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Dear SJES SJES,

**Warm Greetings,**

As some of you know, I am beginning my service in SJES. The primary mission is to help Fr. General understand and guide the Society's apostolic works so that these efforts may become more and more, a clear manifestation of our mission to promote the faith that does justice. Little by little, I am learning about the incredible quantity and richness of the initiatives that make this mission present -- in the regions, provinces, and conferences.

Another function of the secretariat is to foster communication among us, at all levels. In the tenth part of the Constitutions, St. Ignatius underlines the importance of "*getting information and news from one another and having much intercommunication*" as an expression of "*the mutual charity and love they have for one another*" and as help "*toward the union of the members of this Society among themselves and with their head*" (821). Communication fosters our unity.

I invite you to participate in this multilateral effort by always sending news about your works: the events carried out, the knowledge materials produced, the successes, and lessons learned when things have not gone as expected. They can be reflections, narratives, invitations to events, or more elaborate academic productions, etc. In that way, we contribute to constructing a sense of universal body and, at the same time, manifest the commitment rooted in the concrete demands of the apostolic service.

*Abrazos*, and have a blessed Lent!

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## TESTIMONY



Read **Joseph Nolla's SJ experience** with migrants on the USA-Mexico Border: "They are my gift to you" [here](#)

## SJES NEWS



Watch a **short presentation of GIAN-Migration** by his coordinator, Javi Cortegoso in this video of the series **Voices**.

## GLOBAL CHURCH NEWS

INVITATION TO JOIN

### THE SEASON OF CREATION 2024

“TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION”

The *Season of Creation* is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The “Celebration” begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.



Images from the “Together - Gathering of the People of God” ecumenical prayer vigils organized by the Talzé community, one of the many impactful ecumenical events during Season of Creation 2023



*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

And yet Creation teaches us that hope is present in the waiting, in the expectation for a better future (cf. Rom 8:20-21). To hope in biblical context does not mean standing still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator,

working together for a future of active hope and action. Only when we work together with Creation can the *firstfruits of hope* be born. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life is coming forth.

Here you can find an in-depth theological explanation of this year's theme and symbol.

PREPARE FOR SEASON OF CREATION

The **Season of Creation** committee has just published the **invitation** to participate in the 2024 edition. Click [here](#) for more information.

## CONFERENCE & NETWORKS NEWS



**CPAL – COMPARTE** Network has released its **executive report for the period 2015 – 2019**. Consult the full text [here](#).



**JCAM** – Read [here](#) a presentation of **CERAP Social** a Jesuit Social Centre in Africa accompanying young people.

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**JCAP** – Discover [here](#) the "Jesuit" and "Ignatian" dimensions of the activities of **Jesuit Social Services**, a social centre in Australia.

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**JRS** – It is now two years since the international armed conflict in Ukraine began. JRS has just released the **two-year Annual Report** of One Proposal. Here is the [report at a glance](#) and the [full report](#).

## REFLECTION



Read [here](#) for a **short understanding of Migrant situations** in various countries in Latin and North America.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 8, UN, International Women's Day.**

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**March 9-16, Rome, PCCP, Meeting of Conference Delegates.**

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