

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18-NOVEMBER 24**

- Monday** - 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; LK 18:35-43
- Tuesday** - 2 MC 6:18-31; LK 19:1-10  
**St. Matilda**
- Wednesday** - 2 MC 7:1, 20-31; LK 19:11-2  
**St. Gelasius I**
- Thursday** - 1 MC 2:15-29; LK 19:41-44  
**St. B. Mary of Jesus Good Sheperd**
- Friday** - 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59; LK 19:45-48  
**St. Cecilia**
- Saturday** - 1 MC 6:1-13; LK 20:27-40  
**Sts. Columban, Clement I, Felicitas**
- Sunday** - 2 SM 5:1-3; COL 1:12-20; LK 23:35-43  
**Sts. Chrysogonus, Andrew Ding-L c, and his Companions**  
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

The Gospel speaks about the End of the Age. Yet, Catholics dare not wait idly for the coming of Christ. Rather, simply go where people are, especially people who hurt; look into someone's eyes; listen a little; and the Lord will tell you what you are to do. When he does, He will have come again... to you.

**PRAY FOR:** *Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Touns Miller, Susan Laperouse, Melinda Fabre, Sheryl Leaber, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Deacon Lee Crochet, Selma Ferjani, Dee Belanger, Holden Sawyer, Lynn Paul Lirette, Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, Sadie Talbot, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Tracy LeBlanc, Kristen Watkins, Alex Schexnayder, Robert Cazayoux, Ken Watkins, Linda Musson, Donald Prosperie and Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux Percy Lee, Linda LeClair, Sadie Talbot, (Open heart surgery), and for all prayer shawl recipients.*

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died.**



**Daily Prayers for Priests:**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the priesthood. We particularly thank you for the priests here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We ask that you draw them ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Your Son Jesus. May they experience the depth of communion with you that you long for. Grant them stillness Lord, that they might perceive your presence. Heighten their spiritual senses that they might see and hear you ever more clearly and feel you ever more deeply. Remind them of their call. Remind them of all that you have promised them and they promised you on the sacred day of their ordination. We ask for miracles of renewal in their priestly vocation, Lord. Renew them in your love and strengthen their resolve to love and serve you. Strengthen their priestly fraternity, Lord, and strengthen the bond between the priests and the Laity. That together Lord, we all might be ONE as you are One. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.*

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**  
*"All that you see here - the days will come when there will not be left one stone up another."*  
 Jesus grew up in the small village of Nazareth on top of a craggy mountain in the northern part of Israel. Like the vast majority of the people of his day he lived in a small house with a lower space where animals were brought in at night and a raised portion at the rear where the family lived, stored their meager possessions and slept on mats. There was no middle class. It is recorded that Jesus traveled several times to the grand and elaborately furnished Temple in the walled city of Jerusalem. He saw the excesses of wealth and power and he realized they were not what God desired to honor him. He taught us that people who love God, and who love and are responsible for themselves and others, are the true Temples that give honor to their God who created them. The Temple and the City of Jerusalem would be destroyed by Titus and natural disasters. But the disciples of Jesus who try to imitate him are Temples of the Holy Spirit that no natural disaster or powerful army can destroy. Are we such a temple?

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**  
 Church  
*In Loving Memory of Joel, David & Hedi Bergeron* donated by Fr. C. Paul, Carol & Carroll Bergeron.  
*In Loving Memory of Ricky Breaux* donated by Ursula and Children

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
 Sunday – November 10

Envelopes (227).....	\$ 9,469.00
Loose .....	\$ 2,084.55
Total .....	\$11,553.55

**PARISH NEWS**

**RIGHT TO LIFE CALENDARS**  
 NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

The calendars will offered after all Masses this weekend - November 16-17. A donation of \$5 is greatly appreciated. Proceeds support Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life in its efforts to stop abortion.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PRESENTS**  
 NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

Want to learn more about Eucharistic Adoration? Someone will speak at all Masses the weekend of November 16-17, 2019 about Eucharistic Adoration and remain afterwards to answer any questions and sign new Adorers up.

