



April 22, 2022

TODAY IS EARTH DAY!

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has emailed Earth Day resources, saying,

Earth Day is this Friday, April 22. In this season of Easter renewal, we invite you to use and share these resources to recommit to care of our Common Home.

- Pray this [prayer](#) and check out these [resources](#) for Earth Day from the Catholic Health Association.



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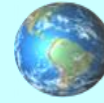
In loving awareness with Creator, pause, and allow your spirit, mind and body to receive the gifts of creation. Consider a scene you have experienced, one where Earth's goodness, truth, beauty and love have brought you to life. Is there a national park, a place in your own backyard or a destination you hope to visit? What sacred place captures your soul? Let the image unfold. Settle and breathe.

- ❖ *How have you been drawn into union with Earth, God and others by perceiving creation's sacred space?*
- ❖ *How might you return creation's loving awareness to the Earth, God and others?*

- Explore Catholic Climate Covenant's 2022 Earth Day program, "[Integral Ecology: Pursuing the Common Good for Our Common Home.](#)" The free, approximately one-hour program includes prayers; readings; a short video; and practical activities, including advocacy opportunities and personal sustainability commitments.
- Join a new national Catholic advocacy campaign, "[Encounter for Our Common Home,](#)" led by Catholic Climate Covenant in partnership with our office and other Catholic organizations. During this Spring training and advocacy campaign, we will urge our U.S. Senators to support climate solutions now. The campaign will culminate in a "[Week of Encounter](#)" May 2-6, with virtual or in-person meetings with U.S. Senators.
- **Take action:** Send a message to your senators asking them to pass ambitious climate solutions. This action alert is part of the national Encounter for Our Common Home campaign.

In solidarity, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Care of Creation Committee



EARTH DAY - April 22

Every year on April 22, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. Earth Day unites all that are fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Environmental Education ACT. Learn more about Earth Day at: www.earthday.org



[Click here](#) to watch Walter Cronkite report on the first Earth Day.

This year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet." On this day we pray Pope Francis' prayer for creation and we advocate for the benefit of God's creation by living simply, remembering that we are all connected, and reducing our carbon emissions:

***All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace,
that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray,
in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.***

Visit creationjustice.org/action to learn more about advocating for God's Creation locally and federally. Using what you've learned about the climate risks and needs for resilience in your community, contact your legislators, write a letter to the editor, and organize your community in support of local resilience initiatives.

- Srs. Diane Dube, RJM, and Doris Bissonnette, RJM

NO BRIDGES NEXT WEEK

There will be no Bridges next week. The next Bridges will be published on May 6th.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Sr. Pat Dillon has a NEW phone number while she's visiting in the USA. While in the USA, she can be reached at **845-743-0367**.



CARE FOR CREATION AT BETHANY

Attached to the Bridges email is the very first issue of the *Care for Creation at Bethany* newsletter!

You'll want to read the Welcome, Laudato Si Quick Study, Scripture Connection, Book Highlights, and Take Action suggestions, as well as other articles.

If you would like to be added to the *Care for Creation at Bethany* newsletter email list, please contact Sr. Teresita Morse, RJM at Teresita@frontiernet.net and she'll see that you get added.

