

# BRIDGES



**June 2, 2023**

## 2023 JUBILEE CELEBRATION



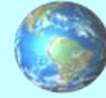
Pictured here are RJM's and friends enjoying the banquet that followed Mass in the Marillac Chapel, as we celebrated the 2023 Jubilarians and also honored those whose jubilee fell in "the covid years."

The meal was delicious and good conversation was plentiful.

All agreed that it was the perfect conclusion to a lovely day!



## Care of Creation Committee



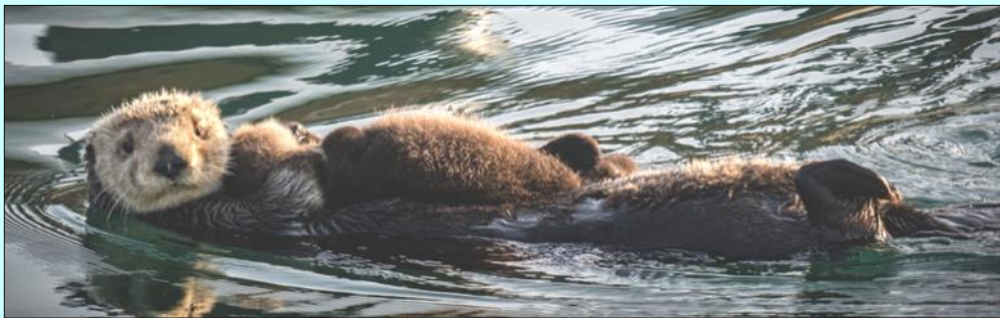
A Message from Oceana: <https://oceana.org>

Southern sea otters, green sea turtles, West Indian manatees and many other beloved ocean animals would be extinct – gone forever – if not for the Endangered Species Act.

The Endangered Species Act is one of our nation's most important, successful and popular laws – It has prevented 99 percent of the species under its care from going extinct!

But now this landmark law faces grave attacks from anti-environment interests in Congress. Imperiled ocean animals need you to speak up on their behalf, before it's too late.

**Tell your members of Congress: Protect imperiled ocean life by opposing any legislation that would weaken the Endangered Species Act.**



### **IN MEMORIAM**

Several RJM's were present at St. John's Church in Kingsbridge at the Mass of the Resurrection for Mrs. Kathleen Hickey last week. Kathy was a longtime member of the New York AFJM, and regularly helped with the monthly flea market whose proceeds go to support the Haiti Mission. She also participated in the Province Assembly of 2020 as a Companion in Mission. R.I.P.



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## WOMAN OF COURAGE AWARD NOMINATIONS

UNANIMA International is seeking nominations for its Woman of Courage Award, which are due by July 10th. Awardees are selected annually according to the following criteria:



- ❖ That the awardee be a woman, who can be from a UNANIMA International member congregation, but must be nominated by a member of a different congregation
- ❖ She has demonstrated courage in the face of adversity (e.g., from government, popular opinion, leaders)
- ❖ That her actions reflect and support the values and principles promoted by the UN
- ❖ Her display of courage relates to one of the major areas of concern for UNANIMA International
- ❖ She be nominated by one or more of the UNANIMA member congregations
- ❖ That awardees collectively represent diverse geographical regions

Perhaps someone in the USA-Haiti Province can identify a person who would qualify? The nomination form is again attached to the Bridges email.

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## CONFERENCE SERIES - *Laudato Si'* and the US Catholic Church

The 2023 *Laudato Si'* and the U.S. Catholic Church national conference will be held in June and July! [Free registration is now live](#).

The biennial conference series is co-sponsored by Creighton University and Catholic Climate Covenant to equip and inspire Catholics to more deeply integrate *Laudato Si'* and its creation care teachings into the U.S. Church.

This summer's Catholic ecological convening, will be held virtually over a series of evenings starting on June 14<sup>th</sup> and concluding July 27<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of this year's conference will be to encourage a greater understanding of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform's seven goals and encourage Catholic individuals and groups to enroll in the Platform, providing them with a clearer path for accomplishing each of the goals through speaker presentation.

