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MARYKNOLL AFFILIATE MOVEMENT

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Let us remember that in this month of September, the Maryknoll Affiliate Board appointed by the Ninth Chapter of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers came together at Maryknoll, NY, to begin the Maryknoll Affiliate Movement. (September 15-17, 1991)

We thank the members of the Ninth Chapter for their vision; and we give special thanks to Father Jim Madden, MM, and Sister Ellen McDonald, MM, for their willingness to assume the leadership and coordination of the Maryknoll Affiliate Movement.

We invite all Affiliates to give thanks, to commemorate and celebrate all who have journeyed with us in the past, and all who are on the journey with us now as we dream new dreams and seek to discover the future waiting for us in the mind of our Creator.

Let us look to the past with gratitude; let us live the present with passion and a spirit of communion, and let us embrace the future with hope.

Gather your memories, your dreams, and your visions.

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Affiliates with your chapter, knowing that we will gather and celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Maryknoll Affiliates together in 2022.

Happy 30th Anniversary!

The 30th Anniversary Committee
Rosa Beatriz Castañeda Ramirez, Ginny McEvoy,
Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland



Maryknoll Affiliates
celebrate 30 years



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GOING FORWARD – LOOKING BACK

I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going. —Maya Angelou

We Affiliates know we came from our connection to Maryknoll. Where are we going?

We note the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Maryknoll Affiliates. Fr. Jack Sullivan was there, and now we also mourn the passing of this former Affiliate Co-Coordinator, and the passing of others from COVID. Renate mourns the destruction by yet another natural disaster in Haiti – but she immediately looks to dealing with the trauma and rebuilding. Kathy Ress invites us to move forward, assisting those in desperation at the US Border. Other Affiliates look to the future through joining to discuss great books or through contemplation.

Although the Affiliate Board pauses to mourn Jack, it looks forward with plans to include the 30th Anniversary celebration in next year's gatherings. The Board meets in October, especially addressing new initiatives to strengthen the Affiliates and Maryknoll. New Board member Marie Venner emphasizes her passion and dedication to solving the Climate Crisis. The Affiliate Mini MAC Sept 11, also addresses Tending the Earth.

Where is your chapter going? Email us at NSFAMaryknoll@gmail.com.



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Mission Statement: Maryknoll Affiliates, while continuing to pursue their own life's journey, commit themselves to the mission goals of Maryknoll in the context of Chapters that gather for prayer, reflection, and action. Maryknoll Affiliates challenge one another to witness to mission as a way of life by going beyond borders, locally and globally, walking with the poor and excluded, and striving for peace and justice for all of God's creation.

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EXPLORE A GREAT BOOK!

Join Affiliates and friends in exploring a book together in October – November. Books suggested by last spring's book group and other Affiliates include: *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, and *Fratelli Tutti*, by Pope Francis, available from Orbis Books or downloadable from the Vatican Website. Affiliate Board Chair Ginny McEvoy recommends *The Poor Save Us*, (also at orbisbooks.com) by Megan McKenna, who will be speaking to us at our third Mini MAC. Co-editor Mary suggests *The Third Harmony* by Michael Nagler, featured on page 12.

To participate in this fall Book Group and/or suggest a book to read and discuss, please email NSFAMaryknoll@gmail.com. You will be connected to a Google form that will register your information.



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HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

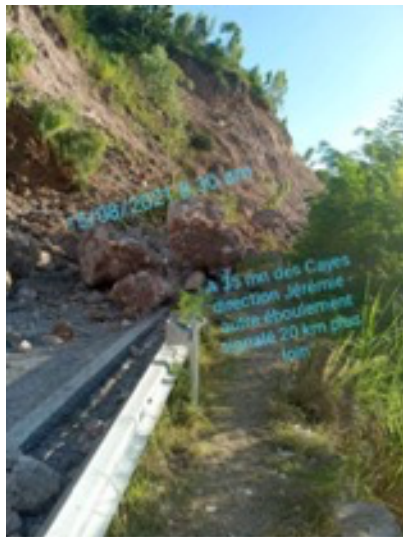
Renate Schneider - Chicago Chapter

Dear Friends of the Haitian Connection,

Saturday morning, August 14, 2021, at 8:30 AM, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest part of Haiti, in the location where I have worked for the past 23 years. When I saw the pictures of the devastation in Jérémie, I recognized every building and location, and my heart broke.

