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Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation

IBVM (Loreto Sisters) Irish Province

May our use of fire, water, air and earth be for the sustainability of creation.

*May our interactions with the systems through which we live image our
sacred responsibility for all creation.*

*May our actions help alleviate hunger, homelessness, injustice, fear, distrust,
hatred and violence.*

May our compassion nurture peace, through truth, justice, freedom and joy.



Who We Are



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JPIC Overview

JPIC is the justice umbrella group for IBVM (Loreto) sisters and their colleagues and friends, collaborating at local and international levels on issues of social, economic, religious and political inequity.

Each IBVM province has a JPIC group and each group has a JPIC Representative to the IBVM NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) to the UN (United Nations) in New York.

Each JPIC group looks to identify local issues as well as the impact of global issues locally and initiate activities to address the issues identified.

The Loreto Schools Network Social Justice is the umbrella group for Primary and Secondary schools <http://www.loretoschoolsnetwork.ie>

Contact us by email: jpircireland@gmail.com

JPIC Ireland

JPIC Ireland is a group of Loreto friends, colleagues, past pupils and IBVM sisters interested in working towards more just local societies and world through prayer and action.

Our age profile is from the 20s to the 90s.

We support the UN Civil Society campaign as a means of developing local capacity to engage in, and change local issues.

We specifically like to invite people, over the age of 18, to join our UN Youth Forum, working with the Irish Youth Representative and the UN Representative, Cecilia O'Dwyer.

Contact us by email: jpicireland@gmail.com

The JPIC Coordinating Committee:

- Anne O'Dwyer, IBVM
- Bernadette Foley, IBVM (Treasurer)
- Elizabeth Byrne, IBVM (Human Trafficking)
- Emily Banville
- Mary Burkart IBVM (Refugees / Coordinator)





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 - Environment => *This Web site*
 - Displaced Persons => *Refugees this web site*
 - Human Trafficking => *Human Trafficking this web site*
 - Poverty in Ireland => *This web site (not ready to go – Vincent de Paul etc)*
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- Quarterly Newsletters – *Next September 2017*

JPIC International

Justice, human rights and social needs must be at the heart of all ministries and so justice, peace and integrity of creation must be nurtured as part of the IBVM identity, being, formation and living. <http://www.ibvm.org>

- Australia and South East Asia Province <https://www.loreto.org.au/our-mission/justice/about-jpic/>
- British Province <http://www.ibvm.org.uk/>
- Canadian Province <http://www.ibvm.ca>
- East African Province <http://www.ibvmeasternafrica.co.ke>
- Ireland <http://loreto.ie>
 - Human Trafficking Representative: Elizabeth Byrne, IBVM
 - JPIC Representative: Mary Burkart, IBVM
- Mauritian Province www.loreto.mu/
- Peruvian Province <http://www.ibvm-peru.com>
- South African Province email: edonnan@zamtel.za
- Spanish Province <http://www.ibvm.es>
- US Province <https://www.ibvm.us>

IBVM @ United Nations <http://www.ibvm.org/our-mission/ibvm-united-nations>

The IBVM plays an active role as part of civil society working with the United Nations in New York.

As associates of the Department of Public Information we attend the Briefings held by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and take part in the Annual DPI Conferences.

We conduct workshops during DPI Conferences where we bring together members, colleagues and persons with experience and expertise on specific areas of Social and Sustainable Development. In the same way, the voice and experience of persons on the ground contribute to our work for a just and sustainable world.

We are in contact with the Missions of a number of Member States at the United Nations.

Communication with our networks to promote the values and activities of the United Nations is a central part of our work as associates of the Department of Public Information.

Ireland:

UN Representative: Mary Burkart, IBVM

Civil Society

- **Democracy only functions to a level commiserate to the level of civil society engagement in that democracy**
- **People, privileged enough to live in countries in which they can freely express themselves, have a moral and civic obligation to exercise that privilege for the benefit of their societies**

Pope Francis: “Seeing all of you together, each coming from his or her own sector or organization within Paraguayan society, each bringing his or her own joys, concerns, struggles and hopes, makes me grateful to God. A people unengaged and listless, passively accepting things as they are, is a dead people. In you, however, I see great vitality and promise. God always blesses this. God is always on the side of those who help to uplift and improve the lives of his children.”

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/07/12/pope_francis_address_to_civil_society_representatives/1157818

Irish Government: “Civil society organisations allow citizens to come together to act collectively and participate in the development of their own communities and countries.” <https://www.irishaid.ie/what-we-do/who-we-work-with/civil-society/>

UN: “Civil society is the “third sector” of society, along with government and business. It comprises civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations. The UN recognizes the importance of partnering with civil society, because it advances the Organization’s ideals, and helps support its work. Here are some useful websites for members of civil society and also for those interested in the work of the UN.”

