

JPIC Notes

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You Brought Hope and Light

Christmas Cards came from all areas of the Province offering hope and caring messages to those in immigrant detention centers through the Hope for the Holidays Card Project. Many were hand made by students, like the one to the right pictured here.

Over 2,500 cards were sent to LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and 400 cards were sent to Sr. Joyce Bates at Casa de Hospitalidad (House of Hospitality) in Laredo, TX.

Sr. Joyce shared that the director of Catholic Charities in Laredo was very grateful. This project fills the gap of providing necessities while wanting to do a little something extra to brighten the day of folks caught in a system of uncertainties. The faces of the children and adults as they received cards confirmed that this simple but impactful project brings hope and kindness to our immigrant sisters and brothers.



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IS HAPPENING IN THE
UNITED STATES.**

**WEAR BLUE ON
JANUARY 11th TO
RAISE AWARENESS**



January 11
#WearBlueDay

@DHSBlueCampaign

Visit [U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking](https://www.uscatholic.org/against-human-trafficking) to learn more.

Winter 2023

Casa de Hospitalidad House of Hospitality

Sr. Joyce Bates and Sr. Roseanna Mellert have been working hard to prepare the house for volunteers who will work at La Frontera in Laredo, TX.

La Frontera is a respite center run by Catholic Charities, which offers services to those who have been released from immigrant detention centers.

Services include transportation, clothes distribution and travel care packages that include water, snacks, a throw blanket and a personal hygiene package.

Saturday, December 3rd was the Open House at Casa de Hospitalidad, with a nice turn out of Catholic Charities staff and new friends that Sr. Roseanna and Sr. Joyce have made over the past 2 months.



From left: Sr. Roseanna, Becky Solloa (Director of Catholic Charities) and Sr. Joyce

The House is ready for volunteers!
Contact Sr. Joyce at jmbates@sndusa.org to reserve a room. You are sure to have a busy and enriching experience at La Frontera.
Learn more at sndusa.org/houseofhospitality

Service in Action

Each year in the late summer or early fall, the Sisters of Notre Dame from the Covington region offer a service opportunity in Eastern Kentucky. Sister Ruth Lubbers, the volunteer coordinator for the region and for the Vocation & Young Adult Ministry Team, works with Sue Brown who organizes service opportunities in the name of the Glenmary Sisters. This year's trip was the fourth one for volunteers from Covington or other areas to assist in Eastern Kentucky. The group, which included Margie Schnelle from our Advancement Office, Sisters Nance Hehman and Ruth Lubbers, went to Frenchburg, Kentucky and painted three rooms for Karen, a woman with health issues. Karen's rooms were transformed into brighter and airier spaces. She was delighted with how it all turned out and the group was happy to make such an impact on Karen's life.



From left: Sr. Ruth Lubbers, Sr. Nance Hehman, Karen and Margie Schnelle

We want to hear from you!

What have you been doing to bring the Corporate Stance Against Racism into your daily life?

Through prayer? Are you part of a faith sharing group that talks about racism?

Are there other justice issues you want to learn more about? Let us know. Email us at

jpjac@sndusa.org



Care for Creation. Catch the Wave.

The Care for Creation Team has been busy meeting and working on a plan to implement the Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP). The LSAP is a way to put the call from Pope Francis to care for the poor, each other and our Earth into action.

The Congregational Leadership is currently preparing their report from the General Chapter and Caring for Creation is one of the four themes that arose during this time of reflection, discernment and discussion.

The work of the Care for Creation Team in the next six years will have a great emphasis on caring for and safeguarding all of God's creation. In early 2023 look for ongoing education on the meaning of Integral Ecology as well as concrete action steps in which we can all take part.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Care for Creation Team, we will be developing subcommittees in three areas:

Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, Ecological Education and Ecological Spirituality.

Remember YOUR voice, creativity and ideas are so integral to our work.

Sr. Margaret reminds us, "We do not have to all do the same thing across the province. We all benefit from the creativity and diversity of our different areas."

So let us take to heart the words of the General Chapter Document, "The energy of the Holy Spirit fills us with the imaginative hope and impels us to dare to live simply, dream of a world without borders, do justice with patient perseverance."