**Bayou Catholic**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION – BAYOU CATHOLIC**  
 NOVEMBER 17, 2019

A special second collection will be held in all churches of the diocese the weekend of Nov. 16-17, 2019 for the Bayou Catholic Magazine. The Bayou Catholic is the official magazine for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Your donation helps spread the Good News! Thank you for your support.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**IN THE QUIET**

When Jesus called His apostles from their work to follow Him, He knew they heard Him, not only with their ears, but within their hearts. They heard Him. They listened to Him. They followed Him. They loved Him. They spread His word. Jesus calls to us today and everyday, "Come to Me!" He wants us to draw closer to Him. Hear Him with your heart. Come closer to Him. Find One Hour in the week when you can share in the peace and quiet of His abiding love. Are you listening? Will you follow? Will you CALL ...?

St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily (Key fobs allow 24 hours access). All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

**HELP NEEDED**

**MY BROTHERS KEEPER - DONATIONS**

My Brothers Keeper will be putting together Christmas bags for the homeless and those at the Bunkhouse. Our goal is 50 bags. Please let the Church Office know if you would like to donate. The suggested items for the bag: hand warmer, chapstick, socks, winter hat, pair of gloves, band aids, comb or small brush, small pack of Kleenex, hand wipes, a note of encouragement and a bag to put it all in.

We will also be collecting bags of chocolate bells and candy canes. These can be placed in the boxes at the main entrances to the Church or to the Church Office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHRISTMAS BAGS LEGION PARK**

We will need volunteers to help December 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup> to prepare the Christmas bags and deliver them to Legion Park. Please contact Cathy in the Church Office at [cbutler@htdiocese.org](mailto:cbutler@htdiocese.org) or 985-876-6904 to sign up.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
 WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019

<b>Commentators</b>	
4:00 PM	Anne Bates
7:00 AM	Rebecca Vowell
9:00 AM	Ernie Perry
11:00 AM	Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM	Charles Sevin
<b>Lectors</b>	
4:00 PM	David Haddad
7:00 AM	Tommy Chauvin
9:00 AM	Mona Prejean
11:00 AM	Mindy Scott
5:30 PM	Christa Duplantis Prather
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	
4:00 PM	Melvia Fournier , Mary Ann Rodrigue, Bernita Guidry, Judith Archila, Carlise Juke, Brenda Tanner
7:00 AM	Dolly Duplantis, Carla Exnicious, Tammy Blanchard, Paul Labat
9:00 AM	Michael Boudreaux, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Nellie Chemin
11:00 AM	Michael D'Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Carol Domangue, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Jane Lirette
5:30 PM	Mike Amico, Adam Saal, Randy Bethancourt, Patricia Whipple, Margaret Monterio, Gia Holekamp
<b>Altar Servers</b>	
4:00 PM	Gracelyn Rameriz, Marley Johnson, Misha Johnson
7:00 AM	Benjamin Bourgeois ,Aubree Seeley, Delsin Blanchard
9:00 AM	Claire Klingman ,Brady Hazelton, Sophia Distefano
11:00 AM	Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes
5:30 PM	Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico



**CATHOLIC KORNER**

Last week we learned that the Part of the Mass: Rite of Peace is the exchange of peace demonstrating our readiness to forgive one another, to accept the peace of Christ into our hearts, and to exchange it with one another.



This week we learn that the Part of the Mass: Fraction is when the Priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread. The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper.

In the Part of the Mass: Fraction, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the Agnus Dei or "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:35; Acts 2:42, 46).

