

THE CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 2010 INTERNATIONAL

Fifty years of Independence for Mali, (9/22).

- **September 5-11, 2010: World Water Week**, Stockholm Sweden. Visit www.worldwaterweek.org; www.unwater.org.
- **September 24-26, 2010: 24th National Catholic China Conference: *Continuing China-U.S. Conversations: A Chinese Catholic Life of Faith*** will focus on partnership of Catholics in China and in America and will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, IL. The keynote speaker is Most Rev. Pei Jun-min, Bishop of Shengyang, China. Early bird deadline for best hotel rates is July 15. **Contact:** Michel Marcil, SJ at (973) 763-1131/E-mail: chinabur@shu.edu, or download the registration form now at www.usccb.net.

NATIONAL

- **September 15, 2010: Stop the Ohio Execution Date for Kevin Keith.** Sign the petition at www.change.org, or contact Governor Strickland to tell him to commute the sentence at (614) 466-3555.
- **September 18, 2010: Comboni Missionaries' Annual Dinner and Raffle & Dance** will be held at the Cavanagh Hall, Sacred Heart Church in Covina, California to benefit the Comboni Missions. The evening runs from 6:45 -9 pm, with tickets at \$25 and the raffle at \$5 per ticket. **Find out more** at (626) 339-1914 or e-mail combonicovin@earthlink.net.
- **September 17-19, 2010: Stand Up and Take Action Weekend and Jubilee Sunday.** This is a mobilization for the **Millennium Development Goals** in conjunction with the U.N. High-level meeting on the MDGs, nationwide and in New York, NY. **To find out more, contact:** www.jubileeusa.org/calendar.
- **September 20-22, 2010: Millennium Development Goals Summit** will be held at the United Nations, New York, NY. **Contact:** www.un.org/millenniumgoals; www.un.org/en/development/desa/news/ecosoc/preparing-mdg-summit.shtml.
- **September 21-23, 2010: Partnership for Global Justice *Orientation Days to the United Nations*** are held at the Church Center, 777 U.N. Plaza, 1st Avenue and 44th Street and at U.N. headquarters in NY. **For current pricing, contact:** partnershipforglobaljustice@gmail.com.
- **September 25-28, 2010: Catholic Charities USA Centennial Gathering** happening in Washington, D.C. will mark and celebrate 100 years of the organization and make plans for the next 100 years. Whether you attend to lend your voice and support to the national campaign to reduce poverty or to strengthen your agency's connection to and involvement in

the Catholic Charities movement, there will be no lack of great information. There are 10 remarkable reasons to attend the Centennial gathering on the web site. Expected attendees include Josef Cardinal Cordes, Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Rev. Bryan Hehir and Mark Shields. **To find out more, contact:** (703) 549-1390/ Web site: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/.

- **September 29-October 1, 2010: 2nd Annual National Integration Conference** will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. Participants will include policymakers, practitioners, funders, researchers, government aides and others with an interest in advancing immigrant integration at the local and state level. Lots of strategy sessions. **To find out more, contact:** <http://org2.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=jnuK3Nz6%2FngnbBCQbsE18CGpFdheAta>.

