

## JPIC ROUND UP - Week of October 15, 2019



### Pan- Amazon Synod - Oct.3-27

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) is inviting congregations worldwide to unite together in prayer for the Pan-Amazon Synod. Among the opportunities offered by UISG are:

- A **prayer reflection** online on Tuesday, Oct.24 at 8:00 AM ET
- **Webinar: “Sowing Hope for the Planet: Amazon” on Wednesday, October 16**
- **Meeting online and at UISG “The Synod Through the Eyes and Hearts of the Religious**

*Sisters who Attended the Synod” on Oct. 28 (There are 20 women religious present at the synod). In Rome, the Network for the Pan-Amazon Region (REPAM) will open the **Tent for Our Common Home** in the Church of Traspontina where the indigenous people and others attending the synod will meet for prayer and conversation.*

**Action:** UISG is encouraging women religious around the world to build a symbolic tent (or picture) in their own communities as a reminder to **pray** for the synod. (#SinodoAmazonico -- #SowersOfPropheticHope --#SowingHopeForOurPlanet) Visit [www.amazonia-casa-comun.org](http://www.amazonia-casa-comun.org)

### October 15 -- BOLD ACTION FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

We bow our heads in prayer and we remember the children known to have died in US custody since December 2018:

**Jakelin Caal Maquin: Guatemala: Age 7: December 8, 2018**

**Felipe Gómez Alonzo: Guatemala: Age 8: December 24, 2018**

**Juan de León Gutierrez: Guatemala: Age 16: April 30, 2019**

**Mariee Juárez: Age 1: May 10, 2018**

**Wilmer Josué Vázquez: Guatemala: Age 2: May 14, 2018**

**Carlos Gregorio Vásquez: Guatemala: Age 16: May 20, 2019**

**Darlyn Cristabel Valle: El Salvador: Age 10: May 29, 2019**



**Action:** Join the **National Call-In Day on Tuesday, October 15**, A Journey for Justice. We’re asking folks to call Dept. of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan to demand justice for immigrants. As a Catholic community, we can no longer sit on the sidelines as we see how our immigrant community is being attacked. Together, we have a strong voice and this is the time to use it! In partnership with the *Latinx Catholic Leadership Coalition*, we are demanding that the White House and Department of Homeland Security recognize the dignity and rights of all immigrants.

**BOLD ACTION: On Tuesday, October 15 contact DHS Headquarters**

**Operator Number: 202-282-8000 Comment Line: 202-282-8495**

**Suggested script:**

*Hello, my name is (insert name) from (Location: City, State, Zip Code). As a person of faith (and a Catholic sister), I am calling DHS Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan to demand humane changes on immigration policies. As Catholic leaders we are asking the Administration and the Department of Homeland Security to honor the dignity and rights of all immigrants and to: recognize the internationally recognized legal right to seek asylum, to stop the remain in Mexico program and the use of the "metering list", to make Due Process the standard NOT the exception, to collaborate with NGOs and local communities to support and expand humane services for asylum seekers, to provide additional funding for immigration courts and asylum officers and to grant Latinx Catholic Leadership Coalition a face-to-face meeting with Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan. Thank you for your time and concern for our immigrant families.*

**October 16—World Food Day**

2019 will focus on achieving #ZeroHunger by 2030. Zero hunger means working together to ensure everyone, everywhere, has access to the safe, healthy, and nutritious food they need. For resources and actions on how to reduce your food footprint go to: [www.greeningtheblue.org](http://www.greeningtheblue.org) or [www.fao.org/world-food-day](http://www.fao.org/world-food-day)

**Action: Reduce meat consumption by having a “Meatless Monday”**

**S O S -- CAN YOU HELP?**

**BABY DIAPERS NEEDED FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES**

As you read in the September 30 relay, the **Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women** is in need of diapers and wipes for its diaper bank. In response to this request, we are asking **each local community to bring a pack of diapers** (preferably size 5 or 6) **or baby wipes** to the **October assembly**. A box will be provided in the **entrance** for this donation. If your local community prefers to make a **monetary donation** rather than purchasing and transporting diapers, please give this donation directly to **Sr. Ann Marie Paul**. Thank you for your support of this social justice initiative that directly impacts the lives of immigrant families.