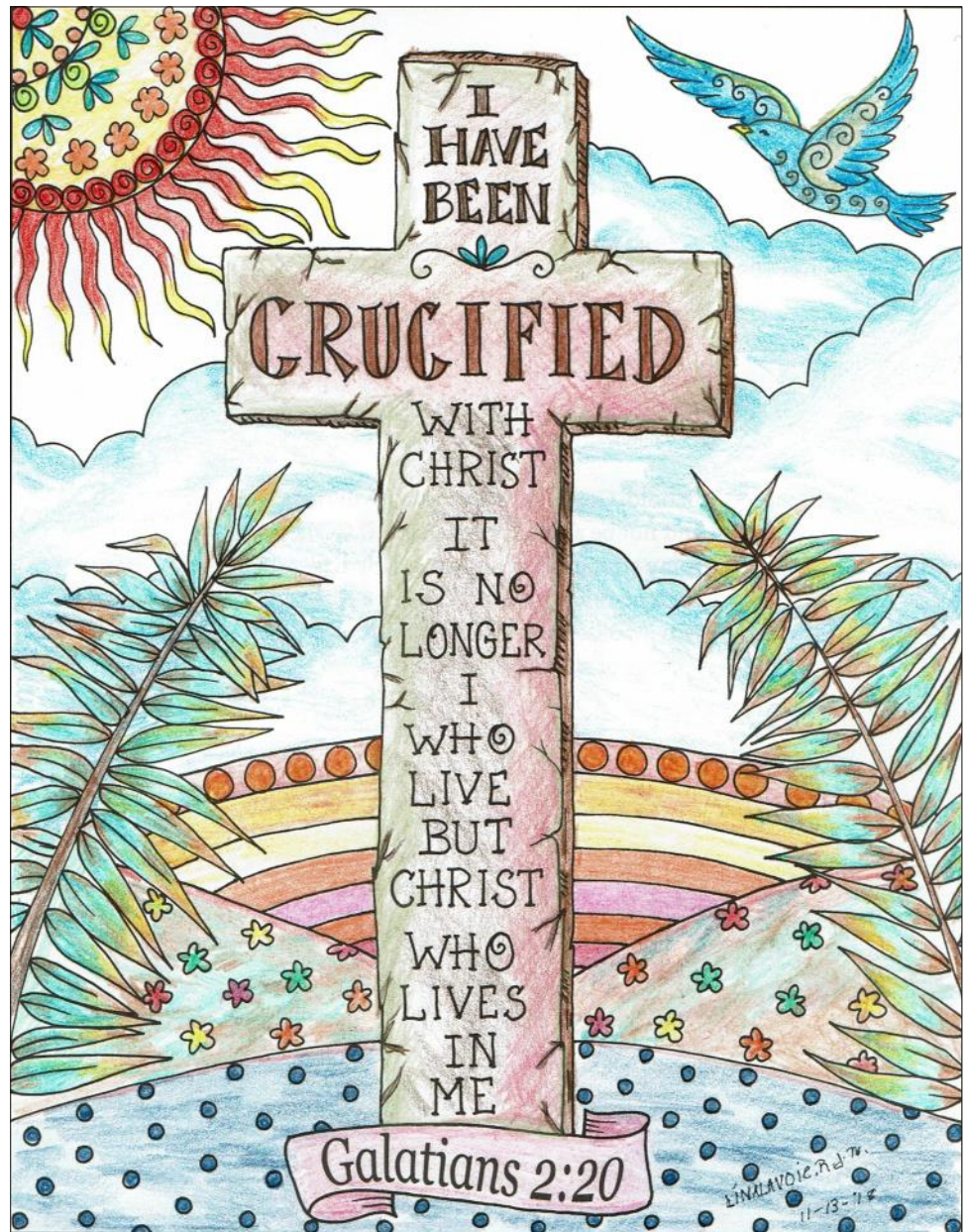
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WITH MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 5 Lucie Jusseaume RJM
- May 7 Brittany Galvin
- May 10 Rosario Fumanal, RJM
- May 20 Curín García Calvo RJM
- May 23 Norene Costa RJM
- May 27 Janice Farnham RJM
- May 31 Kathleen Scanlon RJM



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- The Peace and sovereignty of Ukraine and peace and prosperity in Haiti;
- Sr. Pat Dillon, RJM, who will have hip replacement surgery on April 25th;
- FJM members Kathy Hickey and Dorothy Wildhagen, who request prayers for God's healing;
- Ricky Lopez (nephew of Sr. Fatima Viramontes, RJM), Katie Gerlach (relative of Sr. Rita Ricker, RJM), Alice Willard (sister of Sr. Claudette Lapointe, RJM) Bob Patenaude (brother of Sr. Vivian Patenaude, RJM), Ed Crepeau, (nephew of Srs. Mary Crepeau, RJM and Jackie Crepeau, RJM), and Claire Ethier (sister of Sr. Pauline Ayotte, RJM), who request our continued prayers;



- The Marillac Residence Community (Srs. Agnes Bell, RJM, Laura Dulude, RJM, Pauline Joyal, RJM, Lucie Jusseaume, RJM, Gertrude Lavoie, RJM, Lina Lavoie, RJM, Shirley Leveille, RJM, Roseline Marcoux, RJM, Vivian Patenaude, RJM, Therese Picard, RJM, and Fatima Viramontes, RJM) and the Elizabeth Seton Residence (Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM) as this week's community for special prayer.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE NEEDS OF OUR RJM SISTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

<https://rjmusa.org>

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary