

# Buzz Report

*Office of Spirituality & Formation for Mission and Ministry*

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## From the desk of Sr. Kathy...

Dear Friends,

I pray you are all remaining safe and healthy as we continue to deal with the Covid pandemic.

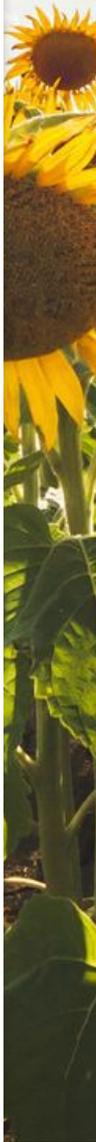
In this month's Buzz Report, I discuss the importance of the Season of Creation which the world celebrates September 1 - October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). You will recall that I am a Franciscan sister, celebrating my 42nd year on September 17, the Stigmata of St. Francis. I also write about World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Nationally, of course, we are discerning for whom we will vote in the election and locally, I share that our Year VI of Faith Formation for Mission and Ministry has begun with the theme of the importance of Emotional Intelligence.

Peace and all things good,

Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF

Global News

#SeasonOfCreation: September 18, 2020



### SEASON OF CREATION

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.



In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From the ecumenical 2020 Season of Creation Celebration Guide:  
<https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide>

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## Season of Creation

September 1 marked the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. From September 1st through October 4 -- the Feast of St. Francis -- we are invited to take part by organizing prayer services, community litter clean-ups, advocacy actions and more. This year's Season of Creation takes place within the context of the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* amid crises that have shaken our world. We are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has launched a special invitation urging Catholics to take part in the Season of Creation. A video was released in partnership with the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#).



*Central American Migrants in Mexico heading for the United States (AFP or licensors)*

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 27

On September 27, the Church will mark the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Read the Holy Father's Message to mark the occasion here:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200513\\_world-migrants-day-2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html)

### History

The origins of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees can be traced to 1914, a few months before the outbreak of World War I. Touched by the drama of millions of Italians who had migrated abroad since the beginning of the 20th century, Pope Pius X called on all Christians to pray for migrants. A few months later, his successor Pope Benedict XV instituted the Day of the Migrant to support spiritually and economically the pastoral work for Italian emigrants. In 1952, Migrant Day took on a broader and more international connotation and the particular churches were called upon to choose a date to celebrate the day during the liturgical year. In 2004 the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People extended the day to refugees.

St. John Paul II was the first pontiff to issue a yearly message to draw attention to some of the specific realities and difficulties of people on the move, calling the Church to action. At his behest, since 2005 the day had been celebrated by the Universal Church on the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. In January of 2018, Pope Francis announced the change in the date of celebration to the last Sunday of September.



*Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi courtesy of Vatican News*

## Pope Francis to Sign New Encyclical October 3

Pope Francis will sign a new encyclical after Mass celebrated in the Basilica of St. Francis on 3 October. The encyclical is entitled *Fratelli tutti* or "All Brothers" on fraternity and social friendship. The title, whose official English-language version has not yet been released, is a reference to the writings of St. Francis: "Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save His sheep bore the suffering of the Cross" (*Admonitions, 6, 1: FF155*). The ceremony will take place without the faithful present, in respect of the current health situation.