**Find out more next week when we talk about the Part of the Mass: Communion.**

*Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) to have answered here!*

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

"Ask and you shall receive - Seek and you shall find - knock and the door will be opened..." An invitation to all to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. One hour a week will change a life! Contact Donna Lapeyre at 872-6987 for more information. St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily (Key fobs allow 24 hours access). All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

**SAINTS**

**22-Nov St Cecilia**  
 (composers, music, musicians, poets, singers, martyrs)

Cecilia was born in a wealthy Roman family and was a Christian by birth. Her family gave her in marriage to Valerius, a pagan nobleman. Cecilia promised to remain a virgin, and she was successful in persuading Valerius to respect her virginity on their wedding night. Later, Valerius was converted to Catholicism along with his brother, Tiburtius. These two brothers dedicated themselves to burying the Christian martyrs, which was illegal. They were arrested and sentenced to death for refusing to renounce their religion.

Cecilia continued the work of converting people to the Christian faith and of burying the Christian dead, even though it was against the law. Hundreds were baptized through her witness and strength of faith. Saint Cecilia was brought to trial and sentenced to death. It took several days for her to die, and it is said that she converted many people who came to care for her as she was dying.

**NOVEMBER 2019 MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>In Memory</b>	
<b>November 18, 2019</b> Daily 5:30pm <i>William Walsh</i>	<b>November 19, 2019</b> Daily 5:30pm <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William V. Walsh</i>

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have Mass said in honor or in memory of someone please complete the purple form in the vestibule or you can access the form on the Church's website - <https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>. You can drop the completed form in the collection, mail to the Church Office or email to [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org). The usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. December Mass intentions are due by November 27, 2019.

### COME, LORD JESUS! ADVENT PROGRAM: A BIBLE STUDY AND SO MUCH MORE! Prayer + Scripture + Eucharist + Community

Prepare for the holy celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by participating in the *Come, Lord Jesus!* Advent Program, a four week meditative study on the Sunday Gospels leading to Christmas. Join us as we prepare our hearts for a season of hope which will transform your Christmas into the sacred season of peace and joy that it is intended to be. Meetings will be held on Mondays, beginning November 25, at 1:30pm in the Convent, ending on December 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Cindy Matherne @ 852-1334 or [cmatherne2@comcast.net](mailto:cmatherne2@comcast.net).

### OFFICE CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 27- Friday, November 29, 2019 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

*Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for family and friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.*

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday November 18 at 6 pm at the Convent. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:30pm. Any woman over 18 is welcomed to join. We would love to have you!

### ANNA'S ALLIES - NOVEMBER 20, 2019 "She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer." Luke 2:37

Anna's Allies will meet at 11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month; our next rosary will be held on Wednesday, November 20, in the Cathedral. We will be offering the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish and those on the prayer list in our bulletin. This ministry is open to all, men and women! If you are interested in praying with us - simply come and join us in the Cathedral!

### LEGION PARK UPDATE; CHRISTMAS PROJECT NOV 23-24, 2019

As a Bread or Stones Congregation, the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales is once again partnering with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church this Christmas to help make the season bright for the children at Legion Park School.

Fr. Craig Dalferes and Cathy Butler met with Ms. Sherri McGuire this week and heard even more stories of the hideous and unbelievable situations some of these children have to endure. And in spite of the poverty, drugs and lack of parental guidance of so many - the school has yet again risen above the odds - and gained another grade increase - bringing them to a "C" rated school. From an "F" to a "C" in two years is quite a feat! And as a result - Ms. Sherri McGuire has been named Principal of the Year!!

Ms. Sherri and the staff are very excited that our parishes continue to support the school. So this year, as last year, we will provide a Christmas bag for you. The bags will be out on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be labeled with a number, the gender, grade and shirt size. We will also provide a flyer with gift ideas for the children. The bags will be due back the weekend of December 14<sup>th</sup> - and can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church at whatever Mass you attend or you can also deliver them to the rectory.

It is our understanding that there are close to 350 children that attend Legion Park School and 100% of those children are living at the poverty level. With the support we have had over the years for Legion - we have no doubt that - once again - we will accept and meet the challenge to provide every child with a gift!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 23/24, 2019

More than 38 million people live in poverty in the United States. This collection assists community leaders who work to expand access to affordable housing, health care, and education. The collection also supports the development of worker-owned businesses, and advocates for changes to structures that keep people in poverty. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local anti-poverty projects. Facts about poverty and success stories from groups supported through the annual CCHD collection may be found by visiting: <https://povertyusa.org>.

