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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

There is a range of issues this month that relate to world poverty, the commitment of world leaders to 'make poverty history', and poverty endured in a land of plenty - the third world conditions experienced by Aboriginal peoples in Australia. Here is some information and suggestions for action.

Make Poverty History

In mid-November, finance ministers and treasurers of 19 of the world's largest economies as well as leaders of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank will be meeting in Melbourne to discuss the future of the global economy. This meeting - known as the G-20 - is a forum for industrial and emerging-market countries to create strategies for economic stability and to resolve any financial crises. Issues under consideration are national economic policies, international co-operation and the policy and operation of international economic and financial institutions. The group represents 90 per cent of the global economy and 60 per cent of the world's population.

The G-20 is an influential group with the ability to place world poverty as high on its agenda as economic management, if there is the political will to do so. Treasurer Peter Costello is hosting this meeting in Melbourne on 18 - 19 November.

'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY', a coalition of aid agencies, church and community groups and celebrities, is organising events in Melbourne over the period of the meeting to raise awareness in the community of the world's commitment to make poverty history and to encourage members of the G-20 to live up to that commitment. These events are listed in the events section of this briefing.

The organisers say, 'We are calling on them to take the next steps in cancelling debts of, and ensuring more and better aid to, the world's poorest countries so they can achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the global agreement to halve world poverty by 2015.

'This G-20 meeting is important to ensure that the momentum from the campaign to Make Poverty History in 2005 is not lost in 2006 but carries through to the critical year of 2007. 2007 is both the midway point of the MDGs agreement and also the year in which the G8 seriously return to the issue of global poverty when they meet in June 2007. It was the Finance Ministers of the G8 who paved the way for the advances made by the leaders of the G8 on aid and debt when they met in Gleneagles in 2005. They are critical to the future of 2007.' the organisers say.

The aim is to get the issues of aid, trade and debt on the agenda.

Find out more about the Melbourne events being organised by MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY and make a day of it: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/home.html>

To email the Treasurer and your local Member and ask them to put aid funding, fair trade and debt relief and cancellation on the agenda of the G-20 Finance Ministers meeting in Melbourne in November, visit: http://www.worldvision.com.au/wvconnect/email_treasurer.asp

For information on the MDGs: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>

<http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/ccjdp/makepovertyhistory/index.html>

Catholic Social Justice Series editions of relevance:

No.54, 'Trade Justice' by Sr Suzette Clark RSC & Dr Patricia Ranald

No.53, 'Ending Hunger' by Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR

Refer: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social_justice_papers.html

Make Indigenous Poverty History

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission has produced an ecumenical resource, a CD-Rom: 'Make Indigenous Poverty History'. It includes liturgical

resources, information sheets, audiovisual material and suggestions for action concerning the impact of poverty on Indigenous communities. It outlines the Millennium Development Goals and links them to the plight of Indigenous Australians.

The focus of the Goals is alleviation of poverty for the poorest of the poor and for those in least developed countries. Despite the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in a host of poverty statistics, the MDGs do not specifically address Indigenous issues and they do not specifically target Australia because it is a 'developed' country. But despite Australia's wealth, many Indigenous people suffer poor standards of health and wellbeing similar to the world's poorest people, including those in least developed countries.

The magnitude of poverty is not as great in Australia in terms of numbers, but for each individual experiencing poverty it is as dire as anywhere else, and Australia has the resources to ensure that nobody lives in poverty.

The 'Make Indigenous Poverty History' CD features eight worksheets addressing each development goal from an Australian Indigenous perspective. The worksheets highlight the statistics, but also focus on the stories behind the statistics, with ideas for action to eliminate Indigenous poverty.

This is a great resource for social justice groups and schools.

For more resources and details on the Make Indigenous Poverty History campaign, visit the websites: www.ncca.org.au/natsiec/miph

To get a copy of the CD call ACSJC on (02) 9956 5811 or NATSIEC on (02) 9299 2215

Make good on Stolen Wages

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee is currently holding an Inquiry into Stolen Wages - with regard to Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government. It is due to report on 7 December.

The ACSJC has urged Governments to recognise the human cost of the denial of full wages to generations of Indigenous Australian workers.

In a submission to the Inquiry, Bishop Christopher Saunders says 'The denial of Indigenous workers' entitlements in effect meant the denial of some of the most basic human needs.

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have played a significant role in the development of Australia as a nation. In many cases Indigenous workers did not receive full payment for this contribution. We strongly support a national forum to "set the record straight". It is important that the wider Australian community has an understanding of past policies of unpaid labour and its consequences.

'In any deliberations we would encourage all governments to avoid the impression that reparation measures come from the state and federal taxpayers.

The 'money in question rightly belongs to the Indigenous workers involved,' Bishop Saunders said.

For further information on the Inquiry and submissions lodged, visit:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/stolen_wages/index.htm

The ACSJC has a background paper, 'Stolen Wages - An Opportunity for Justice?' produced by Dr Mark Copland. It describes various ways in which Indigenous workers were exploited and deprived of their wages.

For example, in the 1930s many Northern Territory Aboriginal workers were not paid. By 1967 there was still no set wage for Aborigines in the Kimberley region. Until 1972, the 'compulsory savings' system in Queensland meant that up to 75 per cent of Indigenous workers' pay went into the government's Queensland Aboriginals Account. In NSW, the Aboriginal Protection Board controlled the wages and bank accounts of children sent to work on stations and in domestic service.

'One of the longest lasting effects of the non-payment of wages has been the pauperisation of whole Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across generations,' the paper says.

