**Sept 21-22 Consultation with Ecology Educators at Xavier University**

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At the province level, our primary initiatives in regard to *Care for Creation* is through Advocacy, Networking and to some extent Spirituality. This is usually done in collaboration with other USA/CANADA provinces and the Office for Justice and Ecology at the Jesuit Conference.

Examples of Advocacy Include:

\*Issues which impact Midwest Jesuit ministries:

 -[Standing Rock Statement](http://jesuits.org/Assets/Publications/File/Statement-RedCloudStFrancisDAPL-2-22-17.pdf)

 -[Flint Water Crisis and Detroit water shut offs](https://peopleswaterboard.org/2016/05/detroit-to-flint-water-justice-journey-the-journey-continues-by-kim-redigan.html)

\*Shareholder Advocacy through the [Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility](http://jesuits.org/Assets/Publications/File/JCIR_report_2016-WEB.pdf)

 -Human Rights / Environmental Policies (Extractive sector such as Aura Minerals)

 -Sustainable water (Agribusiness sector such as Ingredion and Bunge Ltd)

-Fossil Fuel Discernment Paper (under construction): Note at present: 3 Jesuit provinces have announced a divestment policy (English Canada, Italy, Australia)

\*Promotion of Sign on Opportunities and Policy Statements regarding Environmental Justice

 -[Jesuits/Colleagues sign on letter regarding COP 21](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2017/03/17/president-trump-climate-change/)

 -[Support Clean Power Plan via Jesuit Advocates](http://cqrcengage.com/jesuit/app/onestep-write-a-letter?3&engagementId=324173)

Examples of Networking and Education include:

 \*[Laudato Si One Year Audit](http://jesuits.org/story?TN=PROJECT-20160519062035)

 \*Promotion of IJEP’s *Healing Earth*

 \*Encouraging participation in the [Ignatian Carbon Challenge](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-carbon-challenge/)

 \*Contributing to [Ecojesuit](http://www.ecojesuit.com/)

Examples of Prayer and Spirituality:

 \*Ecological Examen (currently under construction)

 \*[Renewing the Face of the Earth Lenten Reflection Series](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/lent/)

Examples of Communication:

 \*[Jesuit Conference](http://jesuits.org/whatwedo?PAGE=DTN-20170809121055&SUBPAGE=DTN-20130520124035)

 \*[USA Midwest](http://jesuitsmidwest.org/whatwedo?PAGE=DTN-20130918050024)

 \*Stories in Province Magazine and through Social Media