<http://www.un.org/en/sections/resources/civil-society/index.html>

Environment / Climate Change

- Share social media campaigns to bring local and global environmental issues to the fore
- Support COP 21 – hold the Irish Government to its commitments
<http://www.chambers.ie/media/blog/2015/12/14/cop21-in-paris-a-historic-agreement/>
- Support local campaigns to reduce use of plastics
<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/q-a-what-you-can-and-cannot-leave-out-for-the-bin-collectors-1.3145940>
- Laudato Si – Pope Francis call to Christian Tradition of Care for Creation: a Spirituality and Action <https://thejesuitpost.org/2015/06/an-overview-of-laudato-si/>
- Sustainable climate change options begin at home
 - Recycle
 - Reduce energy wastage
 - Use renewable energies
 - Reduce unnecessary water use

Displaced Persons - Background

In September 2015 Ireland undertook to take in 4,000 refugees

Actors:

- **UNHCR** run refugee camps vetting and determining who will be resettled <http://www.unhcr.org/en-ie/protection/resettlement/3bd58ce9a/resettlement-procedures-case-identification-determination-process.html>
- **European Union** Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund manages resettlement in Europe https://ec.europa.eu/ireland/news/key-eu-policy-areas/migration_en
- **Department of Justice & Equality** Responsible for resettlement in Ireland [http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Irish_Refugee_Protection_Programme_\(IRPP\)](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Irish_Refugee_Protection_Programme_(IRPP))
- **Private Contractors** provide temporary initial Reception Centres
- **County Councils and Local Authorities** work with local Development Organisations and NGOs to provide economic, health, housing, training and other integration supports <http://www.integration.ie/website/omi/omiwebv6.nsf/page/resettlement-irishresettlementproc-en>

Definitions:

Asylum Seekers – people who are seeking asylum in a country in which they do not have rights to nationality, due to persecution, violence or danger of violence in their country of origin. <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/international-migration/glossary/asylum-seeker/>

Migrants – people who have voluntarily decided to leave their country of origin to improve their well being, including economic, health, safety, famine, education and family reunification issues. <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/international-migration/glossary/migrant/>

Refugees – people who have been forced to flee their country of origin due to war, violence and persecution. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>

Displaced Persons - Collaboration

Our members are working as volunteers with various NGOs

- **Asylum Seekers**
 - In Ireland
 - International Campaigns
- **Migrants**
 - In Ireland
 - International Campaigns
- **Refugees**
 - In Ireland
 - Direct Provision Centers
 - EROC reception centers
 - Resettlement projects
 - International Campaigns



NGOs

AMRI <https://www.amri.ie>

Irish Refugee Council <http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie>

Déise Refugee Response <https://www.facebook.com/Deiserefugeeresponse/>

Doras Luimni <http://dorasluimni.org>

Human Trafficking (Liz Byrne)

- Member of APT
- GIFT box
- What is happening now
- Join
- Pics

What Are the SDGs?

On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to **end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all** as part of a [new sustainable development agenda](#).

- Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.
- For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector & civil society.

17 sustainable goals

1. Poverty <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/poverty/>
2. Hunger <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/hunger/>
3. Health <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/health/>
4. Education <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/>
5. Women's Empowerment <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>
6. Water & Sanitation <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation/>
7. Energy <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/energy/>
8. Work & Economic Growth <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/economic-growth/>
9. Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/infrastructure-industrialization/>
10. Reduced Inequalities <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/inequality/>
11. Sustainable Communities & Cities <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/cities/>
12. Sustainable Consumption & Production <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-consumption-production/>
13. Climate Action <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change-2/>
14. Oceans <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/oceans/>
15. Life On Land <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>
16. Peace & Justice <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/>
17. Partnerships for the Goals <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/>



SDGs – Sustainability Going Beyond 2030

- Sustainable living on our planet begins at home
 - Recycling
 - Energy use
 - Neighbors in need
 - Social justice and religious tolerance
- Or when you join
 - local groups to help change situations for the people around you, who may not have access to sufficient economic, educational, employment and health resources
 - regional and/or national Civil Society Groups or NGOs to action and advocate for systemic changes to support sustainable uses of
 - international NGOs to to action and advocate for global systemic changes

Check out IBVM NGO @ the UN: <http://ibvmunngo.org/global-goals-sdgs/>