### ADVENT – BEGINS DECEMBER 1

**The Advent Wreath - When is it blessed? The blessing of it takes place on the 1st Sunday of Advent,**

or on the evening before the 1st Sunday of Advent. The prayer of blessing is the conclusion to the Universal Prayer. The wreath may be sprinkled with holy water, and it is at this time that the first (violet) candle is lit.

### "THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU." DECEMBER 18, 2019, FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM.

During these hours confession is offered in all Churches in the diocese.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8TH, 2019

The traditional day for the Solemnity is December 8, which coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent. The latter celebration takes precedence, therefore the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. The obligation of the faithful to participate in Mass, however, remains on December 8th and is thus fulfilled by participating in Mass on that day.



### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES DECEMBER 7-8 & 14-15, 2019

Contribution envelopes will be available for pick up after Masses December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and December 14-15. Volunteers will be available to distribute the envelopes to those who have indicated they would like contribution envelopes. Census will also be taken at this time. Data sheets will be available for parishioners to review and update any changes.

### MINISTRY SOCIAL – DECEMBER 11, 2019

Please join us as we celebrate all involved in our parish ministries. We will start with 5:30pm mass at St. Francis Cathedral and follow with dinner and music at Woodman of the World, 309 S Hollywood Rd, Houma, LA.

### THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

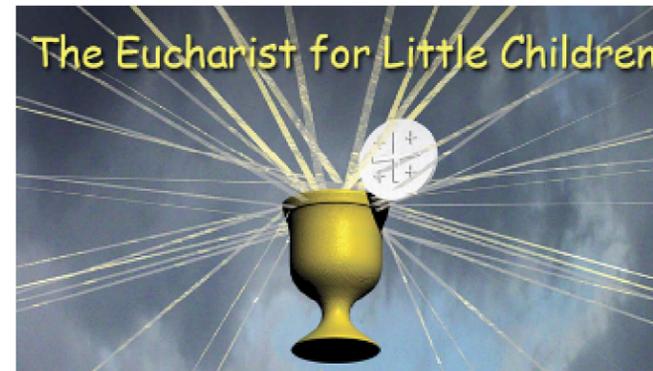
The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"

**Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

*If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 985-872-2520. After the beep, clearly state your name, phone number, address, and nature of the request. One of our volunteers will call you back to arrange an appointment interview (caller id will not display the number).*

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS 2019-2020

Please note that the workbooks for the lectors are in the sacristy in alphabetical order. Every lector has a book - with his /her name on the label. (couples will only have 1 book with both names on the label). Please be sure to pick up your copy this weekend when you attend Mass. The new workbooks take effect the first week of Advent. If you do not see a book with your name on it, please contact the rectory @ 876-6904.



### THE EUCHARIST FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

**"Jesus said, Let the children come to me."—Mark 10:14**

These simple words inspire us to lead our children to Christ. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the primary way to experience communion with Christ. In The Eucharist for Little Children, your children will begin to understand the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They will encounter Jesus in the solemnity of the Mass, the quiet of adoration, and the splendor of a Corpus Christi Procession. Your children will also experience the Lord through the traditional beauty of the Church, inspiring music, and the vibrant spirit of our host Jennifer Naimo. Jennifer brings her Broadway talent to a new dimension in this ministry to little children.

This video is a wonderful way to prepare your children for their first Holy Communion, as well as give them a better understanding of the Mass. They'll see and hear:

- ✚ Traditional and original sacred music
- ✚ How the bread and wine become the Eucharist
- ✚ Why Father wears those colorful vestments and why he dresses like Jesus Christ
- ✚ How to pray in Eucharistic adoration
- ✚ And how to behave in church through the example of other little children!

**FORMED** Find more for any age on FORMED. To sign up go to: go to our church website, <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>, click on FORMED, click on Register Now, enter the requested information including email and password (that you will create).

