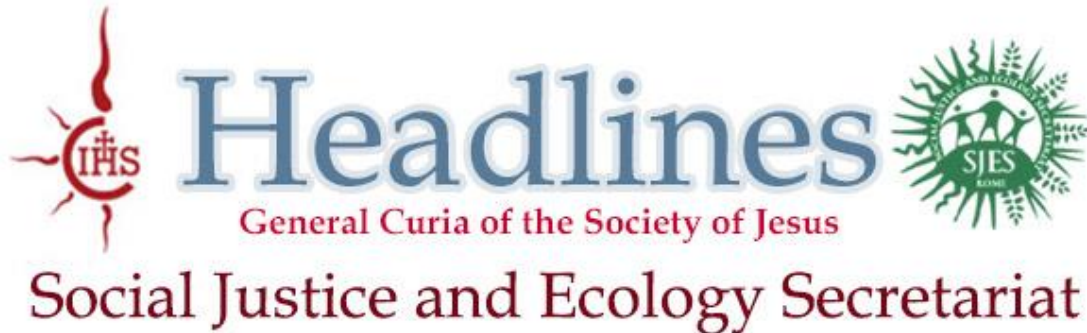


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30th September, 2021

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

Two major realities have characterised the activities of our social apostolate these past few weeks of September; the World Day of Migrants and Refugees celebrated on the 26th of September, and the upcoming COP26 which many hope shall take us all a step further towards a more sustainable and just world.

The celebration of the World Migrant and Refugee Day saw many responding in varied ways to the call of the Pope for 'a more inclusive We'. While some read this as a prophetic sign to welcome asylum seekers, others seized this opportunity to get closer to those at the hard edges, and to knock at the doors of their fellow citizens searching for homes for refugees.

Also, as the COP26 approaches the desire for a better and more sustainable world has motivated many of our social centres and institutions to raise their voices to emphasize why participants in this upcoming high-level conference should treat the climate change question with utmost importance.

We are all invited to engage in our own little way, in our different localities for a better earth. Like the testimony for this month tells us, such an engagement is essentially a component of our faith.

With best wishes from the SJES team.

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

TESTIMONY



My Engagement In Social Issues: An Essential Component Of My Faith

***Jenny Cafiso,
Executive Director - CJI***

The roots of my story in the social apostolate are found in my experience growing up as a teenager in Italy. I was very involved with the youth group in my parish. The social, political and religious context in the country at the time was one of great social upheaval, with the presence of strong social movements, labour conflict, a strong communist party, a post-Vatican II Church, [Read more...](#)

NEWS



**Global – Eco Summer Camp 2021:
From Wild Consumption to
Responsible Engagement**

The Lassalle Haus magnificently built to fit in the hilly landscape of the beautiful canton of Zug, welcomed on Sunday, 22nd August, 53 young adults from over 14 countries in Europe for the 'Eco Summer Camp.' Organized by the Lassalle Institute, Fastenopfer, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) of the University of Bern, [Read more...](#)



**Global – Centre for Just Places:
Building Community Resilience to
Climate Change Impacts, Enabling
Ecological Justice**

Building resilience to the impacts of climate change in the community sector to protect the health and wellbeing of those most marginalized is a key activity of the newly established *Centre for Just Places* at *Jesuit Social Services* in Australia. Through climate adaptation and [Read more...](#)



Global – Pope Francis calls for “a More Inclusive We”

On 26 September, the Church celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis holds in his heart the millions of people forced to migrate because of war, persecution, poverty, or environmental change, as he calls us to a more inclusive “we”. He asks that we expand our vision and compassion so that we include [Read more...](#)



Global – A Shared Path out of the Climate Crisis

Last month the *latest IPCC report* confirmed what we all knew: that the climate crisis is accelerating dangerously, and the speed at which planetary boundaries are being transgressed will cause untold intensifications of the climate and biodiversity collapse. As the world prepares to gather in Glasgow in November for COP26, it is clear that we have reached a critical moment. Decisive [Read more...](#)



Asia Pacific – A Welcoming Place for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Japan

Foreigners in Japan with deportation orders are interned in 17 immigration

detention facilities spread throughout the country. Some inmates are able to obtain some temporary outside freedom called a provisional release, but that means no possibility of work, no health insurance, and dependence on their [Read more...](#)



India – Being Present with People on the Hard Edges

An impactful ministry in Jesuit Mission's 70 year history has been the work undertaken by Fr Tony Herbert SJ among Hazaribag region's Bhuiyan villages and other Dalit communities in India. For the past 40 years, the Australian Jesuit – who arrived in India in 1965 – has brought hope to these members of India's vulnerable and most marginalised [Read more...](#)



USA-Mexico – Reading the Signs of the Time: Prophetic Action to Save Asylum

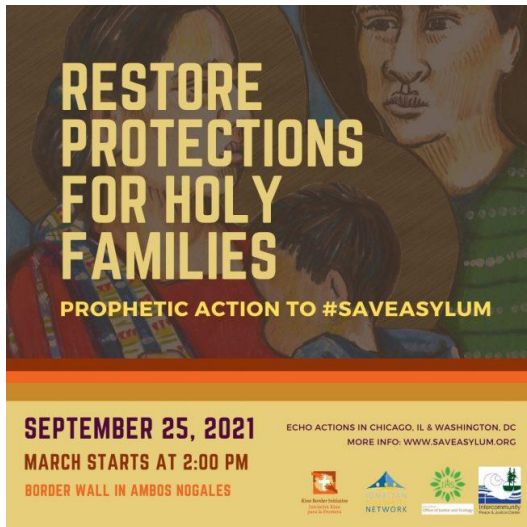
September 26 is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is an occasion to remember and pray for our migrant brothers and sisters who feel compelled to leave their homelands in search of a better, safer and more secure life. It is a day when we remember our special responsibility to be [Read more...](#)

Latin America – #HaitiTeNecesita Every Little Bit Helps

The Society of Jesus unites to collaborate in the reconstruction of Haiti. The earthquake of August 14 in Haiti left death, pain and destruction. Haitian Jesuits,



through their projects and organizations, need our cooperation to face the long period of reconstruction. Therefore, we want to be present to offer our help. [Read more...](#)



Mexico – August-September Announcements

This year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on September 26, Catholics worldwide are called upon to remember those displaced and fleeing conflict, violence, human rights abuses, persecution and climate-related disasters. We draw parallels between the migrants caught in this contemporary crisis and what our Holy Family- Mary, Joseph, [Read more...](#)

Dublin – Copping On to COP

COP26, the annual global climate summit, is scheduled to take place in Glasgow over the first 2 weeks in November this year. Our climate has already heated by 1° Celsius. Further warming is already baked in, so to speak, based on our past emissions. The unsettling impact of this climate breakdown have become tragically apparent in [Read more...](#)





Great Britain – Want to host a refugee in your home?

One of the greatest challenges faced by the refugees accompanied by Jesuit Refugee Service UK is lack of accommodation. Unable to rent property, destitute refugees must rely on friends or family to take them in, or else spend the night on public transport or sleeping on the streets. The JRS [Read more...](#)



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