

JPIC Notes

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September 21 is the United Nations International Day of Peace

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty:

*to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves,
more and more peace,
and to reflect it toward others.
And the more peace there is in us
the more peace there will also be
in our troubled world.*

~Etty Hillesum, from her Diary,
29 September 1942



With This Light

Watch On-Demand from Oct 15-Nov 14

The link to view the film will be shared through SND communication channels. SND USA has permission to view this video on-demand for 30 days. You may want to watch with your local community or your faith sharing group.

This film shares the story of Sister Maria Rosa Leggol, who spent her life helping the people of Honduras.

One of the producers of this film is Bonnie Abaunza, who is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles.

Any questions about this screening may be directed to the JPIC office, jpicsndusa.org

THE AUTUMN MONTHS BRING TO MIND THE THEMES OF GRATITUDE, PEACE AND JUSTICE

Fall 2023

WORTH WATCHING

Georgetown University's Center for Faith and Justice hosted a conversation on Robert P. Jones' book, *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy: And the Path to a Shared American Future*. To view the discussion, click [HERE](#).

Economist Avinash Persaud offers a proposal called the Bridgetown Initiative to help fund climate change initiatives that work for developing and developed countries alike. The TED Talk called, "The Climate Crisis is Expensive--Here's Who Should Pay for It", can be viewed [HERE](#).

September 20 is World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Refugees

by Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help

So do not tell me

These haggard faces could belong to you or me

Should life have dealt a different hand

We need to see them for who they really are

Chancers and scroungers

Layabouts and loungers

With bombs up their sleeves

Cut-throats and thieves

They are not

Welcome here

We should make them

Go back to where they came from

They cannot

Share our food

Share our homes

Share our countries

Instead let us

Build a wall to keep them out

It is not okay to say

These are people just like us

A place should only belong to those who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that

The world can be looked at another way

(now read this poem from bottom to top)

October is Respect Life Month

Excerpt from the reflection,
Radical Solidarity

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value:

"Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives." As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."

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Sign up for the Respect Life
Novena, October 13-21

[Respect Life Month Novena](#)