As of Monday, August 16, there are 1,297 dead, 5,700 injured, and 13,000 homeless. Sunday, the St. Antoine hospital in Jérémie ran out of water. One (of the many) big problem is that people can't find drinking water. A landslide is blocking the main road in or out of Jérémie, so water has no way to get to town.

Haitian Connection has long partnered with several communities in the country and I am getting reports from them. I can hear in their voices that they are still in shock.



One of the communities is Latibolye—the school is damaged, the rectory is completely uninhabitable and many houses have turned into rubble. Esther Jacques, our community leader, reported to me that while her house did not sustain any damage, many of the other houses did, including some that Haitian Connection built. Latibolye was the first community in which we built, so the houses are now well over 10 years old. The more recently-built homes have stood up to the earthquake and were not damaged.

Our partner, Jérémie Breadfruit Flour, in Doudouch, is producing as many konparets (sweet bread) as possible to give to the population, thanks to the help of Trees That Feed Foundation. The bakery is still functioning, but food scarcity is expected.

Our partners in Jean Bellune, especially Fr. Jean-Rony, report that the kitchen that Haitian Connection built last year was not damaged. Thank God.



Photos courtesy of Renate Schneider

School In Latibolye Where We Hold Our Literacy Program.

Many schools were destroyed... but our after-school building in downtown Jérémie, amazingly enough, is still standing and sustained no damage. So that is one place we can start the new school year.

Our mental health workers are lending psychological support where they can while dealing with their own losses.

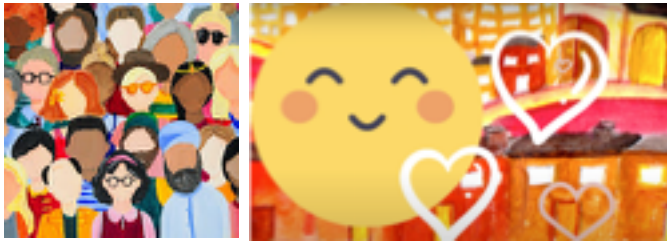


As a small NGO, Haitian Connection will do what it can. As you know, 100% of funds go directly to the people. At this point, money is of greatest help, and I will keep you informed as to how it is applied. To send help via PayPal or by check, please see HOW YOU CAN HELP on our website, www.HaitianConnection.org.

And prayers do help, please keep them coming.

Gratefully, Renate





FRATELLI TUTTI INSPIRES GLOBAL INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

Marita Grudzen – Kenya Virtual Chapter

Maryknoll Affiliates and the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns provided leadership for the three-day conference, “*Building Human Solidarity in the light of Pope Francis’ encyclical: Fratelli Tutti*” held August 19-21, 2021. It offered programs from three international hubs: the African Hub (Nairobi, Kenya), the Hub of the Americas (San Jose, CA/USA), and the Hub of South East Asia (Yogyakarta, Indonesia). The 16 programs, all in English, are available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/InternationalConferenceonFratelliTutti>

Christian and Islamic leaders from throughout Africa, Europe, and Indonesia, and representatives of the Pontifical Council of Interreligious Dialogue and the Grand Imam opened the conference. Approximately 3,000 people from 19 countries participated.

In panels like, “Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor,” We heard beacons of hope who build solidarity and foster dignity, inclusivity, and justice. Joanne Blaney talked about men and women in crowded prisons, many not yet formally charged, and exploited indigenous Amazonian peoples whose treaties are not honored. In Ecuador, Nichole Insuasti works for the human rights of both rural and urban indigenous. She stressed how important language is to a culture; it links the memories, myths, art, music—all of the cultural roots of a people.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis calls us to embrace the “politics of love rather than fear or hatred.” This conference emphasized inclusion rather than exclusion, combating Islamophobia, the climate crisis, racism, and indifference to human suffering. We looked for ways to build bridges across the divides promoted by populists who use their platforms to separate rather than unite.

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Superior Lance Nadeau, MM, led the closing ceremony. He pointed out that Pope Francis is a political thinker who places before us a Politics of Love.

I encourage our Affiliates to visit the YouTube recordings of the conference and to study and reflect on this extraordinary document, *Fratelli Tutti*.



DEEPENING ONE’S CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

Liz Maxwell – Cincinnati Chapter

I was excited to attend an online Maryknoll Mission Institute program. From Monday through Friday, June 14-18, Sister Nancy Sylvester, IHM, led “Deepening One’s Contemplative Practice: Necessary for the Transformation of Our Time.” We began each day with quiet prayer—a profound unity on screen of prayers from the US and Latin America. Nancy skillfully shared how the evolution of consciousness has brought us to a place where our old beliefs no longer serve; witness the global chaos of today. Einstein warned that we cannot solve the problems of today with the level of consciousness of yesterday. We have to move from *me* to *we*.

