



Compassion

Faith doing justice in the Central and Southern Province...and beyond

November 2017



CAMPAIGN FOR
HOSPITALITY

Campaign For Hospitality – Let's Fill That UCS Map Up!

In September, the Ignatian Solidarity Network kicked off the Campaign for Hospitality, a two-year initiative to encourage the Jesuit and broader Catholic network in the United States

and Canada to get to know people in our countries with recent stories of migration. The primary purpose of the Campaign is to create more welcoming communities and nations. Campaign members (schools, parishes, Jesuit communities, individuals, etc.) commit to engaging in at least three initiatives each year aimed at:

- *Encountering* and accompanying migrants in your neighborhood, city or state.
- Deepening *understanding* of the experience of immigrants and the causes of immigration (a number of resources are available on the Campaign website).
- Taking *action* to support immigrants through legislative advocacy, more intensive hospitality efforts and promoting the message of the Campaign through displaying Campaign banners and materials and promoting Campaign efforts online.

Our UCS province has only two groups and one individual who have joined the Campaign – thanks Spring Hill College! *Can we make a real effort during November to significantly increase that number?* Go to www.campaign-forhospitality.org for more information and to SIGN UP!

Ignatian Family Teach-In Streaming Video This Weekend – November 4 and 5

Have you wanted to go to the Ignatian Family Teach-In (now in its 20th year) but couldn't make the trip to Washington, D.C.? Did you register too late for this year's sold out event (more than 2,000 people have registered)! Well, now you have an opportunity to participate virtually – or at least see what the buzz is all about. The Teach-In will be live streamed, and you can sign up at: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/livestream/>. Here's the schedule of some of the main events that you can catch on your computer:

Saturday, Nov. 4

4:30 PM ET *Young Alumni Q&A with [Sr. Simone Campbell, S.S.S.](#) emceed by [Fr. James Martin, SJ](#)*

7:10 PM ET *Keynote: [Fr. Bryan Massingale](#)*

8:20 PM ET *Large Scale Breakout: [Fr. James Martin, SJ](#)*

Sunday, Nov. 5

9:35AM ET *Keynote: [Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN](#)*

3:00PM ET *Keynote: [Maria Stephan](#)*

4:20PM ET *Liturgy with [Fr. Mark Ravizza](#)*

Some background: The Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (IFTJ) is an annual gathering for members of the Ignatian family to come together in the context of social justice and solidarity to learn, reflect, pray, network, and advocate together.

An Ignatian Ecological Examen

Developed by the Jesuit Conference and the Ignatian Solidarity Network, the Ecological Examen is similar to a traditional Ignatian examen in that it offers five simple steps for reflection. Unlike a traditional examen, though, this new one takes cues from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, asking for reflection on an individual's relationship with creation, on questions of ecological justice and on how we can all stand in solidarity with those most impacted by environmental harm. The five sections are categorized as gratitude, awareness, understanding, conversion and reconciliation. In the examen, believers "give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made" and "ask for the grace to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable." The full examen, a one-page summary, prayer card and all related materials are available at ecoexamen.org.

Save the Date for the Summer 2018 UCS Reconciliation Gathering

This coming summer – **June 18 – 21, 2018** – the UCS Province is sponsoring a cross-sectoral gathering focusing on *Laboring with God Toward Reconciliation: Responding to God, Committing to Justice and Caring for Our Environment*. Leaders, teachers, and preachers from the social ministry, school/university community service, pastoral and retreat ministries, and all those interested in the ministry of reconciliation and justice will gather at **Regis University in Denver** to pray, learn, plan, collaborate and celebrate about how God is inviting us to see, think, and act in new and different ways to open the way for change and reconciliation in our ministries. Contact Mary Baudouin, Pete Musso, Tom Reynolds or Fr. Mark McKenzie at the UCS Province Office for more information. Brochures and registration information will be available in December.

Webinar on How the Catholic Church Can Heal the Wounds of Racism in Our Communities

Join Sr. Patricia Chappel, SNDdeN, and Ralph McCloud on **Tuesday, November 7**, at 1:00 p.m. EDT for a webinar on *How the Catholic Church Can Heal the Wounds of Racism in our Communities*. Sr. Patty and Ralph will discuss their current efforts to combat racism in our communities and will offer insight on how ministerial leaders can be at the forefront of this effort. For those ministers who have been involved with this issue for years, come to be renewed in your efforts, and for those ministers who are new to this issue, come learn strategies on how to start a dialogue. The webinar, sponsored by the Roundtable for Social Action Directors, is free, but in order to participate you must register at <https://join.onstreammedia.com/register/46049324/utqzkj3>.

Social Grants Highlight of the Month:

Each month we are highlighting one of the recipients of province social grants, which are given out by the UCS Province in the spring of each year. This November we give thanks for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of El Sagrado Corazon (Sacred Heart) Parish in El Paso. The eight Vincentians and their Jesuit associate, Fr. Mike Chesney, SJ, offer financial assistance, referrals to social service agencies, spiritual companionship, and compassionate accompaniment to people living in the El Paso 79901 ZIP code. Each year, they serve about 250 families/individuals who are facing crises paying for utilities, rent or food or who need help

getting clothes and furniture. They visit those who request help in their homes, and minister as much to their loneliness and fear as their financial needs. No one is turned away because of their religion, language, or documentation status – all who are in need (and in the ZIP code) are “eligible” for services.

These Vincentians feel that theirs is primarily a ministry of love and compassion. At one point in the past several members of the group found themselves on the receiving end of the services of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and now they participate in the ministry because they want to give back. One of the members, Maria, said “My husband is sick now and we continue to have needs, but others have needs too.” Rosa says “I am grateful to be able to help others; it is an important part of my life.” And Fr. Mike Chesney says that this ministry gives him “the opportunity to do hands on ministry. I am learning from the generosity of those who give help *and* those who need help.”



Vincentians from El Sagrado Corazon Parish: Marina, Rosa, Rosa, Luz, Maria and Fr. Mike Chesney

Litany for Puerto Rico

For all in Puerto Rico, struggling to reclaim their lives,
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos.

For those in Puerto Rico who need water, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need food, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need shelter, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need power, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need fuel and gas, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need phone service
To be in touch with family and loved ones, we pray.
For those in Puerto Rico who need assistance
To help rebuild homes, roads, communities:
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos.

For the people in San Juan, in Ponce,
In Caguas, in Salinas, in Cidra, in Guyana,
For all the cities of Puerto Rico:
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos.

For the people in Maricao, in Culibra,
In Las Marias, in Adjuntas, in Vieques, in Cieba,
For all the municipalities in Puerto Rico:
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos.

For the farmers who lost all their crops,
For the workers whose workplaces are still closed and
who have no income:
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos.

That we may support, and continue to support,
Our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico:
Through our concern for the common good of all Americans,
Through our prayers and our donations,
Through our actions and our advocacy:
In solidarity, we pray, en solidaridad, oramos. Amen.

In addition to your prayers, donations to aid Jesuit ministries in Puerto Rico and those they serve are still very much needed and appreciated – <https://connect.jesuitscentralsouthern.org/hurricanerelief>