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Caritas in Veritate ... on Discernment



“The current crisis obliges us to re-plan our journey, to set ourselves new rules and to discover new forms of commitment, to build on positive experiences and to reject negative ones. The crisis thus becomes an opportunity for discernment, in which to shape a new vision for the future. In this spirit, with confidence rather than resignation, it is appropriate to address the difficulties of the present time.”

(Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, paragraph 21)

- *Underline any word or phrase that speaks to you.*
- *Call to mind ‘positive experiences’ of the day in your own life and from what you have seen on the news, read in the newspapers ...*
- *Spend a few moments imagining a ‘new vision for the future’.*
- *What new rules and forms of commitment might you adopt to help you make this a reality?*

“Renewing The Catholic Social Conscience”

An International Inter-Disciplinary Conference staged for an international participation and timed to coincide with the European Year Against Poverty organised by Las Casas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford. It has a wide-range of speakers lined up, and plans to address social topics from “the womb” to “the tomb”.

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st March.

Weekend delegate - £165.00 (excluding accommodation - various options starting from £25 per night b&b)
Contact Dr Keith Chappell (Conference Director)
keith.chappell@bfriars.ox.ac.uk

What Can We Do?

- Mark **Poverty & Homelessness Action Week**, 30 January – 7 February. Its theme is Enough! and its resources (www.actionweek.org.uk) are positive and uplifting suggestions of practical actions for individuals and communities. **12 baskets** is an exciting booklet listing a wide range of projects that can help both individuals and communities survive the recession.
- Read **Pope Benedict’s World Day of Peace Message**. You will find it on Pax Christi’s website www.paxchristi.org.uk.
- Celebrate **50 Years of CAFOD Lent Fast Days** with its **Give it up!** initiative. **Ash Wednesday**, 17 February, marks the start of CAFOD’s Lenten initiative, which invites us to ‘transform biscuits, chocolate, wine, magazines into bicycles, bees, water, shelter for those in need’. Sample resources have been provided to parishes, more can be ordered from CAFOD or contact Sue and Liz 01244 677594 shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk
- **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**, Friday 26 February celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the first Fast Day in 1960.
- Watch the film **The Age of Stupid**. It stars Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, looking back on old footage from 2008 and asking: why didn’t we stop climate change when we had the chance? If you would like to borrow a copy to show in a private home, contact the J&P office. You may like to arrange a viewing for a larger group but would have to register with www.ageofstupid.net and pay the appropriate fee.
- Prepare for the forthcoming **General Election**. The Columban magazine Vocation for Justice - due out in the next few weeks - has a centre-spread on election issues and questions to candidates. CAFOD is producing an election pack cafod.org.uk/election.
- Join The Big Swap. For this year’s **Fairtrade Fortnight** (22 - 27 February) the Fairtrade Foundation is asking us to join in The Big Swap - swapping our usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, our usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks ... and to register our action on its website fairtrade.org.uk as proof that the people of the UK want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal.
- Look at the **Sustainable Security display** produced by Quaker Peace & Social Witness quaker.org.uk/sustainable-security-display explains the concept of sustainable security in a clear, easy-to-read format. The set of 8 panels can be bought or hired from QPSW.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 18-25 Week for Prayer for Christian Unity**
 "You are witnesses to these things."
 Resources from CTBI
 020 7654 7254 ctbi.org.uk
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day**
hmd.org.uk
- 30-7 Poverty and Homelessness Action Week**
 'Enough for All'
 Resources from
 CAP 0161 236 9321 or Housing Justice 020 7920 6600 or
actionweek.org.uk

FEBRUARY

- 6 Changing the Face of the Earth: Climate change, blessing or catastrophe?**
 Speaker: Mike Edwards (CAFOD's climate change officer)
 Venue: Tabor Carmelite Retreat House, Preston
 Time: 10.00-4.00.
 Suggested offering £12.00 (booking essential)
 Contact 01772 717122.
- 8 CAFOD Quiz**
 Our Lady's Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY.
 7.30 pm. Entry £2.50.
- 20 World Day of Social Justice**
un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/ IntJustice/
- 22 - 7 Fairtrade Fortnight**
 Fairtrade Foundation
 020 7405 5942 fairtrade.org.uk
- 26 50 Year of CAFOD Fast Days**
 give it up!

MARCH

- 3 "Food Security & Food Justice"**
 Venue: Best Building, University of Chester
 Time: 7.30pm
 Speaker: Matthew Carter, CAFOD's Head of Humanitarian Support.
 Chester World Development Forum/University Department of Geography and

- Development Studies.
 Contact: 01244 512190/678087.
- Women's World Day of Prayer**
 "Let Everything that has Breath praise God" prepared by the women of Cameroon
 01892 541411
wwdp-natcomm.org
"Just Church?"
 Speakers:
 Kevin Flanagan (Centre for Church & Industry, Salford Diocese)
 Fr Malachy Keegan (Principal RC Prison Chaplain)
 Time: 10.00 - 5.00 pm
 Venue: Our Lady of the Assumption, Rhyl LL18 1LE
 Workshops: 'Just Church', 'Just Money', 'Restoring Lives', BARA rehabilitation project, Living Sustainably, Mother Earth, Transition Towns, Theology of creation; A place to Live, Building Communities.
 Contact: Maria Pizzoni 07595584790.

- NJPN Networking Meeting**
 Venue: St Brigid's Church, Crystal Glen, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5QN.
 Time: 10.45-4.00.
 Speaker: Rev Roy Jenkins
 Topic: "Torture - the Crucial Challenge for Christians".
 Contact National J&P Network justice-and-peace.org.uk
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- Las Casas Institute International Conference**
 focusing on the current condition and future prospects of faith-based social thought and action. Contact lascasas@bfriars.ox.ac.uk
- 30th Anniversary of the Death of Archbishop Oscar Romero**
Archbishop.romerotrust.org.uk
- Service to Commemorate Archbishop Oscar Romero**

- 26 Women Making a Difference to Help Women in Malawi**
 Venue: All Saints, Carrington Road, Ashton-on-Mersey, Sale M33 5WL
 Time: 7.30 p.m.
How: Fund-raising dinner for women in Malawi - one of the poorest countries in southern Africa.. Tickets - £26.00 for three-course meal with wine - from Lynne 0151 722 6590.
Guest Speaker: Clare Short (Independent MP and former International Development Secretary who has visited Malawi).
When: Friday 26th March, 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Where: Holiday Inn, Lime Street, Liverpool (easy access by train and car).
- 27 An afternoon for those affected by mental health issues**
 Our Lady of the Sea, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY.
 Contact Helen Bassirat 0161 436 4939.

APRIL

- 4 Easter Sunday**

MAY

- 9-15 Christian Aid Week**
Christian-aid.org.uk
- 15 NJPN Networking Meeting & AGM**
 Venue: London
 Time: 10.45-4.00.
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- 15 Conscientious Objectors' Day**
[Pax Christi paxchristi.org.uk](http://PaxChristi.paxchristi.org.uk)
- 21-23 J&P Retreat: Prayer & Priorities**
 A reflective weekend with Pat Gaffney and Stephen Hoyland at Loyola Hall, Rainhill L35 6NZ. Information through Liverpool J&P office 0151 522 108. Booking through Loyola Hall 0151 426 4137.

JUNE

- 5 World Environment Day**
unep.org/wed

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