You can access the paper at:

http://www.acsjc.org.au/content/publications/positionpapers/2006_1_23stolen_wages_-_an_opportunity_for_justice.html

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CURRENT ISSUES/RESOURCES

COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES MUST PROTECT RIGHTS: HOLY SEE.

Effective counter-terrorism measures should serve not sacrifice the protection of human rights, the apostolic nuncio Archbishop Celestino Migliore told the 61st Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The Archbishop says, "effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals. Indeed, the former must serve the latter, because the

protection of human rights is the primary objective of any counter-terrorism strategy. The absolute unacceptability of terrorism lies precisely in the fact that it uses innocent people as means to obtain its ends, thus showing contempt and utter disregard for human life and dignity. This disregard for life reaches the point of cynically using innocent individuals and entire populations as human shields to hide and protect terrorists and their weapons.

"Moreover, counter-terrorism strategy must not sacrifice fundamental human rights in the name of security. Rather, it must refrain from selective implementation of measures; otherwise, it would corrode the very values that it intends to protect, alienate large parts of the world population and diminish the moral strength of such a strategy. Terrorists must never be allowed to point to this kind of deficiency on the part of states for their actions, because it can only dignify in the eyes of some the grievances they claim justify their aberrant behaviour. On the other hand, not even the terrorists' contempt for human life and dignity can justify denying them treatment according to international humanitarian and human rights norms."

Archbishop Migliori said there was a fundamental role for religions and interreligious dialogue "in contrasting the terrorists' preaching of hate and violence as antithetical to authentic religion, in promoting a culture of peace and mutual respect, and in helping people with grievances to opt for non-violent means. This grave duty falls upon religions, but States and the family of nations can help by fostering an environment in which religions and interfaith dialogue can flourish," he said. (refer: <http://www.cathnews.com/news/610/91.php>; <http://www.holyseemission.org/16Oct2006.html>)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA

A range of addresses delivered at the 2006 Annual Catholic Social Services Conference concerning poverty, welfare, and the relationship of Church and State are available for download. The addresses include: Fr Peter Norden SJ, 'The distribution of social disadvantage in Australian communities'; Fr Joe Caddy, 'Church and State - A meeting place'; Prof. John Warhurst, 'Catholic voices in Australian politics'. (refer: <http://www.catholicwelfare.com.au/media>)

WORK FOR BETTER SOCIETY NEEDS FAITH DIMENSION

Dr Clive Hamilton of The Australia Institute writes in the latest *Eureka Street* that social movements such as trade unions, the environmental sector, and welfare groups such as ACOSS, are ill-equipped to address problems that affect human well-being in modern society, including over-consumption, wastefulness, materialism, selfishness, and loss of meaning. He suggests the solution could be to look to the Churches. "The churches remain the repository of the deeper understanding of life that once motivated some elements of the left...". *Eureka Street* is online at <http://www.eurekastreet.com.au>

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

The Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking (ACRAT) group arrived in Canberra on Monday October 16 to lobby Members of Parliament about human trafficking. ACRAT is a group of Australian Catholic Religious working to stop human trafficking in Australia. Twelve members of the group were in Canberra for four days meeting politicians and parliamentary groups. The group went with three aims: to raise awareness about human trafficking; to persuade the Federal Government to implement a new visa framework for people who have been trafficked (The group wants a new visa framework with a human rights basis rather than a criminal justice basis); and to

lobby the Federal Government to implement the UN CEDAW Committee's recommendations relating to trafficking, particularly to provide support to every trafficked woman. The group, which represents 43 religious congregations, now has two offices, one in Melbourne and one in Sydney, and has galvanised support from the community. Each MP has been sent a 'trafficking' information kit. The kit can be viewed on www.goodshepherd.com.au/justice/traffickingresources.html. ACRAT is based at 261 Victoria St, Abbotsford, Vic 3067. Phone: 9421 6873 Fax: (03) 9421 6875

EDMUND RICE CENTRE: "DEPORTED TO DANGER II"

The Edmund Rice Centre in collaboration with the School of Education at the Australian Catholic University has been investigating the fate of asylum seekers deported from Australia. This includes the original report 'Deported to Danger' and the subsequent report 'Deported to Danger II', which includes recent findings released in August 2006 to ABC's 'Lateline'.

'Deported to Danger II' was released in October 2006 and details the cases of 41 asylum seekers who have been interviewed as part of the project. The report reveals that a number of those deported to Afghanistan had since been killed or had members of their families killed. (refer: http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=viewDocument&JAS_Document_id=1)

NEW WEBSITE: LOYOLA INSTITUTE

The Loyola Institute is a centre for formation and leadership committed to sharing Ignatian Spirituality and its way of proceeding. The website of the Institute was launched during October. The website includes comprehensive yet very accessible information on Ignatian spirituality, programs, education, global and national faith and justice issues, and additional resources. The Institute provides programs and processes that are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to context and seeks to foster a deeper love for the poor and economically and socially marginalised. It promotes ways of living and working that draw wisdom from the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, other Ignatian texts, and Catholic tradition, especially Catholic Social Teaching. The Loyola Institute website can be found at: <http://loyola.org.au/>

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH RESOURCE: 'THE HOUR HAS COME'

A community awareness package, "The Hour Has Come: Working towards a justly reconciled Australia", has been produced. It consists of five reflection and discussion sessions drawn from the words spoken by Pope John Paul II in 1986. Sr Katrina Brill rsj, Congregational Leader, states: "This year the Josephite Sisters are undertaking a project to promote a just and ethical discussion of issues concerning the First peoples of Australia. We know that we are joining countless other Australians who see this as a fundamental issue in this country. We know that many are also working for policy change in Indigenous affairs in the lead up to the next Federal Election. This project is informed by the experience of Josephites and their partners in ministry who are working with Indigenous people across Australia.