Each virtual 90-minute session will be on the goals of the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform and feature a scholar who describes the goal, U.S. faith-driven practitioners who outline their work to achieve the goal, and a moderated Q&A.

DATE	EVENT
WED. JUNE 14	Opening Keynote, 8-9:30 pm ET
WED. JUNE 21	Response to the Cry of the Poor, 8-9:30 pm ET
TUES. JUNE 27	Ecological Economics, 8-9:30 pm ET
THURS. JUNE 29	Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, 8-9:30 pm ET
TUES. JULY 11	Ecological Education, 8-9:30 pm ET
THURS. JULY 13	Ecological Spirituality, 8-9:30 pm ET
WED. JULY 19	Community Resilience and Empowerment, 8-9:30 pm ET
TUES. JULY 25	Response to the Cry of the Earth, 8-9:30 pm ET
JULY 27	Closing Awards, 8-9:30 pm ET

Visit [www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate](http://www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate) to register and learn more.

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## PROVINCE OFFICE

June 16

Next Bridges published (articles due by Wednesday 6/14 at noon)

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### MESSAGES OF THANKS

*To each and everyone who made donations in my name to Haiti - a big thank you. May your generosity be rewarded a hundred fold in which ever way the Lord wishes to repay your thoughtfulness. I certainly cannot thank you properly. The people in Haiti will be the beneficiaries of your sensitivity to their needs.*

*Gratefully, Alice O. RJM*

*Sisters Mary Sanchez and Bernadette Berard thank you for your cards and kind messages on the occasion of their jubilees. They are especially grateful for the loving remembrance they received.*

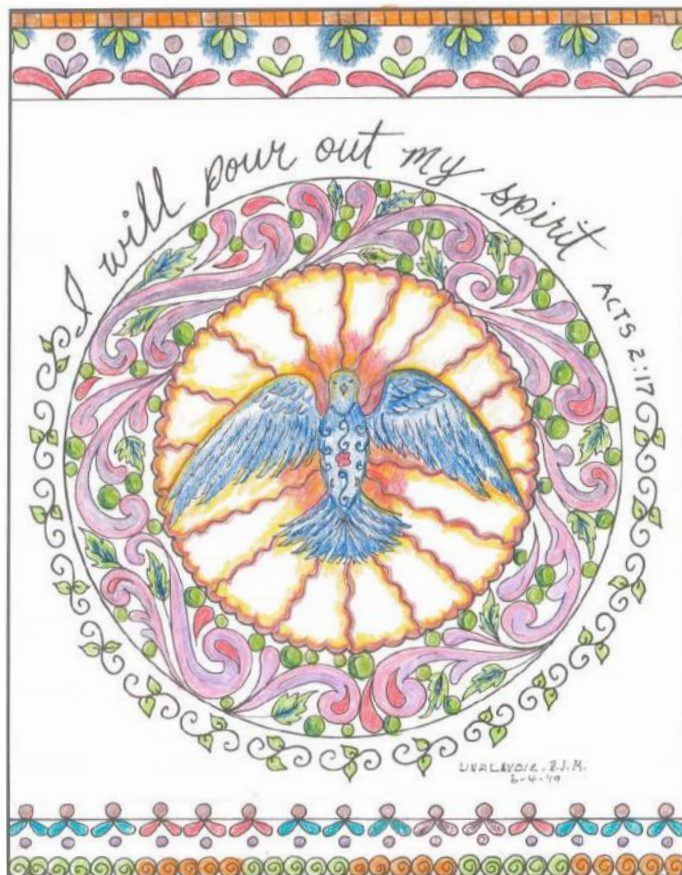
*Blessings to all*

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### PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- The repose of the soul of Kathleen Hickey, an RJM Companion in Mission, who died on May 26th and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- Continuing Prayers: Bob Patenaude (brother of Sr. Vivian Patenaude); Patrick Scanlon (father of Sr. Mary Scanlon); an end to the war in Ukraine and restoration of the country and its people; the safety and security of the people of Haiti, and for God's blessings on all the efforts being made to bring peace and justice to this island nation;
- The College Park Community (Srs. Rita Ricker and Janet Stolba) and The Meadows (Sr. Anne Magner) as this week's community for special prayer.

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



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Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary