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

Greetings from SJES Curia, Rome!

With just a few days to go before the start of COP28 in Dubai, we are happy to share with you this edition of our actions and reflections around the world as part of our reconciliation mission between people and nature. We are about to enter the season of Advent. I want to recall the meditation of the incarnation, where the Trinity is still gazing down upon the world and seeing, hearing, and feeling what we notice today. It is in the reality of our world that God is still with us, seeking to birth Christ in all areas of our lives and places, especially in Israel and Palestine. There are many forms of conflicts and violence besides war, e.g. violence against women and children, the indifference towards the poor and marginalised of our states and our neighbourhoods, as well as the violence exerted on our planet by the carbon footprint of our daily lifestyle. We must train ourselves to have a well-balanced relationship with ourselves, others, and our common home.

In this issue of HL, we have the testimony of Colm, who shares how he responded generously to the call of God to play his part in this universal ecological mission. The Ecojesuit team, the Secretariat and the Ignatian family also responded to the call of Pope Francis through Laudate Deum and prepared a joint statement, [Towards COP28: Committing to a South-North climate justice advocacy](#), which has received support from Presidents, Provincials, heads of social and educational institutions. Some representatives from our team will be participating in the COP in Dubai and updating regularly through the [website](#) and social media.

The presence of people committed to this cause and the other actions shared here give us reason to remain hopeful. In the season of Advent, let us incarnate ourselves among the poor, the vulnerable and neglected and be part of God's transformative mission to make this world a better place for everyone.

I wish you a wonderful Season of Advent!

TESTIMONY



Finding My Feet in Ecology

Colm Fahy

I am not a specialist on climate matters or, for a matter of fact, on any matter particularly. So how on earth did I become the Ecology Advocacy Officer at the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC)? [Read more...](#)

SJES NEWS



Rome – Cannonball Moments Book Launch

On 10 November 2023, the secretariat held a webinar to officially launch the book “Cannonball Moments: Testimonies of Conversion”. Moderated by Benedict Mayaki, participants benefited from presentations from Fr. Paul Béré, who prefaced the book, and two authors of testimonies, [Read more...](#)



Rome - VOICES: Launch of Video Series on Conferences and Networks

Today, we begin publishing a series of short videos presenting the social apostolate at our respective Conferences and the Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN). We open the series with the Conference of Latin America, coordinated in recent years by Carmen de los Ríos. **Click on the video**

GLOBAL CHURCH NEWS



Global – Justice for Miners is another Post-Apartheid Frontier

A Catholic leader in South Africa, a country where mineral wealth long has been an economic mainstay, says that today the Church in his country often encounters “the suffering face of Christ in sick mine workers.” [Read more...](#)

CONFERENCE NEWS



CPAL – San Francisco University Students Demand Government to Put out Fires in Protected Areas

"It hurts us very much to see the sad images of the Tacana communities who have lost their homes (due to fires). We call on everyone not to remain silent because this is everyone's responsibility" [Read more...](#)



JCAM – The Community as the Center of Care and Support

In October's edition of the AJANEWS issue, they basically focus on the community being the center of care and support for young people living with HIV. The majority of young people living with HIV, 60 percent of the global total, are in Eastern and Southern Africa. [Read more...](#)



JCAP – Concretizing care for Creation: Insights from the Laudate Deum Online Forum

What is the message and call of Laudate Deum for our context in Asia Pacific today? This was the question that guided the online panel discussion on 8 November hosted by the Reconciliation with Creation network [Read more...](#)



JCCU – Young Women Speak out about their Right to be Educated

Education is a human right. Yet it is a right that many people, especially girls in the Global South, do not have access to. Worldwide, between 129 to 130 million girls are out of school and denied their right to education. The impact of this on the social and economic well-being of communities and countries is significant. [Read more...](#)



JCEP – Jesuits in Europe Launch COP28@Home ‘Together for Climate Justice’

The Jesuits in Europe, through the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) in coordination with Jesuit Missions UK and the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice and in collaboration with Ecojesuit, launched the [COP28@Home ‘Together for Climate Justice’](#) campaign to inform and advocate on important climate issues up to and during the upcoming COP28. [Read more...](#)

GIAN NEWS



GIAN - Right to Quality Education - Educate by Humanizing the Heart

On 18 October 2023, Fe y Alegría in Ecuador held the opening event to mark 60 years of service to education. More than 700 people from different parts of the country gathered to commemorate the important date. [Read more...](#)

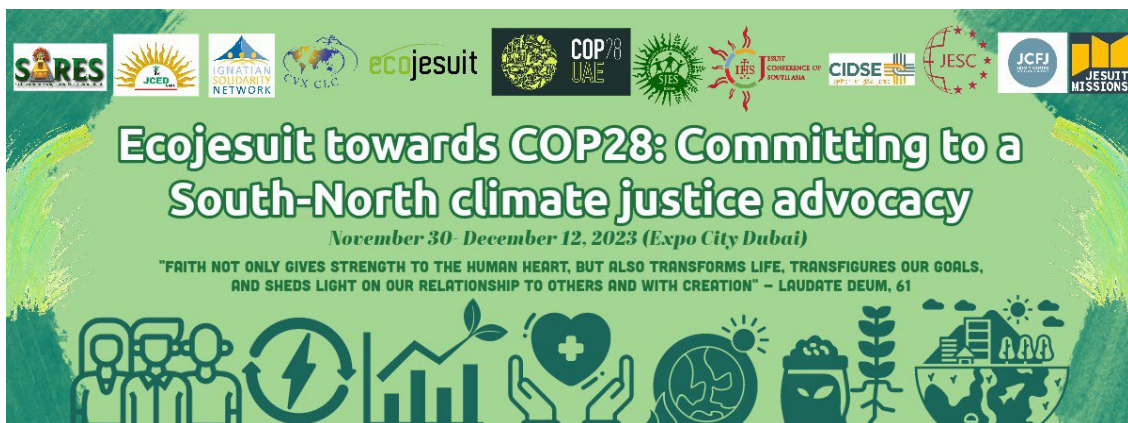


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Ecojesuit - Ecojesuit towards COP28: Committing to a South-North Climate Justice Advocacy

Ecojesuit, the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network on Ecology, the Social Justice Ecology Secretariat, and over 100 members of the Ignatian Family come together in this collective statement for the human family and care for the Common Home. [Read more...](#)

REFLECTION - COP28



Pedro Walpole, SJ – COP28: surprises, Renewed Challenges and Hope

Part of the renewed challenge and the conversion we are called to in civil society is to find

out how to listen, find the common focus in mission, and be at peace amidst the busyness of preparations and endless fact-checking. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Nov 30, 2023, Dec 12, 2023, UN Climate Change Conference - United Arab Emirates**
- ♦ **Dec 10, 2023, International Human Rights Day**

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