That’s where contemplative prayer comes in. With regular practice of such prayer, we gradually get to know our true selves and are able to let go of what tries to control us. A quiet mind helps us live with paradox. We align with the Presence of Divine Love. In that evolving relationship, we enter the reality of the chaos. We become more open to our oneness with all. We “live and move and have our being” in the Presence, the energy moving us forward.

Can we envision a future with a new, emerging consciousness that transforms our *me* state to *we*?



Contemplation is nothing else
but a secret, peaceful, and
loving infusion of God,
which if admitted,
will set the soul on fire
with the spirit of love.
—John of the Cross



TANZANIA CHECKS IN

Costansia Mbogomba –Tanzania Chapter

We in the Affiliate movement are especially blessed, inspired, and challenged by our chapters throughout the world—South Korea, Latin America, the US, and East Africa. Today we hear from the Tanzania Chapter.

Maryknoll Affiliates from the **Mwanza, Tanzania Chapter** are happy to share with you a short reflection on what we have lived through together, especially since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mwanza, a rocky city, second most populated in Tanzania, rests on the shores of Lake Victoria. Our



Costansia and children from a local school

area enjoys the presence of the Maryknoll family: Maryknoll Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Lay Missioners, and us Affiliates. This alone contributes a lot of strength to our group.

Members lost. COVID-19 took two of us, leaving our chapter with 13 members. It hasn't been very easy for us. The death of **Grace Kishumba** left a gap, and we realized what a gift she had been as a teacher, wife, and mother. She had a quiet but caring attitude toward other people around her. It was difficult to catch Grace complaining but easy to hear her offering encouragement, especially to the sick and to students needing help.

This spring, a pillar in our chapter, **Magdalena Joseph Baruti**, went to the Lord. Magdalena, the fifth in her family to die from COVID-19, would always be there with jokes and laughter, sacrificing her time and possessions.

Going Forward. Now, at our monthly meetings for prayer and sharing, we reflect on how God speaks to us in different ways. We value our connections and see the need to stay close together; we ponder on each individual's call to serve. We see how the Maryknoll spirit sustains us in different ways. We have recollection days twice or more each year. We have seminars periodically, and we go out together regularly to serve those in most need.

May God bless all of us. The Tanzania Chapter is most grateful for all that the Maryknoll Affiliates do to keep us connected.





REMEMBERING FR. JACK SULLIVAN

Jack was Co-Coordinator of the Maryknoll Affiliates from approximately 2001 to 2007.

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers announced that Rev. John J. Sullivan, MM, passed away on August 9, 2021, at the Society Center in Maryknoll, New York. Father Sullivan was 87 years old and a Maryknoll priest for 61 years.

Executive Coordinator, Bob Short, quickly notified Affiliates, commenting:

To say that Jack was a key figure in both the beginnings of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners and the Maryknoll Affiliates would be a colossal understatement. Those of us who knew him could only be impressed and inspired by his thoughtfulness, expansive mind, kindness, and endless joy. A great Maryknoller and wonderful man has left us, but his spirit will forever invade our spaces whenever smallness of thought or unkind gesture try to make entry. Love was his final message and legacy.

Several Affiliates responded with their memories of Jack:

Jack was a towering person in many ways, obviously not just in stature. Jack had what Walter Brueggemann called a “prophetic imagination.” He imagined a Maryknoll and a world beyond what most of us could imagine, one that was unified in its diversity and just in its cause. He saw Maryknoll as a whole, and not a divided group of entities seeking out their own interest. He not only imagined this, but he participated in it at every level, along with Maria Rickleman, MM. He was critical to the beginning of the lay missioners and missioned to all Maryknollers through retreats and workshops. It was only fitting that one of his last major assignments would be with the Maryknoll Affiliates, yet another prophetic manifestation of Maryknoll. – **Fred Goddard, previous Affiliates Executive Coordinator**

So sad to hear this news. Bob Short’s words for him were perfect and I can personally

relate to these:

“A great Maryknoller and wonderful man has left us, but his spirit will forever invade our spaces whenever smallness of thought or unkind gesture try to make entry. Love was his final message and legacy.”