## National News

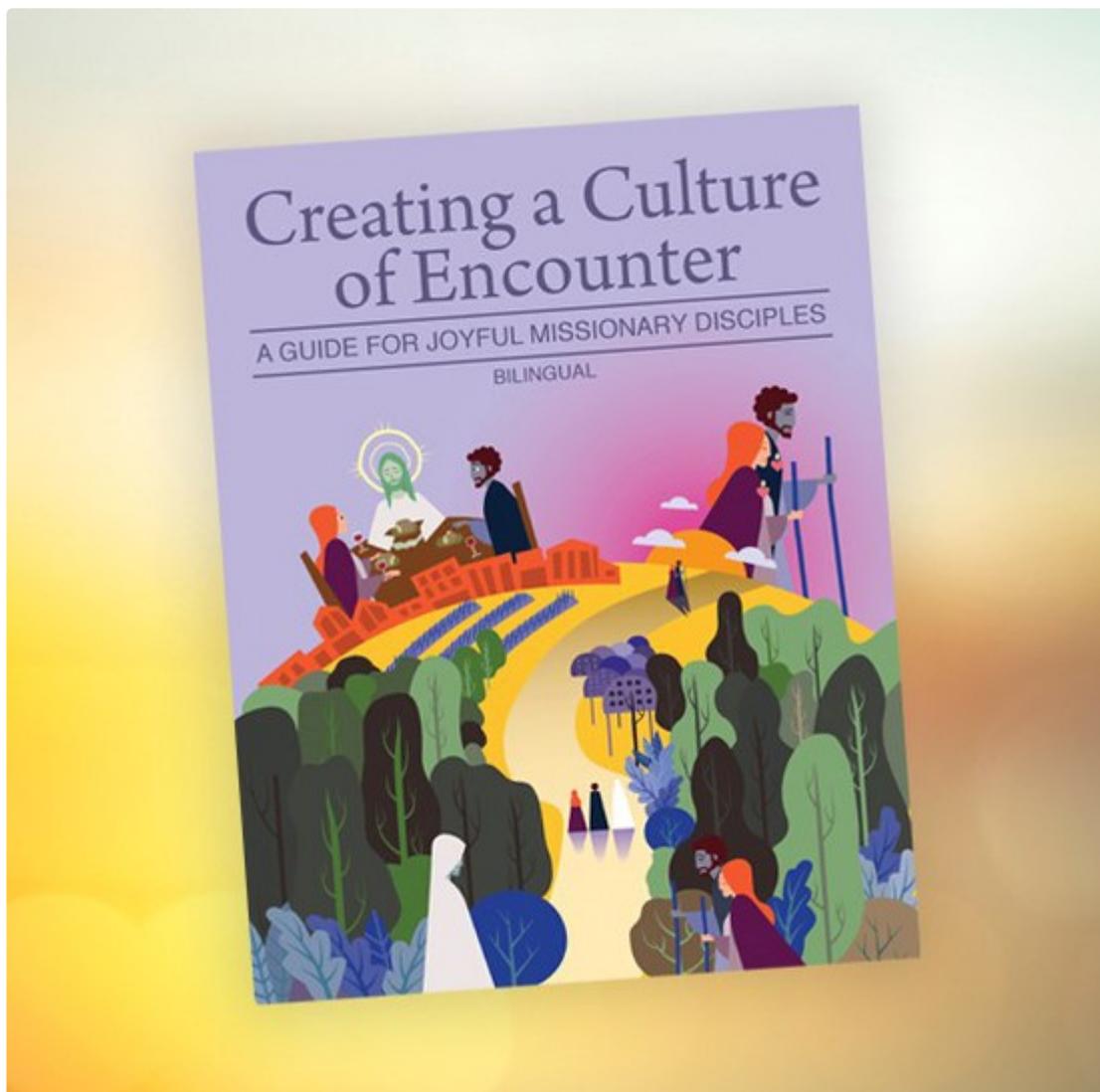


## 2020 Election

On Tuesday, November 3, South Carolinians will either enter polling stations for the 2020 general election or complete their mail-in voting before this date. We will vote for those who may hold political office in our state and Washington D.C. for the next two years or longer. Many theologians have quoted that voting is a matter of faith, as illustrated by the social teachings of the Church. As Catholics, we have the benefit of the Church's Magisterium endowed upon her by Christ, which assists us in understanding the natural, moral law as it relates to specific issues. We also have an obligation as Catholics to be correctly informed and educated by the Church's teaching so that we may vote with our consciences.

Because of our faith, we have much to bring to public discussions on critically important issues. We can offer a consistent moral framework as a compelling alternative to the often-incoherent categories of "liberal and conservative," "left and right," and other political labels. Through involvement with appropriate political activities, parishes and other Catholic organizations can play a vital role in helping their members respond to the baptismal call of faithful citizenship.

The S.C. Catholic Conference has released a voter guide comparing the two major presidential candidates, Donald J. Trump and Joseph R. Biden, in light of Catholic Social Teaching. For more information, contact Michael Acquilano, Secretariat of Communications and Public Affairs, at [macquilano@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:macquilano@charlestondiocese.org) or 843-261-0535.



# USCCB Offers "Creating A Culture of Encounter" Program

*Creating a Culture of Encounter: A Guide for Joyful Missionary Disciples* offers an organized five-week parish encounter process to help small groups to dig deeper into the Church's evangelizing mission.

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This new community resource finds its roots in the gathering of the *V Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral*. The Spanish/English guide will deepen missionary discipleship in parishes, lay ecclesial movements, Catholic schools, parish councils, religious groups, and faith formation teams. The encounter process will bear good fruit, as Catholics take up their missionary mandate in families, schools, workplaces, communities, parishes, and wherever they encounter those in need of God's love.

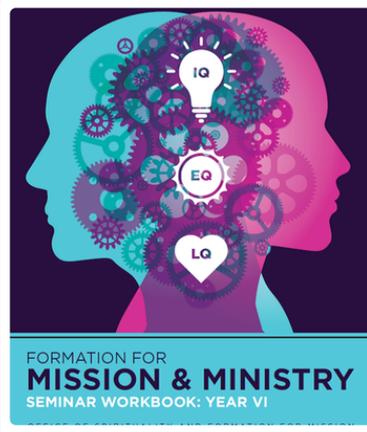
Pick up this guide now and step out to encounter those in need of the light of the Gospel!

<http://www.store.usccb.org/creating-a-culture-of-encounter-p/>

## Around The Diocese



Rock Hill Deanery  
FFMM Session  
September 3



Rock Hill Deanery  
Parish Staff Meet  
for Faith  
Formation

Year VI Formation for Mission and Ministry Off To A GREAT Start!