Attractively presented in full colour, the resource encourages participants to reflect on the words of the Pope, to consider the state of affairs in Australia at present and to build a local plan of action to address the issues. Cost per package: \$8.00. For further information email enquiries@sosj.org.au or write to: Josephite Leaders' Social Action Office, P.O. Box 326, CURTIN, ACT 2605. (refer: <http://www.sosj.org.au/justice/index.html>)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - ACTIONS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

Amnesty International has expressed grave concern at the death sentences handed down by the Indonesian Supreme Court to four more Australian citizens - Tan Duc Thahn Nguyen, Si Yi Chen, Matthew Norman and Scott Rush. Death sentences had already been handed down to Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran. Their names are the latest additions to the growing list of people under the sentence of death in the Asia Pacific region. So Amnesty International is suggesting a range of letter writing actions targeted to Australian and South-East Asian political leaders seeking firm opposition to the death penalty and the abolition of this penalty in all jurisdictions in the region. For further information and suggestions, visit the Amnesty International website at:

http://www.amnesty.org.au/Act_now/action_centre

CROSS CULTURAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The Fourth Annual Cross Cultural Summer School is a joint endeavour of the Sisters of St Joseph and the Columban Fathers. They have been evaluated by participants as an intensive experience of preparation for cultural crossing, proving valuable for those crossing to a new culture for ministry, as well as those returning to their own culture after such an experience. The Summer School occurs from 5 January to 26 January 2006. Applications close on 1 December 2006. The course cost is \$2,700 which includes all accommodation, food, course materials and presenters fees. Those interested should phone (02) 8912 4869 or (02) 8912 4868 or email sandy.leaitua@sosj.org.au There are two scholarships also being made available but written submissions must be received by 31st October 2006. All applications for scholarships are to be sent to: The Scholarship Administrator, Cross Cultural Summer School, PO Box 1508, North Sydney, NSW 2059.

CHRISTMAS WTH PALMS AUSTRALIA

At the start of this year, Palms Australia had a target of \$225,619 to raise as part of our CommUnity initiative to support 12 two-year volunteer placements for work overseas beginning in 2006. So far they have raised \$96,756.90 towards these costs. Palms is preparing to send another group of volunteers next year and is seeking your support to get as close to the current target as possible before the New Year. If you usually celebrate Christmas or buy presents or send Christmas cards or even drink coffee and eat food, you can continue to do this while helping Palms provide volunteers to global communities. Visit <http://www.palms.org.au> (or call (02) 9642 0558) to find out more about how you can help.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Great Lakes branch of Rural Australians for Refugees is inviting you to place your orders for 2006 Christmas cards. Because of the wonderful response to cards last year they distributed over 9,000 cards and were able to donate more than \$6,000 to asylum seekers, refugee support groups and legal advocates. This year they have only 8,000 cards and would be very happy if you would choose to order some. The order form describes the card, shows a thumbnail photo of the card, and gives you the details for ordering. (refer:

<http://www.rightsaustralia.org.au/data/OrderForm.doc>)

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

(orders Tel: 02 9956 5811 or download an order form from the ACSJC website:
<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/CONTENT/PDF/TEMPLATE-ORDERFORM.pdf>)

ORDER NOW! - 2007 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY

The 2007 Diary focuses on the theme of globalisation. It includes the dates of significant events, anniversaries and special days which celebrate particular aspects of social justice and highlight the theme. It provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. *Cost: \$6.60 (inc. GST), plus postage. To download an order form, go to:*
http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social_justice_calendar.html

2006 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - STILL TAKING ORDERS

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled "The Heart of Our Country - dignity and justice for our Indigenous sisters and brothers". An order form for the Statement is available on the ACSJC website:

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> The Statement can be downloaded at:
<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au> and
<http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au/latest.html> For associated resources visit the ACSJC website or call (02) 9956 581

SERIES PAPER: CATHOLICS AND NATURE: TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES IN AUSTRALIA

Concern for the environment has played a significant role in the Catholic Church in Australia since the 19th century. Fr Charles Rue SSC traces the development of environmental thought in Australian Catholicism.

(\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

SERIES PAPER: FROM MONEY TO MEANING: YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORK

Catholic Social Justice Series No.56 - the Australian Young Christian Workers addresses the issue of young people and casual work.

(\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

PASTORAL LETTER: THE VOICE OF VULNERABLE WORKERS IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF WORK

The Pastoral Letter issued by Bishop Christopher Saunders for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker in 2006 is available and can be downloaded from the ACSJC website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

(Postage rates for Catholic Social Justice Series Papers: 1 copy \$1; 2-3 copies \$1.45; 4-5 copies \$2.45)

NOVEMBER NOTICES

1 NOVEMBER. PEACE FORUM: 'CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS LIVING IN PEACE IN RANDWICK' (NSW). The Columban Mission Institute and Randwick City Council are holding this event at which Christian and Muslim speakers will discuss how their respective religious traditions and teachings promote peace. Free event. 7.00 to 9.00pm, Randwick Town Hall, Cnr Avoca and Frances Streets. For further information call (02) 9352 8021 or (02) 9399 0678.

