

Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation Update, July 2016



Sisters of Charity of New York joined Nuns on the Bus in person in Newark on July 25. Sisters Andrea Dixon, Carol De Angelo, Mary Ellen O’Boyle, Margaret O’Brien, Florence Speth and Mary Sugrue joined Federation members and others. In Albany (picture on left) on July 21, Sr. Julie Cutter, Executive Director of Sisters of Charity Federation, brought SCNY banner to Albany to show that we support Network’s 2020 VISION: MEND THE GAPS. Advocacy to “Mend the Gaps” is critical! As Network’s website says, “Federal policies enacted since 1980 have exacerbated vast economic and social divides in our country. These divides are

eroding the very fabric of our society. Enlivened by Pope Francis’s challenge, NETWORK renews its more than 40-year commitment to create an economy and a society of inclusion.

Through 2020, NETWORK will focus on promoting policies that mend the gaps and bridge the divides in our country...”. Network will focus on: Tax Justice, Living Wages, Family-Friendly Workplaces and Access to Democracy, Healthcare, Citizenship and Housing.

While working to mend the gaps, NETWORK will continue its advocacy to ensure that current successful federal programs are protected and enhanced so as not to increase the current divides. For more information, visit www.networklobby.org



Join the Sisters of Charity Federation in prayer as U.S. moves toward national action. At the June Federation meeting, all Federation members were invited to set aside the second Tuesday of each month prior to the November election day for prayer and some form of fasting. We pray for the gifts of wisdom and discernment for all the electorate. Thank you to Sr. Jean Flannelly, Pastoral Associate at Mount Saint Vincent Convent, and sisters who live there for sharing through Le Gras mailing the Taize Prayer they use each second Tuesday of the month.

In his address to the U.S. Congress last September, Pope Francis spoke to each of us when he said, “Each son or daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility... You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics... Building a future of freedom requires love of the common good and cooperation in a spirit of subsidiarity and solidarity.”



Sisters of Charity of New York and the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement joined the faith contingency at the July 24th March for Clean Energy Revolution. More than 10,000 people marched in the streets of Philadelphia calling on political leaders to act quickly to ban fracking now, keep fossil fuels in the ground, stop dirty energy, transition to 100% renewable energy and ensure environmental justice for all. The Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement had representation from parishes and Catholic

groups in the metro NY area. Metro NY CCM is part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM). Its planning group (Carol De Angelo is a member) hopes to educate and build a contingency of Catholics and others in the metro NY area on the principles of Laudato Si'; to protect and advocate for care for the Earth; and to catalyze a just spiritual and ecological transformation, away from environmental exploitation and consumerism towards mutually enhancing relationships with Earth and humans. In picture on right, Janet Curley and Maria De Angelo (front) hold banner, *Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*. Sr. Julie Cutter (face in shadow) and Paul DeAngelo (back) hold *Sisters of Charity for Climate Justice* banner.



A Sisters of Charity of New York presence at special Interfaith Center of New York youth event. Associate LeeAnn Brathwaite, said of her participation, "I was fortunate enough to attend the Youth Speak Out Conference on Religious Diversity and the Future of New York on Thursday, July 7th, 2016. There was a two-hour panel, as seen in the picture, which discussed growing up in a diverse city. There was also a tour of the Ganesh Temple where the conference was held. The most exciting part of the day was the small group discussions, which were led by a facilitator. The only downside to the conference was that there were not many young people present. However, this was the first year that the conference emphasized youth involvement. I hope to see the conference and its interfaith message grow in the coming years." Thank you, LeeAnn, for representing the Sisters of Charity.

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