I still can picture his masses where he included Chinese elements. Also, his strong belief that all Maryknoll expressions were all one family. Maryknoll, with Fr. John a key element, has had a profound effect on my life.
– **Joe Santos, San Diego Chapter**

Jack, you changed our lives.

Jack led about 10 of us, mostly Affiliates, through the Holy Land in 2007. We stayed in Bethlehem, in the West Bank, and saw the encroaching Israeli settlements. We walked and prayed next to the 30 feet high, intimidating “security” wall and visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. In the warm, tired afternoons Jack gathered to share our stories with each other. He led us in daily reflections on politics, religion, and the Occupation. From Jack’s great historical knowledge, we learned the long history of Palestine and the Israel/Palestine conflict. He expressed his deep passion for the Palestinian people in the Holy Land and his hope for an enduring peace. Jack exposed us to the injustice and apartheid in the Holy Land which inspires us to advocate for peace and nonviolence today.

And with Jack we walked where Jesus walked. He said Mass for us on a big, flat rock overlooking the Sea of Galilee. I remember when Jack raised the Host during the Consecration, a dove landed beside him on the rock altar. We felt the presence of Jesus.



Jack, we wish you
shalom and as-salāmu ‘alaykum.
– **Mary & Manny Hotchkiss, Portland Chapter**

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The Memorial Mass for Father John J. Sullivan, MM, took place on August 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM in Queen of Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll, New York. The Mass was live streamed and can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/3ISEuWde0C8>

I first met Jack Sullivan, MM, (I'm pretty certain the first Maryknoller I ever came across) when my wife Shirley and I were interviewing for the Lay Missioners in the late '70s. He, along with Maryanne O'Donnell, MM, and Chuck Lathrop also led us through our 4-month formation before we headed for Bolivia.

I cannot think of another person who integrated humor, kindness, expansive thinking, thoughtfulness, and joy as did Jack. He couldn't help but regularly surpass the prescribed boundaries of the day and proffer something viewed by many as radical or prophetic. Yet, without quieting his voice, he loved Maryknoll and accepted that many were not yet ready for his, often cosmic, perspective.

I last talked with Jack two weeks ago at the Society Chapter. The once 6'4" man was confined to a wheelchair now and, with end stage COPD, finding it difficult to breathe. Still, very characteristically, he joked about not letting the authorities send him out to the hospital in his last days as he wanted to die on the Maryknoll grounds... the place he loved, and wherein he brought so much light and joy for over 60 years.

Beyond THANK YOU, JACK, I really don't have the words to match my emotion. – **Bob Short, Maryknoll Affiliates Executive Coordinator**

I will never forget when he came to the Greater LA chapter to lead us on retreat. We held it at the LA Maryknoll house. – **John Hernandez, Greater Los Angeles Chapter**

I have such fond memories of Fr. Jack when he stayed at our house with other board members. Not sure if that was the time the Board met In Tijuana and we stayed at the Casa del Migrante. He also came with Maria and did a one-day retreat for our San Diego Affiliate group. Jack was a calming, inspiring presence, a gift to our lives. I am sad to know of his passing but he will definitely always be in our hearts! – **Peggy Santos, San Diego Chapter**

More memories and a link to Fr. Jack's obituary have been posted on the Maryknoll Lay Missioners' website, at <https://mklm.org/mklm/rest-in-peace-father-jack/>.

On Wednesday, August 18th, Maryknoll Affiliates and friends gathered via Zoom to share their memories of Jack Sullivan.



Kitty Madden, Nicaragua, responded: It was so good being able to be with so many of you last night as we remembered Jack and all the joy, encouragement, and inspiration he has brought into our lives! Thanks to you Bob for bringing us all together. ...

United with all of you as we remember Jack and honor his memory by deepening our own daily commitments to social justice and kindness to all whom we are blessed to meet each day,
Warm Abrazos, Kitty



BORDER WITNESS

Kathy Ress – Northeast Ohio Chapter

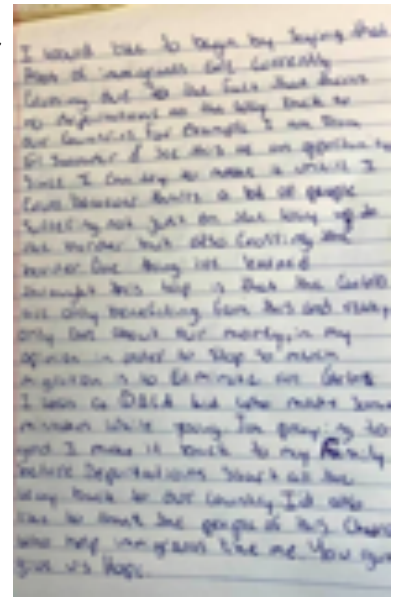
From May 19-27, five of us, health and mental health professionals, shadowed, assisted, and bore witness to migrants recently deported and left at the Mexican side of the gate in Aqua Prieta, Mexico. Included in our group were Deb and Joe Marino, who were in Bolivia as Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They now both serve with Central American Medical Outreach (CAMO: <https://www.camo.org/>), going to Honduras every year, where they have helped develop a medical clinic.

Since coming home, we have managed to write up many telling and informative vignettes of our conversations with these humble people, mostly men but some women. We have listed our bullet points and “asks,” and we developed our PowerPoint presentation. We have started to meet with our legislators. We next want to meet with you as supporters.



We met a young man who had lived in the US and had DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status. He wrote his story for us:

I would like to begin by saying that a lot of immigrants are currently crossing due to the fact that there's no deportations all the way back to our countries. For example, I am from El Salvador & see this as an opportunity. Since I can try to make it until I cross. However, there's a lot of people suffering not just on the way up to



the border but also crossing the border. One thing I've learned through this trip is that the cartels are only benefiting from this and really only care about our money. In my opinion, in order to stop so much migration is to eliminate all cartels. I was a DACA kid who made some mistakes while young. I'm praying to God I make it back to my family before deportations start all the way back to our country. I'd also like to thank the people of this Church who help immigrants like me. You guys give me hope.



This group shared their DACA stories with us.

A young man from Guatemala made the trip with his cousin, and the cousin was taken to the hospital. The good part is that the cousin was a minor and was placed with a family in the US, but this young man is stuck.

The guides often pressure the migrants to get back on the trail; they lie, pushing them to go back up into the mountains. The volunteers help those who need to get off the trail, with medical help, temporary shelter, food and emotional support to handle the trauma of the trip.

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We were honored to teach Capacitar to the migrants at the Shelter today. Most of them will return home, crushed by the journey and fearing for their lives and seeing many bodies. Capacitar (<https://capacitar.org/programs/>) is a trauma-informed practice that utilizes movement and tapping to disrupt flashbacks, and re-regulate ongoing moods that carry fear, sadness, anger and other intense emotions.



Statute outside Borderlinks (<https://www.borderlinks.org/>), a nonprofit organization in Tucson that offers experiential learning about the difficulties of migration and life along the US/Mexico border.

When asked what they would like us to tell others, migrants said they want work visas, safety from death on their journeys, help for their families. One young DACA person said that migrants will keep coming, the wall is but a speed bump in the road. We were able to gather many testimonies and stories to share. We planned, when we returned, to put all the stories together.



Learn More

about

Life on the Border

We invite you to join us as we bear witness through these stories and raise awareness. You may join us in person or via Zoom. Please contact me:

- Message me on Facebook – www.facebook.com/kathryn.ress
- or
- Email NSFAMaryknoll@gmail.com or Bob Short at AffiliateBShort@gmail.com. Your message will be forwarded to me.



Intercommunity
Peace & Justice Center

REFLECTION JUMPSTARTS YOUR LIFE

The quarterly newsletter, *A Matter of Spirit*, is published by the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. IPJC, based in Seattle, is supported by 23 religious communities. Some Affiliate chapters have used its articles and reflection questions in their meetings. At their website, the current issue and podcasts of many articles are available.

The Summer 2021 issue featured returned Maryknoll Lay Missioner Angel Mortel, who worked on community organizing during her stay in Brazil. In the article, she explains that “community organizers work to build power, accompanying people in their journey to recognize their own agency and ability to act and to use collective power to transform our world.”

The newsletter also offers questions to help readers reflect on the articles in the issue and “move into action.” Angel Mortel asked, “How do you build relationships that help people recognize their own gifts and agency while also encouraging a collective use of power to create transformation? Where might God be calling you to use your individual gifts in a collective space?”



The Spring 2021 issue featured a quote from Maryknoll Sister Ita Ford. (Ita was assassinated on December 2, 1980 in El Salvador. See more of her story at <https://www.maryknollsisters.org/40thanniversary/sister-ita-ford-2/>)

She wrote the following for her godchild and niece, Jennifer, on her 16th birthday:

I hope that you come to find that which gives life a deep meaning for you. Something worth living for – maybe even worth dying for, something that energizes you, enthuses you, enables you to keep moving ahead. I can't tell you what it might be- that's for you to find, to choose, to love. I can just encourage you to start looking and support you in the search.