LOCAL

- **September 11-12, 2010: Cincinnati Hispanic Festival** will be held at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 7801 Anthony Wayne, Cincinnati, OH 45216. The hours are noon-11 pm both days. Great Latin American food, rides, crafts, music and dancing, plus information. Free, but \$5 to park. **Contact:** (513) 746-7944 Web site: www.cincinnatihispanicfest.org.
- **September 15, 2010: Bread for the World Local Chapter Meeting** is from 6:30-8 pm at St. Ursula Academy, 1339 E. McMillan Street in E. Walnut Hills. **Contact:** Sr. Elizabeth Schaad (513) 821-3044, ext. 333/E-mail: easchaad@mndhs.org.
- **September 25, 2010: 25th Anniversary of the Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center: *Educating, Advocating and Organizing for Justice and Peace***. 6-9 pm at Purcell Marian High School, Walnut Hills. Join us for dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. **To find out more, contact:** (513) 579-8547.
- **September 26, 2010: Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series 2010-2011: *Ecology & Sustainability, Green Urbanism: Growing Power and the Urban Farming Revolution*** will be held at the Schiff Family Conference Room in the Cintas Center of Xavier University at 7 pm, co-sponsored by the Center for Closing the Health Gap in Greater Cincinnati, the Civic Garden Center and the Central Ohio River Valley Local Foods Initiative. **Will Allen**, director and co-founder of *Growing Power* will speak about how his work addresses the health problems prevalent in urban populations such as obesity and diabetes. These problems often stem from limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables. You will learn about how *Growing Power* produces vast amounts of food year-round on two acres of land within Milwaukee's city limits through low-cost farming technologies. Allen is the recipient of a *2008 MacArthur Genius Award*. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati's President's Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability. **To find out more, visit** www.xavier.edu/ers; e-mail frickman@xavier.edu; (513) 745-2009.
- **September 29, 2010: A Cup of Tea with Greg Mortenson: *Peace through Education*** features Greg Mortenson at 7 pm at Xavier University's Cintas Center in Cincinnati. The evening is sponsored by Xavier's Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice, in partnership with Human Foundations Institute, Inc. His talk will recount his journey beginning with a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K-2 to successfully establishing 130 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the developing world to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. It is free, but you must obtain a ticket in advance (up to four

per person), at the Cintas Center box office or by requesting by mail. Groups of 25 can arrange for tickets through the coordinator, Chris Bridges, at (513) 745-3706.

For more information, see www.xavier.edu/cfj/A-Cup-of-Tea-with-Greg-Mortenson-Peace-through-Education.cfm.

- **September 30, 2010: Fall Day of Reflection: *Journey to Lasting Peace*** at the Comboni Mission Center is sponsored by Embrace the Children. Fr. Ruffino Ezama will be the guest speaker. The time is 8:30 am with official start at 9. Event fee, including lunch is \$15. **For more information, call Cheryl Foti at (513) 388-9115.**

OCTOBER 2010 **INTERNATIONAL**

Fifty years of Independence: Nigeria (10/1).

The World Education Forum (WEF) will be held in Palestine.

- **October 14, 2010: 2010 World Food Prize Awards Ceremony** will take place in Des Moines, Iowa. The award will be presented to both Rev. David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World since 1991, and to Jo Luck, president of Heifer International.
- **October 16, 2010: World Food Day.** See www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en/.
- **October 17, 2010: Bread for the World Sunday.** Visit www.bread.org/.
- **October 19-21, 2010: Peacebuilding Conference in Bujumbura, Burundi.**
- **October 24, 2010: World Mission Sunday.** The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will celebrate with local Asian Catholics in honor of the *Solidarity with Asia* Project. **Contact:** (513) 421-3131, ext. 2632. Download World Mission Sunday aids at www.iamamissionary.org.

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- **October 3-7, 2010: Interfaith Worker Justice “Organizing for Worker Justice” Training** will be happening in Chicago. Ask yourself: Do you want to strengthen partnerships between religious and labor leaders? Understand the fundamentals of Direct Action Organizing? Design creative interfaith actions? Develop strategies for building your organization? Develop effective fundraising strategies? Frame the message about religious values and workers rights to the media? If so, then this is for you. Register by September 3. **For more information, call (773) 728-8400, ext. 10, or e-mail bvalenta@iwj.org.**
- **October 6, 2010: Stop the Ohio Execution Date for Michael Benge.** Sign the petition at www.change.org, or **contact Governor Strickland** to tell him to commute the sentence at (614) 466-3555.
- **October 11-12, 2010: Annual Jubilee Network Council Membership Meeting** will take place in Washington, D.C. **Contact:** www.jubileeusa.org/calendar.
- **October 14-15, 2010: Partnership for Global Justice *Orientation Days to the United Nations*** are held at the Church Center, 777 U.N. Plaza, 1st Avenue and 44th Street and at U.N. headquarters in NY. This two-day workshop is geared for youth. **For current pricing, contact:** partnershipforglobaljustice@gmail.com.
- **October 15-17, 2010: 2^{1st} Bioneers Conference: *A Conference on Green Urbanism*** will take place live in San Rafael, CA but there will be connections between 20 cities via satellite. In Cincinnati, the group will meet at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. This conference is for people who are passionate about positive solutions for restoring our cities and neighborhoods. Come join the network, committed to developing strategies for positive

change. Speakers such as Jane Goodall, Gary Hirshberg, Lynne Twist and James Hansen will speak. **Contact:** www.bioneers.org.