1 NOVEMBER. SEMINAR ON WELFARE (NSW). A UNSW Social Policy Research Centre Seminar by Christian Albrekt Larsen of the Centre for Comparative Welfare State Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark. The seminar will consider 'How welfare regimes influence public welfare attitudes: A theoretical framework and cross-national findings'. 1.00 to 2.30pm, Room 25, G2, Western Grounds, University of New South Wales, Kensington, Sydney. Web <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/seminars/2005s2.htm>

1 NOVEMBER. LECTURE: 'UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS' (NSW). This Amnesty lecture will consider the Role of NGOs in Global Civil Society. Felicity Harrison looks at the difference between local, national and international NGOs in civil society. Cost: \$20 per seminar, \$10 for students/pensioners (includes lecture notes). 6.00pm to 7.30pm, Room 621, Sydney University Law School, 173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney. For further information call 0404 005 210; Web <http://nsw.amnesty.org.au/events>

1 NOVEMBER. CITY OF SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE LECTURE WITH IRENE KHAN (NSW). 6:00pm for 6:30pm, Seymour Centre. Tickets are available from the Seymour Centre Box Office. Adult: \$32.60, Concession: \$22.60. Tel (02) 9351 7940; Email spf@arts.usyd.edu.au; Web <http://www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/news.shtml>

2 NOVEMBER. SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY AND GALA DINNER (NSW). 7:00pm Great Hall, University of Sydney. For more information, contact the Sydney Peace Foundation on (02) 9351 4468 or email spf@arts.usyd.edu.au Corporate tables are available. Web www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/news.shtml

2 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'LEADERSHIP IN DIVERSITY' (NSW). The Northern Beaches Multicultural Network is running a conference to address the elements of diversity that are becoming key strategic business issues for both public and private organisations. Cost: \$30. 9.00am to 2.30pm, Dee Why RSL, Dee Why, Northern Sydney. For further information call (02) 9970 4358 or email

vrdeewhy@bigpond.net.au

3 NOVEMBER. REFUGEE WEEK STREET FESTIVAL, (NSW). The festival will include multicultural performances, arts display, information stalls and a Refugee Week Awards Ceremony. This event is funded by Mounties through the CDSE Scheme. 10.00am to 2.00pm, Macquarie Mall, Liverpool. For further information call (02) 9821 7779.

2-3 NOVEMBER. 4TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MENTAL HEALTH (NSW). Speakers include: Andrew Jakubowicz, Prof of Sociology, UTS; Mary Crock, Associate Prof of Law, University of Sydney; James Haire Prof of Theology, Charles Sturt University; and many others. Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. For further information email director@save.org.au, Tel. (02) 9266 0766, Web www.save.org.au/events/ConfReg2006.pdf

3 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC LECTURE: FEAR AND POLITICS (QLD). Queensland University of Technology's Equity Section is hosting the inaugural Human Rights lecture with guest speaker the Hon. Dr Carmen Lawrence MP. The lecture will focus on how fear of others, fear of crime, fear of terrorism - is shaping public policy and influencing our modern political systems. A special breakfast will be held at the Roundhouse Theatre (La Boite), Cnr Kelvin Grove Road and Musk Avenue, Creative Industries Precinct from 7.30am. Lecture 8.00-8.45am, at Roundhouse Theatre. For further information call (07) 3864 9216, email a.mcniven@qut.edu.au Web <http://www.equity.qut.edu.au/programs/other/humanrightslecture.jsp>

3 NOVEMBER. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'AFGHANISTAN - ANOTHER QUAGMIRE?' (NSW). Phil Glendenning will talk about his recent visit to Afghanistan as part of research for the 'Deported to Danger II' report. The research examined the fate of those asylum seekers deported by Australia from Nauru. It found a disturbing picture of deaths, attacks and instability. Also speaking will be Prof Michael Humphrey of the University of New South Wales. 6.00 to 7.45pm, Gaelic Club, 64 Devonshire St Surry Hills, Sydney. Web [http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&calendar\[view\]=event&id=54](http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&calendar[view]=event&id=54))

3-5 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'NEW RACISMS: NEW ANTI-RACISMS' (NSW). The University of Sydney Research Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences and Department of Anthropology along with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission invite you to this conference examining new anti-racism strategies aimed at addressing the evolving nature of racism. The conference will bring together many who are engaged in conceiving new forms of understanding and countering these new racisms - community associations, advocacy groups and local councils, to academics and policy-makers in government and human rights organisations. To be held at Eastern Avenue Complex, The University of Sydney. Cost: \$90 (\$60 for students). Registration and program information available at http://www.rihss.usyd.edu.au/events/current/New_Racisms.pdf Call (02) 9036 7219 for further details. Web <http://www.rihss.usyd.edu.au>

4 NOVEMBER. WALK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (National). Join thousands of Australians in a peaceful walk urging action on climate change now. Sydney 11.00am at Martin Place; Melbourne 1.00pm at the Town Hall; Brisbane at 2.00pm at Queens Park; Canberra at 12.00 noon at the Legislative Assembly; Perth at 12.30pm at Russel Square, Northbridge; Parramatta at 9.30am in the Amphitheatre near the Town Hall. For further details visit <http://www.walkagainstawarming.org>

4 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'FROM REFUGEE CAMPS TO RESETTLEMENT (VIC). The National Council of Churches of Australia Christian World Service and Whitley College invite you to a one day international conference on Burma. 9.30am to 5.00pm, Whitley College, 50 The Avenue, Parkville, Melbourne. For further information contact (02) 9299 2215 or eanderson@ncca.org.au Web http://www.ajustaustralia.com/whats happening_events.php)