FORMED also has an app for Apple or Android mobile devices! Go to the App Store or the Google Play store to download the FORMED App.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

**The new Prayer cards with our 2019-2020 Seminarians are located at the Church exits. Please pick one up and pray for our Seminarians.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MASS – AMERICAN INDIAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 22, 2019

Each year since 1990, the presidents of the United States have proclaimed November "National American Indian Heritage Month. Annually in November the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux celebrates a Mass for Native Americans. Bishop Jacobs will preside at this year's Mass on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Pointe-aux-Chenes. While the liturgical environment and music will reflect Native American culture all Catholics are welcome to participate in this celebration, in which we commemorate St. Kateri Tekakwitha, an 18th century Mohawk Indian who lived near what is now the U. S.-Canadian border in northern New York State.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LEBANON – JUNE 1-10, 2020

Come to what God calls His Sanctuary – Lebanon - with Father Paul Bergeron and Charbel Achkar. Visit the Cedars of Lebanon and Tyre, Sidon, and Cana, as well as many other places. To register or get more information, call Fr. Paul Bergeron at 985-856-7709 or Yvonne Lottinger at 985-873-8355.

### PILGRIM'S WAY - WALKING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS!

Looking for a Great Christmas Gift for Family, Friend, or Even Yourself We have Three Pilgrimages Planned with Three Great Priests.

- ★ Walking the Footsteps of Jesus In The Holy Land of Israel With Fr. Sidney Speaks May 26-June 6
- ★ Follow the Path of St. Paul through The Seven Cities of the Book of Revelation and Other Sites in Turkey and Greece With Fr. Beau Charbonnet June 12-25
- ★ Enjoy the Beauty and the People of The Emerald Isle With Msgr. Harry Bugler in His Homeland of Ireland July 6-17

Fr. Harry is Hosting a Meeting for People Interested in the Pilgrimage Sunday, November 17th at 7:00PM at St. Philip Neri Parish 6500 Kawanee St., Metairie, LA. Contact Jerry Martinez (504) 559-4495 or [PilgrimsWayUSA@aol.com](mailto:PilgrimsWayUSA@aol.com) if interested.



The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St, Metairie, LA) has the following upcoming offerings:

- December 10** – Becoming a Woman of Faith: A Heart That's Been Purified – Lorraine Hess
- December 12** – Day of Prayer: Advent: The Time of Expectation – Rev. Sergio Serrano, OP
- January 10-12** – Becoming a Disciple of Jesus of Nazareth – Rev. Glenn LeCompte
- January 17-19** – Finding God in the Now! Everyday Experience – Rev. Jim Sichko
- January 24-26** – Living the Virtue of Hope – Rev. Joe Krafft
- January 28** – Day of Prayer: Falling in Love with Prayer – Rev. Ken Smith

To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or [neworleansretreats.org](http://neworleansretreats.org)

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Difficulty, opposition, confusion, mess, uncertainty and ambiguity are all part of life. Good religion does not guarantee that this will not sometimes be the case. Good religion does not remove all of the mess of life. However, today God says through Malachi, "...for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healings rays." Jesus says, "by your perseverance you will secure your lives."

In the challenges of our life, we can find God and God will lead us to what is right and just. In the challenges of society, we can find God and God will lead us to what is right and just. We are invited to work for justice, even when it challenges the value system of our world or culture. We are invited to overcome evil by love, war by peace, and selfishness by selfless giving.

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." So many things that human beings consider important are not really the most important. Even the adornments of the temple will not last. The gospel invites us to focus on what is really most important. We affirm the dignity of every human person. We affirm our desire to live in solidarity as brothers and sisters. We affirm our commitment to peace, justice, and nonviolence. We affirm our efforts to live in a way that makes sure that everyone shares in the bounty of God's gifts. We affirm our desire to respect the gifts and resources of our planet and not abuse and overuse them. We affirm our commitment to the values of Jesus Christ.