

Dear Life, Justice and Peace Contacts,

### 2013-2014 Respect Life Packets

Last week, Archbishop Peter Sartain sent one copy of the USCCB Respect Life packet to each pastor/pastoral coordinator. They have been encouraged to share the packet with their parish's Respect Life committee/Life, Justice and Peace commission. These materials are also available on the following USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>.

### Vow of Nonviolence Retreat

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI stated, "for Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behavior but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with weapons of love and truth alone." Consider joining others in making a one-year Vow of Nonviolence. Pax Christi Seattle invites you to a retreat to discern whether you are called to vow to strive for peace within yourself and as a peacemaker in daily life. **Saturday, September 7**, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Arrupe Room, St. Joseph Parish Center, 732 0inh Ave East, Seattle. Contact Denny Duffell: [denny@stbridgetchurch.org](mailto:denny@stbridgetchurch.org). No cost; free will offering only.

### Plan now for the Feast of St. Francis

Although the feast day of St. Francis is still about six weeks away, now is the time to start planning events in the spirit of the patron saint of ecology and nature. Join other Catholics who will learn about the dramatic evidence of climate change and explore Catholic teaching on how to respond. Promoted by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, this year's St. Francis program is: *Melting Ice, Mending Creation: A Catholic Approach to Climate Change*. Part of program includes **viewing "TED" talk by James Balog**, the science photographer behind the documentary film *Chasing Ice*. He documented some of the most vivid evidence yet of climate change through time-lapse photography of receding glaciers. Learn more at **Catholic Climate Covenant**.

### Life Principles Academy: Pro-Life Training Conference

*Date:* **October 19, 2013**

*Time:* 11:30 AM- 4:00 PM

*Location:* Holy Rosary Parish, 4142 42nd Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116

*Presented by:* Camille Pauley-President, Healing the Culture

*Cost:* \$35.00 \*(includes light lunch, free parking and materials)

*Register:* [HealingTheCulture.com](http://HealingTheCulture.com) or (425) 481-6563

*Hosted by:* Holy Rosary *Voices for Life*

\*Scholarships available for Catholic School educators, and as needed.

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In Christ's peace,  
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