- **October 23-24, 2010: Green Festival**, a joint project of Global Exchange and Green America, will be held in Washington, D.C. 400 exhibitors and 125 well known speakers will provide information and answer your questions about green issues such as sustainable economy, ecological balance, climate change, social justice and more. **To find out more, contact:** www.greenfestivals.org.
- **October 28-31, 2010: Mission Congress 2010: *God's Mission, Many Faces: A Portrait of U.S. Catholics in Mission***, sponsored by the Catholic Mission Forum, and convened by the U.S. Catholic Mission Association, is held every five years and is a special opportunity for men and women from across the country and around the world to come together to celebrate mission. This year's venue is the Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Keynoters (*Canvas, Painter, Observer*) include (in order): Rev. Gary Rieve Estrella, SVDC, PhD, Sr. Janice McLaughlin, MM and Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga. There are dialogue sessions/workshops and a special field trip on Native Americans in the New Mexico area will be held. \$315 for registration. Reserve rooms by October 13 to secure group rates, www.marriott.com/ABQNM at \$109 per night plus tax. **To find out more, contact:** USCMA; (202) 832-3112/E-mail: uscma@uscatholicmission.org/ Web site: www.missioncongress.org.

LOCAL

- **October 2, 2010: Rooted in Love: A One Woman Play of the Life & Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN** will take place at 7 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 7754 Montgomery Road in Kenwood. Adrian Dominican Sr. Nancy Murray, OP will portray Sr. Dorothy Stang who dedicated 40 years of her life to bringing justice and faith to peasant farm families in northern Brazil. The presentation is in cooperation with the Mt. Notre Dame Spirituality Center in celebration and memory of the 5th anniversary of Sr. Dorothy's martyrdom in Brazil (2/12/05). **Contact:** (513) 761-7636.
- **October 2, 2010: NuWay Foundation's "Bianu,"** which means "a coming together," will be a fun-filled evening of African food, music and performances. The NuWay Foundation was founded in 2006 and aims to help the less fortunate through education, community building and economic development. Its current focus is creating sustainable developments in Nigeria. Liz Bonis and Brad Johansen of Local 12 News will serve as hosts. Tickets are \$150 for the 6 pm affair which will be at the Oscar Event Center at Jungle Jim's in Fairfield. **Contact:** Anna Jones at www.nuwayfoundation.org, or call (513) 742-9191.
- **October 15-17, 2010: Bioneers Conference on Green Urbanism/Cincinnati** will take place at Xavier University via live stream from the national conference and complemented by local workshops. The keystone goals of the *Bioneers* are to connect people with solutions by popularizing breakthrough ideas and practices and to grow social capital by catalyzing, connecting and strengthening strategic networks. Sponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, and co-sponsored by E/RS, the local roster of speakers includes Thane Maynard, filmmaker Andrea Torrice and at the post-conference at Imago, roots music by Dinah Devoto and Pat Kennedy. Field trips will explore sites like the Mill Creek Restoration Project, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village and the Civic Garden Center. **For more details, contact:** The Brueggeman Center/Xavier at (513) 745-3922 or IMAGO at (513) 921-5124/Web site: www.imagoearth.org/bioneers,
- **October 20, 2010: 2010 International Freedom Conductor Award Luncheon** honoring His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama will take place at the Duke Energy Convention Center

in downtown Cincinnati. He will receive the award, speak and answer audience questions. Doors open at 11 am and the luncheon begins at 11:30 am. The program concludes at 2 pm. Tickets for the luncheon are available for purchase (\$125 standard, \$250 premium) at www.freedomcenter.org/dalailama.

