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General Curia of the Society of Jesus



Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat

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

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

We are on the eve of COP26. The time to decide for our future is NOW. All the political decision-makers are in Glasgow. Thousands of others are joining them to follow keenly this life changing event. If our political leaders want, COP26 can become the most important gathering of this generation. It is an opportunity that may not come again. It is no news that climate change remains the greatest crisis of our era. We have observed that many social ministries come together to reflect on how to tackle this in their localities. Others have engaged in actions like planting of trees, publishing books, marching with asylum seekers in an attempt to let their voices be heard, unveiling the role of women in economy, joining Laudato Si' action platform.

Through Ecojesuit we shall be present at Glasgow throughout this event. On the 8 November, there will be a hybrid (in-person and online) event and you are invited to join by registering [here](#). This event is just one of our several calls for action towards climate change. With many commitments and promises already made, actions remain what is most needed for effective ecological transition. Ecological conversion will not be realized by commitments and promises, but only through actions; actions which implement these commitments and promises.

Throughout this event (Oct. 31 – Nov. 12), we shall bring to you, with the help of our COP26 Delegates, updates on the different conferences of each day in Glasgow on a daily basis. Our social media pages, and also that of Ecojesuit will always give highlights of these events. Follow us in different social media platforms to live the events. Let them inspire you to take concrete action for a better world.

With best wishes from the SJES team.

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TESTIMONY



The Social Apostolate: An Important Ministry in our Chinese Province

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A Global Advocacy for Climate Justice

Committing to Mission and Action Beyond COP26

Global – Jesuits at COP26 in Glasgow call for Action towards Ecological Conversion

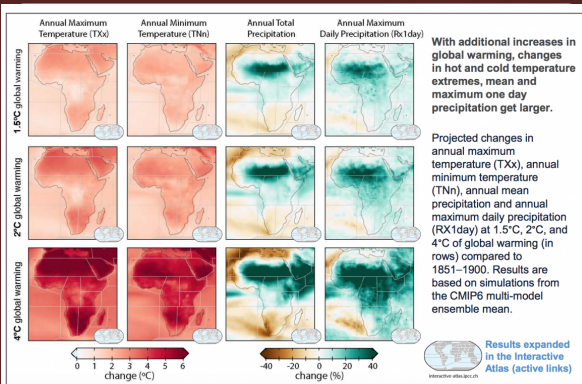
The biggest UN Conference on Climate Change, COP26 will be held in Glasgow between 31 October and 12 November. More than 30,000 official delegates from 190 countries are expected to join this important conference, besides millions



Global – Faith at the Climate Frontiers: Consequences for Oceania and Asia

Ecojesuit is organizing *Faith at the Climate Frontiers: Consequences for Oceania and Asia*, a 90-minute event on 8 November in Glasgow with Ecojesuit COP26 delegates and partners, contributing to the calls of the *Climate Vulnerable Forum* and

following the events online. This is of particular interest [Read more...](#)



Global – COP26: Can this be an opportunity for African countries to shape the climate agenda?

There is every hope that 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) will go beyond the usual rhetoric we have seen from previous meetings as countries prepare to launch an adaptation goal and adopt strategies for achieving such a goal. Can this also be an opportunity for [Read more...](#)



Asia Pacific – Growing canopies and strengthening communities in the forests of South-East Asia

At the beginning of the year, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Asia Pacific with the Indigenous, Youth, and Reconciliation with Creation ministries of the Jesuit Conference

the *Vulnerable Twenty Group* for stronger global efforts [Read more...](#)

Business and the Earth: A Reflection on Laudato Si'

Edmond Grace SJ, Secretary for Ecology of the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC)

Europe – Business and the Earth: A Reflection on Laudato Si'

On 25 September, 2019, at the invitation of Commissioner Mairéad McGuinness, Vice President responsible for dialogue with churches, religious and philosophical associations, an event was held in the European Parliament. It was hosted by JESC and attended by [Read more...](#)



Australia – North Sydney Catholics join faith Communities seeking Climate Justice

Two weeks prior to COP26 in Glasgow the community at St Mary's gathered as part of the Faith 4 Climate Justice campaign in solidarity with other faith

of Asia Pacific brainstormed on a collaborative project that would strengthen social and ecological systems of [Read more...](#)

communities across Australia, challenging the federal government to do better on its climate commitments. Rabbis [Read more...](#)

COP26: Jesuits call for Ecological Conversion



Asia Pacific – Pursuing a Synodal Path in the Social Ministry

The second virtual gathering of the social ministry networks ended on 8 October, with a range of ideas on how the Jesuit conference can move forward in addressing the twin issues of poverty and ecology in Asia Pacific. This happened after three days of plenary discussions and spiritual conversations that sought to reflect on the initiatives and [Read more...](#)

Africa – AJAN takes message of integral growth and peace to the youth of Maralal

Maralal, the nerve centre of the physically charming Samburu County of Kenya, is about 343 kilometers from Nairobi. The communities in the arid Samburu are semi-nomadic pastoralists keeping camels, cows, goats, and sheep. The Samburu National Reserve, and some of Kenya's best game lodges [Read more...](#)



USA – Catholic Advocates Take Prophetic Action with Asylum Seekers at U.S.-Mexico Border

Members of the Jesuit network joined asylum seekers and Catholic leaders from across the U.S. at the U.S.-Mexico border to march in solidarity with migrant families demanding the Biden Administration respect their right to asylum. The nonviolent public action titled *Restore Protections for Holy* [Read more...](#)



Spain – Alboan points out the need to Promote Global Citizenship on its 25th Anniversary

This year Alboan celebrates 25 years of work for global justice and the fight against poverty and inequality. An anniversary marked by a global crisis aggravated by the COVID-19 that has so affected the most vulnerable populations with whom the NGO works around the world and in [Read more...](#)



Latin America – Campaign “Clara’s Economy”: The Role of Women in the Economy

The Comparte Network promotes this



campaign, which aims to make visible the role and contributions of women in the construction of economic alternatives, as well as to raise awareness about elements of feminist and care economy. Red Comparte, promoter of the "Clara's Economy" campaign, is organizing an [Read more...](#)

Latin America – Join the Laudato Si' Platform!

The Laudato Si' Action Platform wishes to encourage the commitment of families, institutions and congregations to achieve the Laudato Si' Goals for the benefit of the planet. Many people and institutions are increasingly aware of the great need to act in favour of the planet's ecology, and the Vatican's Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human [Read more...](#)



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