4-5 NOVEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'THE EMERGENCE OF CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW' (SA). A Conference exploring the interface between International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and how these laws are influenced by Customary International Law. Presented by the Red Cross and Law Foundation of South Australia, the keynote speaker is Mr Geoffrey Nice QC, prosecutor of Slobodan Milosevic at the International Criminal Court for the Former Yugoslavia. Conference to be held at the School of Law, Law and Commerce Building, Flinders University - Bedford Park - South Australia. For further information and to register contact (08) 8100 4695 and pball@redcross.org.au Web http://www.redcross.org.au/sa/sa_events_default.htm

8 NOVEMBER. PEACE FORUM: 'GROWING PEACE' (NSW). The Columban Mission Institute and the Sutherland Shire Council are holding this event to promote peace and mutual understanding between Christians and Muslims. Speakers will speak of how their respective religious traditions promote peace and active non-violence. 7.00 to 9.00pm at the Sutherland United Services Club, 7 East Parade, Sutherland. For further information call (02) 9352 8021 or (02) 9710 0159.

10 NOVEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'ACTING ON CONSCIENCE' (VIC). Former moderator of the Uniting Church Victoria Alistair Macrae will launch a new book by ACU National Professor Frank Brennan 'Acting on Conscience: How can we responsibly mix law, religion and politics?' Is there a place for personal beliefs in public life? Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic Frank Brennan tackles these issues head on. He explores some of the legal, moral and ethical issues currently capturing the public imagination. 6.00pm at Readings, Carlton, 309 Lygon Street, Melbourne. RSVP by 9 November on (03) 9347 6633 (refer: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_national/News_Events_Calendar/Events.cfm)

11 NOVEMBER. YCW FUNDRAISING DINNER (NSW). The Young Christian Workers' fundraising dinner will support leaders who work with youth at risk, refugees and job seekers. Phil Glendenning of the Edmund Rice Centre is keynote speaker. 6.30 to 10.00pm at Parramatta Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$35 - purchase tickets by 3 November. Contact (02) 9682 6719 or paul.falzon@ycw.org.au Web http://www.olqp.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=7&Itemid=28

11-12 NOVEMBER. ROUNDTABLE: 'TRANSCENDING TODAY' (NSW). A UN Dialogue among Civilizations (UNDAC) Roundtable Dialogue is being held with the aim of achieving a vision through which we, while resting on our historical identity, can give equal voice to the concerns of people of all races, gender, culture, religion and nations of the world. Its emphasis is on sustaining an ongoing dialogue among people. Presenters include Paolo Totoro, Prof Richard Bawden, Dr Ian Mills, Dr Scott Phillips, Julie Smith, Sally Segal, Doreen Wainer, Sr Meera from Malaysia. 186 Mt Hay Road, Leura, Blue Mountains NSW. Enquiries: (02) 6231 5513, 0417-241450, socialsciences@au.bkwsu.org For bookings: (02) 4784-2500, bookings.leura@au.bkwsu.org Web: www.brahmakumaris.com.au/undac/undac2006.htm

11 NOVEMBER - 4 FEBRUARY. EXHIBITION: 'COUNTRY IN MIND: FIVE CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ARTISTS' (VIC). Kuntjil Cooper, Alkawari Dawson, Mabel Juli, Garry Namponan and Rusty Peters use figurative references, iconic motifs and dynamic patterning to communicate their personal vision of the interconnectedness of country, spirit and self. This exhibition presents outstanding recent paintings and sculptures by these leading artists. 10.00am to 5.00pm weekdays (from 12noon on weekends), Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne, Swanston Street, Melbourne. Free admission. For further information contact (03) 8344 5148 or visit <http://www.art-museum.unimelb.edu.au>

12-28 NOVEMBER. LAUNCHES of 'CHEGA!' (National). With a slight easing of the crisis in the Timor-Leste capital, Dili, Chega! ("Enough!"), the final report of the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation is now being disseminated in the districts of Timor-Leste. ACTJET, the Australian Coalition for Transitional Justice in East Timor set up by Uniya, is organising formal public launches of Chega! The launches will be attended by former CAVR Chair Aniceto Lopes, former Commissioner Isabel Guterres, Post-CAVR Secretariat Senior Advisor Pat Walsh, and the Timor-Leste Ambassador or Consul General. Launch dates: 12 November, Sydney; 14 November, Melbourne; 15 November, Ballarat; 16 November, Adelaide; 28 November, Canberra. For further

details visit www.actjet.org or call Uniya on (02) 9356 3888.

13 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC FORUM: 'ALL UNDER CONTROL? RECENT ISSUES IN AUSTRALIA'S LEGAL RESPONSE TO TERRORISM' (NSW). Speakers at this forum run by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission will include: Attorney General Philip Ruddock; The Hon John von Doussa QC, President, HREOC; and Professor George Williams, Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, University of NSW. 1.00 to 2.30pm, Hearing Room, Level 8, Picadilly Tower, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. RSVP essential: legal@humanrights.gov.au Web <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/>

14 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC FORUM: RESPONSIBILITY: ETHICS, BUSINESS, SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (NSW). The Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative is hosting a forum exploring the issues of social and environmental responsibility in business. The forum will be hosted by Maxine McKew. Speakers include: Richard Boele, President of the Australian Institute of Social and Ethical Accountability; Cate Faehrmann, Director of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW; and John Galligan, Director of Corporate Affairs and Citizenship for Microsoft Australia & New Zealand. 6:30 to 8:30pm, The Theatre, NSW Parliament House Macquarie Street, Sydney. Cost: \$45; Member & Student \$35; Student groups negotiable. Bookings close Friday 9th November 2006. For further info call (02) 9701 4304 or email marisab@erc.org.au Web [http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&module=calendar&calendar\[view\]=event&id=51](http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&module=calendar&calendar[view]=event&id=51)