- **October 25, 2010: Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series 2010-2011: *Ecology & Sustainability, Green Urbanism: Cradle to Cradle—Designing a Hopeful Future with Inspiration from Living Systems*** will be held at the Schiff Family Conference Room in the Cintas Center of Xavier University at 7 pm, sponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue and co-sponsored by E/RS. **William McDonough**, renowned designer, and Time magazine “hero” for the environment” will share his thinking on regenerative living systems and their impact on an environmentally and economically intelligent future. He is the author of *Hannover Principles: Design for Sustainability* and co-author with Michael Braungart of *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We make Things*. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati’s President’s Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability. **To find out more, visit www.xavier.edu/ers; e-mail frickman@xavier.edu; (513) 745-2009.**

NOVEMBER 2010 **INTERNATIONAL**

Fifty years of Independence for Mauritania (11/28).

- **November 5-7, 2010: Social Movement Assembly Seminar** will be held in Dakar, Senegal, leading up to the **World Social Forum** there in January, 2011. **Contact: www.e-joussour.net/en/category/7/173/400.**
- **November 11-12, 2010: 5th G-20 Summit in Seoul, South Korea.** Visit www.g20.org.

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- **November 2, 2010: All Souls Day Celebration** with Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, will take place at St. Christopher Church in Vandalia, Ohio. The mass will be followed by a simple reception. **Please get all the details at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2632 or e-mail mission@catholiccincinnati.org.**
- **November 5-7, 2010: Call to Action 2010 Conference: *Faithful Prophets: God Alive in Every Generation*** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin brings together the largest group of progressive Catholics in the country. **Contact: Jim Fitzgerald at jim@cta-usa.org.**
- **November 5-7, 2010: Green Festival**, a joint project of Global Exchange and Green America, will be held in San Francisco, CA. 400 exhibitors and 125 well known speakers will provide information and answer your questions about green issues such as sustainable economy, ecological balance, climate change, social justice and more. **To find out more, contact: www.greenfestivals.org.**
- **November 18, 2010: Wage Theft National Day of Action** will take place on the Thursday before Thanksgiving with dozens of actions across the country. **Find out more from Ted Smukler at tsmukler@iwj.org.**
- **November 18-21, 2010: Annual Vigil to Close the School of the Americas** will take place at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia. It’s held close to the anniversary of the 1989 massacre of Celia Ramos, her mother Elba and six Jesuit priests by SOA graduates at the

University of Central America in El Salvador. **To find out more, contact:**
www.SOAW.org.

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- **November 7, 2010: Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series 2010-2011: *Ecology & Sustainability, Green Urbanism: Transition Towns—Inspiring Pathways to Community Resilience*** will be held at the Schiff Family Conference Room in the Cintas Center of Xavier University at 7 pm. **Michael Brownlee** and **Karen Lanphear**, leaders in the *U.S. Transition Town* movement which started in the United Kingdom in response to the converging global crises of climate change, economic instability, diminishing biodiversity and declining reserves of fossil fuels. It emphasizes the importance of using creativity and cooperative to unleash the collective genius within our local communities, leading to a more resilient, abundant, connected and healthier future for all. In addition, Brownlee is co-founder of Transition Boulder County Colorado, the first Transition initiative in North America, and Lanphear is the co-founder of Sandpoint Transition in Idaho, the second-oldest Transition initiative in the U.S. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati's President's Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability. **To find out more, visit www.xavier.edu/ers; e-mail frickman@xavier.edu; (513) 745-2009.**
- **November 17, 2010: Bread for the World Local Chapter Meeting** is from 6:30-8 pm at St. Ursula Academy, 1339 E. McMillan Street in E. Walnut Hills. **Contact:** Sr. Elizabeth Schaad (513) 821-3044, ext. 333/E-mail: eeschaad@mndhs.org.

DECEMBER 2010

NATIONAL

- **December 10, 2010: Comboni Missionaries' Annual Pasta Dinner and Christmas Party** will be held at the Comboni Missionaries Mission Center. 645 So. Aldenville Ave., Covina, California, from 4-8 :30 pm. Both sit down and take out are available at \$10 per plate. **Find out more** at (626) 339-1914 or e-mail combonicovin@earthlink.net.

