

# Justice Memo



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To: Sisters and Associates  
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...Justice Ministry in the 2000s ... 72 Hour Peace Vigil ... Global Spirituality ... Water Symposium ...

...Corporate Stand Against Human Trafficking ...

## Celebrating 30 Years of SSJ Justice Ministry

“We need a spirituality and ethic that will empower us to live in the web of life as sustainers rather than destroyers. As Thomas Berry reminds us, we are part of the ‘great work’ of our time. ‘That all may be one’ includes courtesy to Earth.

(Pat Kelly SSJ, Introduction to Fall 2002 CCR on Global Spirituality)

“We are called to engage in the larger venue of life, not just Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, but Federation, International...to engage in the public life of our city, state, country, and world. Are we willing and ready to take the next step?”

(Carol Zinn SSJ, Fall 2006 CCR)

...Change for Global Change ... Earth Mama ...

... Immigration ... Sustainability ... Alfredo Sfeir-Younis ... Mary Evelyn Tucker ...



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of SSJ Justice Ministry

- ♣ **Reminder:** Please send the digital pictures of your justice efforts to [mhamm@ssjphila.org](mailto:mhamm@ssjphila.org) by March 15<sup>th</sup>. A presentation of our congregational justice efforts via pictures will be part of our celebration and we want to be sure to include everyone!
- ♣ A flyer with registration details about the Justice Anniversary Event was in the February 25<sup>th</sup> electronic mailing.

## Immigration

**“We strengthen our corporate voice for justice ... and our participation in partnerships that work for systemic change”.** (Chapter 2004/Strategic Plan)



The Human Trafficking/Immigration Committee has prepared immigration materials for our prayer, reflecting and conversation during the Lenten Season. All are posted on the website.

On Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, an Immigration Rally will take place in Washington, DC. Mary Kay Flannery, PA/NJ Regional Coordinator for the Justice for Immigrants Campaign/USCCB is exploring the possibility of having a bus leave from Chestnut Hill for this event. For details, see Mary Kay's letter on the Justice Resource page of the website. <http://ssjphila.org/JusticeResources.html>

**Picture:** Kay Coll SSJ, bottom left and bundled in a scarf, participates in the Ash Wednesday march from Ellis Island to the Elizabeth Detention Center to advocate for humane immigration reform.

## Human Trafficking:

**Stop Trafficking Newsletter:** We are grateful to all who made a donation that enables us to continue our sponsorship of the Stop Trafficking Newsletter. A list of our donors is on the justice resource page of the website. <http://ssjphila.org/JusticeResources.html>



## Corporate Voice

- Our Congregation signed onto the Faith, Ecology Economy Statement prepared by the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns. To read the statement see: <http://faitheconomyecology.wordpress.com/>
- Our Congregation was one of the sponsors of Pax Christi NJ Ash Wednesday march from Ellis Island to the Elizabeth Detention Center in support of humane immigration reform.

## Sustainability:

**“We will focus on specific sustainability issues...and discover and implement creative ways to live more simply for the sake of the common good.”** (Chapter 2004/ Strategic Plan)

**Living Lightly: An Ecological Resource:** During the spring and summer months we offer Section 4 – Environment for your prayer, reflection, discussion and action.

**Environmental Sustainability: What’s new?** The Villa now uses cloth napkins for all residents who get trays and cloth napkins are now available for use in the Motherhouse Dining Room.

**Celebrate World Water Day – March 22:** **1)** For some great free downloadable materials on water (brochures, photo galleries, and videos) go to: <http://www.worldwaterday2010.info/> **2)** Use one of the prayer services from the Water: Gift of Life Binder to celebrate World Water Day. **3)** Finally, learn more about the “Think Outside the Bottle” Campaign. <http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/think-outside-bottle/>

**Sustainability Cluster:** The next Sustainability cluster meeting is Sunday, March 28th from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Earth Center. All are welcome! Bring a mug, cloth napkin. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

### *March Justice Resources*

*(To access the materials below and many others go to <http://ssjphila.org/JusticeResources.html>)*

**DEATH PENALTY:** *March Execution Alert* (Print this out and keep in chapel)

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

- *Stop Trafficking Newsletter- February*: Highlights sexual exploitation of women and children
- *Stop Trafficking Newsletter Donors*

#### **IMMIGRATION:**

- *Immigration Materials for Lent*
- *March 21<sup>st</sup> Immigration Rally: Letter from Mary Kay Flannery SSJ*

#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY - March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- *Theme: Equal Rights, Equal Opportunity* <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/theme/>

#### **SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENT:**

- *Living Lightly: An Ecological Resource Section 4: **Environment:** Pages 10 - 11*
- *Resources on environment:*
  - *World Watch:* <http://www.worldwatch.org>
  - *Green Peace:* <http://www.greenpeace.org>
  - *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:* <http://epa.gov>
  - *Yes! Magazine:* <http://www.yesmagazine.org/>