



**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020**  
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS  
**SACRED HEART PROVINCE**  
NEWS BRIEF



**WEBINAR:**  
**Covid-19's Impacts on God's Creation and Vulnerable Communities**  
**Hope for Creation Initiative**  
***Laudato Si'* Anniversary YEAR**

Happy *Laudato Si'* Week! We hope that you are able to [access the myriad opportunities available](#) to commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical. The Vatican announced that this week opens a **Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year** (May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021) with the hope that the anniversary year and the ensuing decade will “be a time of grace, a true Kairos experience and ‘Jubilee’ time for the Earth, and for humanity, and for all God’s creatures.”

**Special invitations:**

1. **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Join us for **Covid-19's Impacts on God's Creation and Vulnerable Communities: [a Catholic Climate Covenant webinar](#) at 2 p.m. eastern**, examining how the Covid-19 pandemic has enormous impacts and implications on vulnerable communities and God's creation. We will connect the dots between the pandemic and the disproportionate impacts on low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. We will also look at what the COVID-19 pandemic is teaching us about our treatment of God's creation and how we can stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities during this pandemic.

***Presenters:***

**Fr. Sean McDonagh**, a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Columban and the Society's researcher for "Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation."

**Dr. Sacoby Wilson**, Director, Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland-College Park.

[Register here](#) (All who register will receive a link to the recording)

2. **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Join the [Global Day of Prayer](#) on May 24<sup>th</sup> (noon your time.)
3. **Ongoing: Hope for Creation.** Submit prayers, meditations, art, photos, poems, videos, etc. to the [Hope for Creation](#) initiative and its related [Climate Action 2020 Pledge](#) (for ideas go [here](#)). The [submissions](#) that we have received so far, are truly wonderful! Given the announcement of the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary year, we will extend the **Hope of Creation** initiative through the year. This is a great opportunity for Catholic schools to mobilize their students on *Laudato Si'* and creation care.

If you have questions, contact Paz Artaza-Regan  
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Sincerely, Catholic Climate Covenant

*Submitted by Sr. Liz Fuhr*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE SOULS OF:**

Edward Dziowgo (O'Neill Associate) who died on May 10, 2020, age 99. Ed was born on July 6, 1920. His services were Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk, NE. He received military honors conducted by the Nebraska Army National Guard Honor Guard, American Legion Post 93 and the American Legion Riders. More information is available <https://www.homeforfuneralsinc.com/obituary/Edward-Dziowgo>

**FRANCISCAN NATURE RETREATS:**

Sr. Liz Fuhr is offering her summer retreats again this summer. What will happen during these retreats will depend on what we can do safely. We can be creative and have long distant reflection topics, assignments in our own nature, and share them virtually. If you are interest in one of the retreats below, please contact Sr. Liz at [mefuhr@franciscanway.org](mailto:mefuhr@franciscanway.org) or 720-448-4818.

- Jesus Our Hope - Franciscan Rocky Mountain Retreat  
Weekend Retreat: August 7-8, 2020. Arrive & Depart at 2:00 pm
- One-Day Retreats (9:00-4:00 pm)
  - Monday, June 22
  - Thursday, July 9
  - Saturday, August 29

### **GREAT COLORADO WOMEN:**

Sr. Alicia Cuarón was interviewed for a series on Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Service (RMPBS) about Great Colorado Women. This series was produced by the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame (CWHF), Great Colorado Women for RMPBS. This is a multi-season series that features women inducted into the Hall of Fame. These films are critical to preserving the stories of inductees. They are the stories of women who helped shape the state of Colorado. These stories assist in educating the people of Colorado of the struggles and achievements of amazing women. The goal of this series is to inspire all Coloradans to meet their own potential. **Sr. Alicia Cuarón's interview will be shown on PBS (Channel 6, Denver) on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 8:00 pm MST. Enjoy!**



### **ALERT – SCAMMERS – CORONAVIRUS:**

The police department has received reports of scammers going door to door in neighborhoods selling coronavirus testing kits, cleaning supplies, needing to test your water, and a variety of other scams. **These activities could be both a scam and a pretense to enter your home, possibly to commit robbery, theft, or other criminal acts.** Concerns about the coronavirus pandemic are real, but please continue to be careful, and lock your doors. Do not open the door if you do not know the visitor, and if you are concerned for your safety, please contact local law enforcement immediately.

Here is additional information you should know:

- Currently, there are no door-to-door coronavirus testing options. **No one** from the Centers for Disease Control, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, City of Thornton, or any other health agency will come to your home to offer to provide tests for a charge. If you are concerned about any medical symptoms you have, you should call your health care provider or local health department for guidance.
- Be skeptical of people selling miracle cures, including vaccinations and medications. If you are unsure about a product, check with a doctor before you buy it. Do not let anyone rush you. Walk away from high-pressure pitches and cure-all promises. The best way to protect yourself is by taking common-sense health precautions.
- Take a moment before you buy in-demand items like hand sanitizers, facemasks, cleaning products, or groceries. Do not overstock on supplies you may not need. Before you make a purchase, check with your doctor to confirm whether you actually need it. Check company/product reviews before you buy. Price gouging is real, be wary of high priced supplies and in demand items.

Other complaints include robocalls and texts offering either false deals with merchants, stay-at-home work schemes, or other inducements to get people to click on fake links.

These links can then infect their devices or steal people's personal information. For more information regarding cons, scams, and frauds go to the Federal Trade Commission's website. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

**Be cautious, be suspicious, be careful, be aware, don't become a victim!**

Take care,

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**SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE;**

June 1-2	Council Meeting
June 22-23	Council Meeting
July 28-29	Council Meeting
July 6-7	Personal
July ???	Zoom: Summer Conversations w Facilitators
August 8 ?	Jubilee Celebration, Alliance, NE (Leandra & Alicia)
August 11-14	LCWR in Dallas, TX
August 24-25	Council Meetings
September ?	Zoom w Facilitators
September 14-15	Council Meeting
September 25-26	Pre-chapter Meetings, Westminster, CO
September 27-October 4	Provincial Chapter 2020 Meetings, Westminster, CO