Jesuit Social Centre Migrant Desk, and two other members of the team were among the 150 delegates who gathered in Hokkaido on June 9 and 10 for the convention organised by the Solidarity with Migrants in Japan (SJM) network. [Read more...](#)

UK - Major New Research Institute 'Laudato Si' in Campion Hall



The Jesuits in Britain have announced that a new research institute called the Laudato Si' Institute (LSI) is being established at [Campion Hall](#), the Jesuit permanent private hall of the University of Oxford. The LSI will be established during the academic year 2018-2019 and will formally open in September 2019. The aim of the Laudato Si' Institute is to foster interdisciplinary research arising out of the intellectual challenges presented most vividly in Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si', while being faithful to Ignatian traditions and reflective practice. [Read more...](#)

Global - AJCU Launches Migration Research Directory



The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) has launched its Faculty Migration Research Directory to increase collaborative research between Jesuit institutions of higher education. The new directory is part of the AJCU's efforts to address the pressing issue of migration. It includes searchable categories on a host of research areas related to migration, from acculturation and identity to war and civil conflict. The directory currently includes 200 members. The directory is open-access. There is no sign-up or registration to search this free and open portal, which is updated regularly. [Read more...](#)

Latin America - Meeting of the Social Centres Network successfully completed

From Monday 18th till Thursday 21st of June, Loyola House in Padre Hurtado (Chile) housed almost 60 jesuits and lay persons belonging to different networks: CPAL's Social Centres,



delegates of Social Apostolate from the provinces, as well as national and regional coordinators of the Jesuit Migration Network. During the first two days of the meeting, each one of these organizations met apart to discuss both the Latin American context in which the social sector of each country has to deploy its activity and the migration flows in the continent, especially with regard to the reality of the Venezuelan people; there was also some pondering over which adjustments

need to be made to the "mode of proceeding" and structure of the centres network. [Read more...](#)

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