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- **December 3-5, 2010: Advent Retreat 2010: *Vigil Keeping: The Sacrament of Waiting*** with author Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB will be held at the Moye Spiritual Life Center in Melbourne, KY near Cincinnati. \$185 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Commuter cost is \$130 that includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Registration, Friday from 6-6:30 pm. Registration deadline is September 1, 2010. **To find out more, e-mail moyedirector@cdpkentucky.org, or visit www.cdpkentucky.org.**
- **December 12, 2010: Animated Nativity Display at Comboni Missions** is well known to families in the tri-state area for the past 60 years. The Special Opening is set for Sunday, December 12. View handmade Nativity sets from around the world and visit the Mission Museum. The Comboni Mission Center is located at 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255; enter the same drive as the Anderson Post Office on Nagel, not far from Beechmont, and proceed straight ahead. **For more information, visit www.ComboniMissionaries.org or call (513) 474-4997.**

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JANUARY 2011 INTERNATIONAL

World Social Forum in Dakar, Senegal (3rd week of January), details pending.

- **January 9, 2011: Referendum for the Sudan**

FEBRUARY 2011 NATIONAL

- **February 13-16, 2011: Catholic Social Ministry Gathering** will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW in Washington, D.C. It's a great time for Catholic leaders to pray and learn, advocate and strategize, and share and support one another. A Catholic Partners' Meeting, for the 14 partnering organizations that lead this event, will take place on the 11th and 12th. Visit www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org.

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- **February 16, 2011: Bread for the World Local Chapter Meeting** is from 6:30-8 pm at St. Ursula Academy, 1339 E. McMillan Street in E. Walnut Hills. **Contact:** Sr. Elizabeth Schaad (513) 821-3044, ext. 333/E-mail: easchaad@mndhs.org.

MARCH 2011 INTERNATIONAL

- **March 8, 2011: The 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day.**

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- **March 25-28, 2011: Ecumenical Advocacy Days: *Women and Girls Overcoming Poverty and Violence*** will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, VA near Washington, D.C. This year is the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Planning meetings are in full gear. **Watch for updates at** www.advocacydays.org.

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- **March 27, 2011: Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series 2010-2011: *Ecology & Sustainability, Green Urbanism: RICHARD LOUV: Last Child in the Woods—Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*** will be held at the Schiff Family Conference Room in the Cintas Center of Xavier University at 7 pm. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Childhood Education and Literacy. **Richard Louv** is an author and journalist focused on nature, family and community. His book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, stimulated an international conversation about the future relationship between children and nature. He serves as the chairman of the *Children and Nature Network*, which encourages and supports people and organizations

worldwide working to reconnect children with nature. The network provides access to the latest news and research in the field and a peer-to-peer network of researchers, parents, educators and organizations dedicated to children's health and well-being. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati's President's Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability. **To find out more, visit www.xavier.edu/ers; e-mail frickman@xavier.edu; (513) 745-2009.**

APRIL 2011 **INTERNATIONAL**

- **April 8-11, 2011: 5th Latin America Solidarity Coalition Conference:** Check out the details at www.LASolidarity.org.

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- **April 10, 2011: Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series 2010-2011: *Ecology & Sustainability, Green Urbanism: JACKIE BROOKNER: On the Waterfront—Living Cities, Water and Expanded Art Practice*** will be held at the Schiff Family Conference Room in the Cintas Center of Xavier University at 7 pm. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Art. **Jackie Brookner** collaborates with ecologists, design professionals, communities and policy makers to create water remediation systems for wetlands, rivers, streams and stormwater runoff that are works of public art. Her biosculptures are evocative, plant-based living systems that clean polluted water and integrate ecological revitalization with the metaphoric and aesthetic qualities of sculpture. Her recent projects include Laughing Brook in Salway Park in Cincinnati, part of the Millcreek Restoration Project. She is a contributing author to *Urban Rain: Stormwater as Resource* and a former teaching fellow at Harvard University. The lecture series is co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati's President's Advisory Council on Environment and Sustainability. **To find out more, visit www.xavier.edu/ers; e-mail frickman@xavier.edu; (513) 745-2009.**
- **April 13, 2011: Bread for the World Local Chapter Meeting** is from 6:30-8 pm at St. Ursula Academy, 1339 E. McMillan Street in E. Walnut Hills. **Contact:** Sr. Elizabeth Schaad (513) 821-3044, ext. 333/E-mail: easchaad@mndhs.org.

JUNE 2011 **NATIONAL**

- **June 19-21, 2011: Interfaith Worker Justice 15th Anniversary Conference** will be held in Chicago. Stay tuned to www.iwj.org.

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