15 NOVEMBER. LECTURE: 'MAKING INDIGENOUS POVERTY HISTORY' (NSW). The Loreto Sisters are hosting a lecture seeking justice for the Indigenous peoples of Australia. Jenny Brockie of 'SBS Insight' will facilitate a conversation with Linda Burney, the first Indigenous member of NSW Government, and Fred Chaney AO, Deputy President of the Native Title Tribunal. Cost \$10. 6.00pm, Loreto Kirribilli Centenary Hall, 85 Carabella St., Kirribilli, Sydney. Bookings essential on (02) 9409 2981 or tobrien@loreto.nsw.edu.au

16 NOVEMBER. FORUM: 'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY' (VIC). 'Make Poverty History' is aiming to welcome and influence the G20 meeting of leaders of the world economy, on November 18 and 19. A free public forum - Creating a Fairer World: What Should the G20 Do? - will be held from 10.00am to 5.45pm at Melbourne Town Hall. Speakers include: Kumi Naidoo, Chair of the Global Call to Action against Poverty; Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of Cape Town; Lidy Nacpil, Vice-President, Freedom from Debt Coalition and a range of Australian MPs.

Web <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au>

17 NOVEMBER. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY CONCERT (VIC). Expecting to draw crowds of more than 25,000, a concert will be held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl from 6.00 to 11.00pm, with an additional live site at Waterfront City in the Docklands. Acts/speakers: Sarah Blasko,

Eskimo Joe, Evermore, the Hilltop Hoods, the John Butler Trio and Paul Kelly. The presenter of Video Hits, Axle Whitehead will MC. Speakers include Tim Costello, co-chair Make Poverty History; Hugh Evans, 2004 Young Australian of the Year; and Trisha Broadbridge, 2006 Young Australian of the Year. Free event but ticketed at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Full details available at <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au> A delayed telecast will air on Channel 10 the next day.

18 NOVEMBER. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY FESTIVAL (VIC). A family day with multicultural music and dance from David Bridie & Telek, Vox Congo, Bad Boys Batucada, and DJ's Andrew Till, Dom Hogan, Sista BB and Jenni Dagers (more to be announced.) Also children's activities, workshops, international speakers, stalls representing a range of agencies, and a fair trade and sustainable living market. Speakers will include the Archbishop of Cape Town, Kumi Naidoo and Rev Tim Costello. A free event from 10.00am to 8.00pm at Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne. Web http://www.melbourne.indymedia.org/calendar/event_display_detail.php?event_id=3761&day=16&month=11&year=2006)

22 NOVEMBER. CELEBRATING EDMUND RICE CENTRE (NSW). The Edmund Rice Centre is celebrating 10 years in 2006. The Centre opened a decade ago in acknowledgement of the beatification of Edmund Rice and the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty. The celebration will be held from 7.00pm to 11.30pm, Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Australia Avenue, Homebush Bay, Western Sydney. Cost: \$85 per person (RSVP by 30th October). Three course meal and drinks. Dress: Smart casual. For further info or bookings call (02) 9745 9700. Web [http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&module=calendar&calendar\[view\]=event&id=44](http://www.erc.org.au/index.php?module=calendar&module=calendar&calendar[view]=event&id=44)

22 NOVEMBER. SEMINAR ON INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (ACT). Will Sanders of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research will run this seminar - 'Arguing about Indigenous affairs: Sectoralism, ideology and time as limits to a whole-of-government approach'. 12.30 to 2.00pm, CAEPR Seminar Room GO58, Ground Floor, Hanna Neumann Bldg No.21, The ANU, Canberra. For further info call (02)6125 0587 or email: admin.caepr@anu.edu.au Web <http://www.anu.edu.au/caepr/events.php>

23 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC FORUM: EXPERIENCES WITH THE WORKCHOICES LEGISLATION (ACT/NSW). Speakers at this event hosted by the Catholic Social Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn include: Bishop Pat Power, Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn; Prof John Warhurst, ANU; Joe de Bruyn, National Secretary, Shop Distributive & Allied Employees Association; Brian Lawrence, member Australian Catholic Commission for Employment Relations; Lyndal Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Miscellaneous Workers Union. 7.00 for 7.30pm, Room B10, Australian Catholic University, Phillip Avenue, Watson, ACT. Gold coin donation appreciated. For further info call: (02) 6235 5452 or 0412 145 088

23-24 NOVEMBER. ACOSS 2006 CONGRESS (NSW). The theme of the Congress is

'Australia Fair: advance or retreat?' and will consider whether Australia is a fairer country now than it was 50 years ago. Critical issues addressed will include housing, Indigenous disadvantage, culture, wages, child protection, welfare, the economic surplus, public opinion, poverty and inequality, early childhood development, building social capital and wellbeing. The Congress is being held at Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh, Sydney. For conference and registration details visit: <http://www.hotelnetwork.com.au/conferences/conferences#acoss>

23-25 NOVEMBER. CATHOLIC CHURCH TV AUSTRALIA SCREENS 'TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN' (National). This week Australia marks a day dedicated to eradicating violence against the women. This film looks at how Project Compassion assists women who are caught in the dehumanising slavery of sex tourism and prostitution. Film screens at: 7.30pm on 23 Nov.; 1.30pm on 24 Nov.; and 2.00pm 25 Nov. Catholic Church TV, Aurora Channel, Foxtel Digital.