Topics for Reflection*

What gives me hope...

I am inspired by...

5 very good ideas...

What I can do...

*based on <https://www.yesmagazine.org/issue/solving-plastic/2021/05/10/yes-reflection>



DIGITAL WORKSHOP – TRAINING / EXPLAINING
Saturday, Sept. 18 – 4:00 EDT

Does the Maryknoll Affiliates website mystify you? Do you wonder how to use Facebook? Our website designer Lisa Stengel will demystify the website, and show us what happens on Facebook.

Register with Bob Short
(affiliatebshort@gmail.com)

News from the Board

MEET MARIE VENNER

Marie Venner, a virtual member of the Portland Chapter from Denver, joins the Maryknoll Affiliate Board in October.



Maryknoll runs deep in my life. I started meeting regularly with local Maryknollers in high school and wanted to become a lay missionary after college. But I became an Affiliate instead, recruiting some Lay Missioners along the way. I grew up in a post-Vatican II church with much lay involvement in the church and with the Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet. Our democratically led Youth Commission and a monthly time at the Catholic Worker were also influential. Many Orbis books, along with the liberation theologians, were central to my education in college.

After graduate studies in planning, policy, and public administration, I served in Catholic affordable housing and then environmental and infrastructure work. Now I am focusing on how to reduce climate and health-threatening pollution.

On returning to the Denver area, my husband Brad and I were regulars at the Maryknoll Affiliate monthly gatherings led by Karen and Jim Halberg-Weaver, MLKM, at the Maryknoll House. Brad and I have been married for 28 years; our daughter Elena is finishing up high school, and Nic just turned 20. Nic is part of the Oregon-based Our Children's Trust case concerning climate change (see the Nov/Dec 2020 issue of NSFA, page 12).

I work/volunteer full-time with communities facing fossil fuel pollution. We work to develop paths forward to address harm and invest in a joyful, good, and just future for all. This past spring, I rotated off the Board of the Call to Action Vision Council. I co-organized a national conference on building the faith this spring. Previously, I was on the Steering Committee of the Global Catholic Climate Movement for four years, as it worked with Bishops from five continents on the initial focus of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, championing the goal of staying below 1.5 degrees Celsius of global warming.

I look forward to my renewed efforts in working with Maryknoll Affiliates as we evolve during these seminal times.



Coming September 11th!

MINI MAC 2 – TENDING OUR PLANET

2:00 pm EDT (11:00AM PDT)

Guest speaker **Andy Panelli** will, *in a unique and fun way*, help us to understand just how to go about saving our planet. What actions would you take to deal with or even reduce climate change? Andy Panelli offers a tool for testing our ideas—the EnROADS simulator. You are welcome to test drive the simulator beforehand, at <https://www.climateinteractive.org/tools/en-roads/>.

The Mini MAC committee asks us to share how we tend the earth on our **Jamboard**. Don't know Jamboard? See Celine Woznica's how-to video: screencast-o-matic.com/watch/crile4Vi151

Be one of the **100 participants**—register now! For details and registration links, go to:

www.maryknollaffiliates.org/maryknoll-affiliate-news/tending-the-earth-september-11th-mini-mac-2

See you there!



MINI MAC 3 – TENDING OUR COMMUNITY

November 6, 2021 – Time TBA

Let **Megan McKenna**—spiritual writer, theologian, lecturer and story teller—fan the flame of your pillar of community.

Read your upcoming **Monday Update** emails or our website for details and how to register.

Building Peaceful Communities

Free presentation – Sunday, September 19, 2021, 4 pm PDT / 7 pm EDT

The Third Harmony

Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature

Hear the story of nonviolence, the greatest overlooked resource
in human experience.



The universe is conscious and purposeful; we are spiritual beings, and cooperation and collaboration are how we interact. Explore the important role that nonviolence plays in the struggle to develop a “new story” of human nature, in which the world’s great wisdom and modern science converge.



See the video trailer at <https://vimeo.com/459116870>

After the video, Adam Vogal, President of the Oregon Peace Institute, offers

CLARA training (Calm Listen Affirm Respond Add)

Use the Eventbrite links below to register:

- <https://bit.ly/Peace-Zoom> to receive your personal Zoom link, or
- <https://bit.ly/Peace-In-Person> to attend at Spirit of Grace Church, Beaverton

Questions? Email: peacebuilding21@Yahoo.com

