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To collaborate in the care of our Common Home: an invitation to deepen our response

A few years ago, the Society of Jesus received the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) from Pope Francis. We are now in the second phase of their implementation. The fourth UAP — To collaborate in the care of our Common Home — has been one of the central axes of our apostolic actions and commitments. To evaluate the progress of these initiatives, the Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology (SJES) was tasked with conducting a 2024 universal survey, the results of which highlight both the progress made and the challenges that remain.

On 22 April, World Earth Day, Father General wrote a letter to the entire apostolic body presenting the survey results and inviting us to strengthen our faith commitment to collaborate in the care of creation and thus build a more just and fraternal future.



Presentation of the UAP4 Survey: Reflection on progress and challenges

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Tribute to Pope Francis: Reflection by Cristóbal Emilfork, S.J.

To honor the memory and legacy of Pope Francis, we present a piece by Cristóbal Emilfork, S.J. (CHL) on his impact on the promotion of climate justice. Through his words and example, and primarily through the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Pope inspired the Society of Jesus, the Church, and many other organizations to act for the care of creation. The Society of Jesus remains committed to these fundamental principles, carrying out concrete actions to defend all forms of life on the planet in the name of faith.

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Plans to hand in memory cards in honour of the late Jesuit priest Fr Stan Swamy to the Indian High Commission in London have been put on hold in light of the death of Pope Francis. [Read More: Card Hand-In For Fr Stan Swamy Postponed Following Pope's Death](#)



Fr. Rampe Hlobo, SJ, the newly appointed director, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome he received upon taking on this crucial role. [Read more: New Director for the Justice and Ecology Office in Africa and Madagascar Installed.](#)

Eco-delegates from across the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials gathered in Nuremberg for their second in-person meeting. The three-day event was marked by reflection, collaboration, renewed commitment to ecological conversion. [Read More: Annual Meeting of JCEP Eco-delegates](#)



The Astalli Center presents the 2024 Annual Report, an updated photograph on the conditions of asylum seekers and refugees who during 2023 turned to the Astalli Center, the Italian headquarters of the Jesuit Service for Refugees, and took advantage of the first and second reception services we offer in Rome and in the Italian city where we operate (Bologna, Catania, Grumo Nevano, Palermo, Padua, Trento, Vicenza). [Read more: The 2024 Annual Report of the Astalli Center](#)

Juan Antonio Guerrero SJ, prefect emeritus of the Vatican Secretariat for Economics, shares his memories of the Pontiff with whom he worked closely for three years. [Read More: "Francisco has been the conscience of humanity in the great problems of the world"](#)