27-29 NOVEMBER. THE TRANSFORMATIONS CONFERENCE (ACT). The Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia, the ANU, SBS and the Local Government Association are running a conference on global and local trends in cultural diversity and sustainable development. Speakers will include leading thinkers in the field, and these will be supported by paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by researchers and practitioners. The Conference will be held in the Manning Clark Centre on the Australian National University campus in Canberra. For conference and registration details visit: <http://transformationsconference.com/>

27 NOVEMBER. FESTIVAL: 'UNWRAPPED CHRISTIANS APPEAL' (NSW). Oxfam Australia and the Sydney Development Circle are running a fundraiser for poverty eradication programs around the globe. A festive evening of world music and dance and networking. Guests invited to bring plate of internationally inspired food. Cost: \$5. From 6.00 to 9.00pm, building 10, level 6, University of Technology Ultimo Campus, cnr Jones and Thomas Sts. RSVP by 15 November to partyrsvp@maktoob.com (refer: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Sydney_Development_Circle/)

30 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER. THE PEOPLE'S INQUIRY INTO DETENTION (SA). The People's Inquiry into Detention will be launched in Adelaide on Thursday evening, with hearings to follow on Friday 1 December to Sunday 3 December. Both the launch and the hearings will be held in the rooms of the Law Society, Level 2, Primus Telecom Building, 132 Franklin St., Adelaide. For more information on the Inquiry visit: <http://www.SAVE.org.au/peoplesinquiry> or email tbirss@adam.com.au

1 DECEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'HUMAN RIGHTS 2006' (VIC). The Castan Centre is holding the Human Rights, Year in Review conference, highlighting many of the year's most pressing issues. 9.15 am to 4.30 pm at the CUB Malthouse, 113 Sturt Street, Southbank, Melbourne. For conference program and registration details visit <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/conferences.html>

7-8 DECEMBER. CONFERENCE: 'THE CONSTRAINTS TO FULL EMPLOYMENT' (NSW). The Centre of Full Employment and Equity (CofFEE) is hosting the conference on Full Employment or WorkChoices and Welfare-to-Work. It will incorporate the 8th Path to Full Employment Conference and the 13th National Conference on Unemployment. It will be staged at the University of Newcastle. Major themes for the Conference as well as programme and registration details are available on the CofFEE website:
<http://e1.newcastle.edu.au/coffee/conferences/2006/index.cfm>

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(email news of your forthcoming social justice event by the last week of each month to: admin@acsjc.org.au)

OCTOBER NEWS MONITOR

2000 gather in Burma cathedral for peace prayer

The Archbishop of Rangoon offered a blessing to Burmese political prisoners at an ordination ceremony for five new priests before a large crowd in the nation's capital, according to a report from democracy activists.

Vic Mercy College wins residence for Ethiopian student

After raising \$5000 to fund lifesaving medical treatment in Australia for an Ethiopian student, a Melbourne Mercy college succeeded in persuading the Federal Government to grant residence to the student who requires ongoing treatment.

Catholic Social Services pours cold water on fair pay euphoria

Calculations by an economic research centre appeared to back concerns expressed by Catholic Social Services that the Fair Pay Commission approved wage rise would not even compensate for inflation since the last pay rise almost 18 months ago.

Benedict tells military chaplains they must promote peace

Addressing a congress of military bishops, Pope Benedict said that chaplains must promote Church social teaching that armed forces "are at the exclusive service of the defense, security and freedom of peoples".

Nobel prize Bishop meets Timor rebels and ex-PM

In a bid to end East Timor tensions and violence, former Dili Bishop Carlos Belo, on a ten-day visit to his homeland, met with rebel leader Alfredo Reinado and also with ousted PM Mari Alkhitiri.

Climate makes "ecological conversion" urgent, Vatican says

Outspoken Holy See envoy Archbishop Celestino Migliore told the United Nations that "ecological conversion" is necessary to tackle climate issues and that addressing the "environmental consequences of economic activity" is among the world's "highest priorities".

Bishop condemns "starvation wages"

Parramatta's Bishop Kevin Manning described the low wages of cleaners as "theft of their labour" and a contradiction of their human dignity, while top executives earn millions of dollars a year.

Catholic non-profits must be more business-like, says investment expert

Catholic organisations need to engage more with the business sector in order to learn better organisational methods as well as to improve fundraising and lobbying, an investment industry leader told a Catholic Social Services conference.

Sydney Catholic school in SIEV X controversy

Government ministers are outraged over a case study, currently under consideration by St Aloysius College, Sydney, designed for high school history classes that asks whether the 353 drowned on the SIEV X asylum seeker boat were the result of Government policies.

"Boiled lollies" leave sour taste for Indigenous people

Comparing government policy on Indigenous issues to handing out lollies to children, Indigenous leader Graeme Mundine said it's time to move to a new approach emphasising shared responsibility if development targets are to be achieved.

Counter-terrorism measures need to protect human rights: Holy See

Effective counter-terrorism measures should serve not sacrifice the protection of human rights, the Holy See representative told the United Nations this week.

More strife in Indonesia in aftermath of executions

A Protestant pastor who strongly defended three Catholics executed for their part in inter-religious violence was shot dead as a bomb blast rocked a jittery eastern Indonesian island.