Our Year VI of Formation for Mission and Ministry began last month and we had a wonderful turnout of Diocesan personnel from all areas of the diocese. The diocesan seminars were held via Zoom, with the breakout sessions and chat features working quite well. Of course, I believe that holding formation sessions in person is best, plus we have always ended with lunch provided by the host session. Due to the pandemic, we did not include food this year. And ya'll know how much I enjoy breaking bread with you...

The Year VI schedule was mailed to all pastors but the may also be found online

<https://charlestdioocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/YEAR-VI-FORMATION-FOR-MISSION-AND-MINISTRY-PROGRAM-SCHEDULE-1.pdf>

We are using a hybrid model this year, as some parishes have chosen to meet in person and others wish to experience the seminar via Zoom. Cathy Roche has been mailing out the workbooks a few weeks before Zoom seminars based on the names submitted as attending. Please contact her at [cathy@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:cathy@charlestdioocese.org) to RSVP. Workbooks may also be downloaded/printed from

<https://charlestdioocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/seminar-workbook-2020-or-parish-printing.pdf>

## You can respond to the 2020 CENSUS



### Why Does Your Census Response Matter?

In March, South Carolinians were invited to respond to the [2020 Census](#). The census occurs every 10 years and matters for South Carolina because the population numbers...

- determine the state's representation in Congress for the next decade;
- influence the way legislative lines are drawn at the federal and state levels;
- inform emergency preparedness and public safety plans across the state;
- guide how federal funding is distributed to communities for local needs.

When the state's people are not counted, *South Carolina communities lose out!* Ensuring a complete count is a moral necessity and we must together to ensure that the census promotes equality, not exclusion. In Fiscal Year 2016, South Carolina received nearly \$12.7 billion through federal programs that used 2010 census data! If you have not yet done so, send your response now!

## Factoid



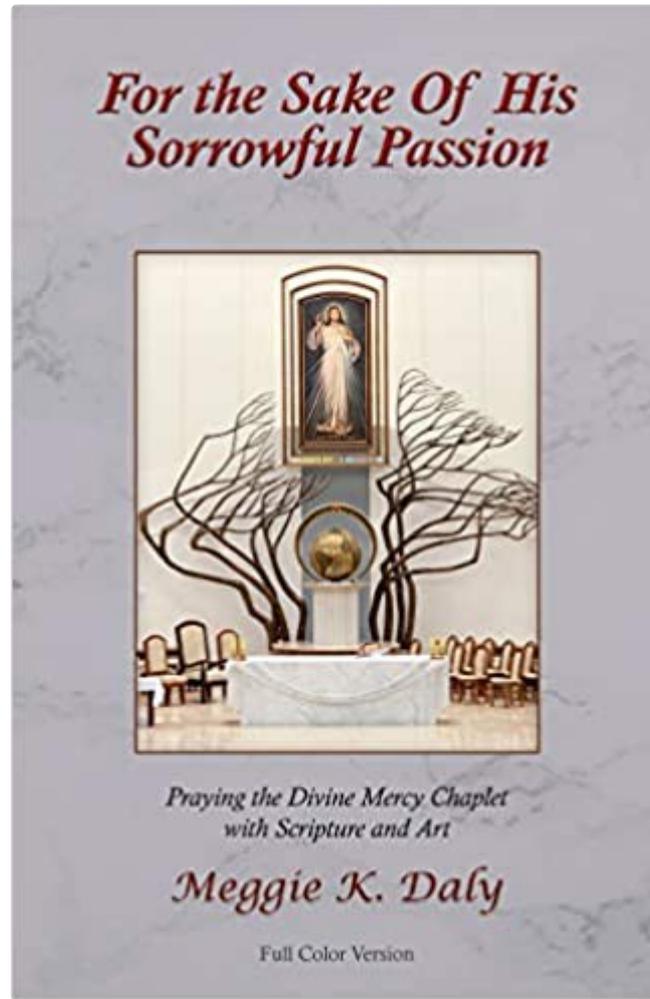
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Continuing our study of the American Parish by the Numbers....

From CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) and V National Encuentro Research Team:

- White: 52.2%
- Hispanic/Latinx (1st Gen): 18%
- Hispanic/Latinx (2nd Gen): 12.8%
- Asian/Native American & Other: 4.6%
- Black/African American: 3%

## Book of the Month



### "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" by Meggie K. Daly

In her second book, "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion: Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Scripture and Art," Meggie K. Daly takes the reader on a one-of-a-kind personal, historical, and prayerful journey. The book is an excellent meditational resource for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, but so much more.

## Movies To Watch

## FATIMA Official Trailer (2020)



## Fatima

Inspired by the true story. Now available in select theaters and on demand.

<https://www.fatimamovie.com/tickets/>

## I AM PATRICK



## I Am Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland

Discover the fascinating true story behind the myth and legend surrounding St. Patrick.

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