



Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate – US Province

Oblate Novena of Prayers for Vocations

May 21- 29, 2017

May 21- Feast of St. Eugene De Mazenod

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger and from whose help no one is ever distant, look with compassion on refugees and exiles, on segregated persons and on lost children; restore them, we pray, to a homeland, and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (*Prayer for refugees: Roman Missal*)

May 22 - Option for the Poor

- Pray for the protection of immigrants and refugees. Pray for elected leaders to have the moral courage and wisdom to pass humane immigration reform. Educate people in your community and parish about our current immigration system, and Church teachings on the issue. Advocate for comprehensive immigration reform. Ask your Members of Congress to support immigration policies that value the dignity of all persons, unite families and protect vulnerable immigrants and refugee

May 23 - Vocation for Justice and Peace

- Missionary Oblates and faith-based organizations advocate for corporations to improve working conditions in supplier factories. Through our Faith Consistent Investing focus area, we are working toward a more just and sustainable marketplace. For specific engagements see Oblate International Pastoral Investment Trust: <http://oiptrust.org/> “Business is a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving the world. It can be a fruitful source of prosperity for the area in which it operates, especially if it sees the creation of jobs as an essential part of its service to the common good”
(*Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, 129*)

May 24 - Integrity of Creation

- A Prayer for Our Earth: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
Laudato Si prayer – Pope Francis

May 25 – Thirst for Justice to Abolish Human Trafficking

- More people are enslaved now than ever before in human history. Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, and forceful detention of people for their cheap or unpaid labor or for sexual exploitation. Threats, force and deception are routine. People are being trafficked in increasing numbers across international borders and within countries. *St. Eugene, you loved and served the poorest of the poor, please pray for all those held captive by others and for those who hold them captive. Amen.*

May 26 - Through the Eyes of St Eugene DeMazenod

- Loving Savior, we thank you for the life and intercession of Saint Eugene de Mazenod. Accompanied by his prayers, we bring to you all our personal intentions and those of our loved ones, especially the sick and suffering. We ask also that you inspire many generous persons to follow St. Eugene's missionary example by dedicating their lives to being the Savior's cooperators like you were. We ask all this with loving confidence. *Amen.*

May 27 - Respecting All Life

- Talk to your community about what life issue(s) they would like to become involved in or more involved in. See the US Bishop's "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Ministries" and visit their resources section for materials to download/order. Identify other organizations/faith communities you can work with, what has been done, what your parish can do to help, and what additional projects are needed for advocacy that are realistic for your community. Then get started, and share what you are doing.

May 28: Faith and Values for Mission

- Oblate Outreach and Animation offers an opportunity to meet Oblates where they are, learn about some of the justice and peace issues affecting ministries and communities, and find ways to support them. In these visits, working with local Oblates and lay people, we propose and organize activities to raise awareness about JPIC issues and ways to address them. Connect with JPIC through Facebook: Missionary Oblates JPIC, Twitter: @omiusaJPIC and Blog: <http://missionary-oblates-jpic.blog.com>

May 29: Blessed Joseph Gerald OMI

God, Father of all. You have created the world as our common home. Through your Word and your Spirit, you have brought forth life in which we delight. Help us to treasure this gift of life. Grant us your strength that we may love and protect all life on earth. Fill us with your peace and love that we may live in harmony with all of creation; may we recognize others as our sisters and brothers. Following our Founder St. Eugene De Mazenod, help us to leave nothing undared in our ministry of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation so that the "liberating presence of Jesus Christ and the new world born in his resurrection" may be a reality today. As Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, help us to be close to the poor with their many faces. We implore from Mary, our Mother, the strength to stand at the foot of the Cross where many of our brothers and sisters suffer today. This we ask you, Father of all, through the intercession of our Mother Mary, Saint Eugene and all our Blessed Oblates. Amen. Oblate Prayer for JPIC

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