Catholics join campaign to clean up poverty

Cleaners in Australia and New Zealand rallied for International Anti-Poverty Day in a bid for better wages supported by the Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission while Catholic agencies are marking the day in a series of talks on poverty.

Tasmanian justice system failing: Hobart Bishop

The fact that almost two-thirds of Tasmanian prisoners re-offend after release is a "clear sign of failure", said Hobart Archbishop Adrian Doyle, and more emphasis on rehabilitation is needed to reduce the recidivism rate.

Vinnies lights sparks with refugee children

In the lead up to Refugee Week, the Parramatta Society of St Vincent de Paul was recruiting volunteers for its "Bright Sparks" and "Little Sparks" English and homework programs for refugee children and their families.

Climate change on our doorstep, said Caritas

Australia must increase its aid to its Asia-Pacific neighbours who face looming economic and social disaster as a result of climate change, said Caritas Australia in comments on a CSIRO report published .

Cardinal Pell calls for fair trial for David Hicks

Making his first public comments on the accused Australian terrorist David Hicks, who is now awaiting trial at US base Guantanamo Bay, Sydney Cardinal George Pell said that he "long been disturbed" by the case.

World "sleepwalking" towards nuclear terrorism

Five Christian peace activists were arrested following a protest at the Pine Gap US spy base near Alice Springs, days after the Vatican called on the United Nations to wake up to the dangers of nuclear terrorism.

Adelaide suffers from "huge dose" of racism: Vicar-General Cappo

There will be an increase in violence and nastiness if good people do not fight a "huge dose" of community racism and prejudice against Asians and Muslims in Adelaide, said Adelaide Vicar-General, Msgr David Cappo.

Benedict challenges Australians on Indigenous reconciliation

No one is exempt from engaging in the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and other Australians and accepting "historical truth" is vital for building a harmonious future, Pope Benedict wrote in a message to an Alice Springs conference at the weekend.

Vatican said Church role in fighting corruption "evil"

In a document published during the month, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace highlighted the moral and formative role of the Church in developing democratic and legal safeguards against corruption.

Conference gathers to remember John Paul's Indigenous dream anniversary

Pope Benedict sent Cardinal Edward Cassidy as Papal Legate to an Alice Springs gathering to mark the 20th anniversary of John Paul II's landmark 1986 speech to Indigenous Australians.

Edmund Rice Centre confirms 39 more deportations to danger

The Edmund Rice Centre said its latest investigations into deported asylum seekers have located another 39 people who have been deported to dangerous situations, many of whom were misled by the Government into returning to their homelands.

Indigenous Aussies among first climate change victims

Indigenous communities living on Torres Strait Islands, including the island home of the late land rights campaigner Eddie Mabo, are among the first "official victims of climate change", said Catholic Earthcare executive officer, Col Brown.

- courtesy Church Resources' CathNews, stories in detail at <http://www.cathnews.com/news/609>

NOVEMBER SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

Address of Pope John Paul II to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, Blatherskite Park, Alice Spring, 29 November 1986:

It is a great joy for me to be here today in Alice Springs and to meet so many of you, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders of Australia. I want to tell you right away how much the Church esteems and loves you, and how much she wishes to assist you in your spiritual and material needs.

1. At the beginning of time, as God's Spirit moved over the waters, he began to communicate something of his goodness and beauty to all creation..... And to all human beings throughout the ages God has given a desire for himself, a desire which different cultures have tried to express in their own ways.
2. As the human family spread over the face of the earth, your people settled and lived in this big country that stood apart from all the others. Other people did not even know this land was here; they only knew that somewhere in the southern oceans of the world there was "The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit"...".
3. But for thousands of years you have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with you. Your "Dreaming", which influences your lives so strongly that, no matter what happens, you remain for ever people of your culture, is your only way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation. You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives.....
4. For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land, with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. Through your closeness to the land you touched the sacredness of man's relationship with God, for the land was the proof of a power in life greater than yourselves.....

The silence of the Bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God's Spirit. Your careful attention to the details of kinship spoke of your reverence for birth, life and human generation. You knew that children need to be loved, to be full of joy. They need a time to grow in laughter and to play, secure in the knowledge that they belong to their people.....

8. Take heart from the fact that many of your languages are still spoken and that you still possess your ancient culture. You have kept your sense of brotherhood. If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bush-fire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now.....

11. The establishment of a new society for Aboriginal people cannot go forward without just and mutually recognized agreements with regard to these human problems, even though their causes lie in the past. The greatest value to be achieved by such agreements, which must be implemented without causing new injustices, is respect for the dignity and growth of the human person. And you,

the Aboriginal people of this country and its cities, must show that you are actively working for your own dignity of life. On your part, you must show that you too can walk tall and command the respect which every human being expects to receive from the rest of the human family.

12. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ speaks all languages. It esteems and embraces all cultures... Always and everywhere the Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revealed message of a loving and merciful God...

All over the world people worship God and read his word in their own language, and colour the great signs and symbols of religion with touches of their own traditions. Why should you be different from them in this regard, why should you not be allowed the happiness of being with God and each other in Aboriginal fashion?

13. ... You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.

14. With you I rejoice in the hope of God's gift of salvation, which has its beginnings here and now, and which also depends on how we behave towards each other, on what we put up with, on what we do, on how we honour God and love all people.

Dear Aboriginal people: the hour has come for you to take on new courage and new hope. You are called to remember the past, to be faithful to your worthy traditions, and to adapt your living culture whenever this is required by your own needs and those of your fellowman. Above all you are called to open your hearts ever more to the consoling, purifying and uplifting message of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died so that we might all have life, and have it to the full.

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