



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH *All of God's Creation*

Social Justice Committee, Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Airy, October 6, 2024

Commitment to Peace and Unity

In a time of such division and polarization, let us use Francis' patience as an example for how we interact with others. We pray...



St. Francis of Assisi, Morris Arboretum

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters, but we are divided and at times, even hostile--tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness.

Move us, instead, towards encounter, listening, dialogue, reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all.

Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen.

In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen. (Prayer for Unity, to Overcome Division from the USCCB, Franciscan Action Network, 9/17/24)

Change for Global Change is excited to announce the kick-off of our **Second Annual "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" Walkathon**. This year's walkathon will once again ask participants to walk a minimum of 4 miles (either in a day, over the course of a week, or over 4 weeks) **in solidarity with millions of people around the world, primarily women and children, who are forced to walk an average of 4 miles a day to fetch clean water for their family.**

Registration is open now to sign up as a walker/fundraiser. Information is available on the [Change for Global Change website](#). Participants can sign up as an individual or as a team. Participants are asked to complete their walk of 4 miles (or more) between October 4th (Feast of St Francis) and October 24th (International Day of Climate Action). Donations are also being accepted online.

Change for Global Change is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, **founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia in 2006, as a practical way to respond to the needs of Earth and those who lack the means for a sustainable life.** In union with our Sisters and Associates of the U.S. Federation and the worldwide "Family of St. Joseph," we serve the "dear neighbor" – every person on the planet – by doing all we can to make our home, Earth, sustainable for all. (SSJ Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, 9/23/24)

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