



**Capuchin Franciscan  
Province of St. Joseph  
"Laudato Si"  
Online Seminar**

**Monday, June 20**

7:15pm CDT Welcome & Connection to the Capuchin Charism  
Benedict Ayodi, OFM Cap,  
General Curia Secretary of JPIC

**Tuesday, June 21**

9am CDT Chapter 1 Summary: What is Happening in Our Common Home  
Mary Frolich, RSCJ,  
Catholic Theological Union  
9:45am CDT Capuchin Constitution & Lifestyle  
John Celichowski, OFM Cap, President of Capuchin International JPIC Commission



**Tuesday, June 21, cont.**

2:45pm CDT Chapter 2 Summary: The Gospel of Creation  
Mary Frolich, RSCJ,  
Catholic Theological Union  
3:30pm CDT Preaching "Laudato Si"  
Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap,  
Director of Office of Preaching SJP

**Wednesday, June 22**

9am CDT Chapter 3 Summary: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis  
Mary Frolich, RSCJ,  
Catholic Theological Union  
9:45am CDT Spiritual & Ecological Hope in the Midwest, USA  
Margaret Swedish, Center for New Creation  
2:45pm CDT Chapter 4 Summary: Integral Ecology  
Keith Clark, OFM Cap, SJP  
3:30pm CDT Spiritual & Ecological Hope in the Midwest, USA Part 2  
Margaret Swedish, Center for New Creation



**Thursday, June 23**

9am CDT Chapter 5 Summary: Lines of Approach and Action  
Keith Clark, OFM Cap, SJP  
9:45am CDT Approach/Action in the USA  
Patrick Carolan, ED,  
Franciscan Action Network  
11am CDT International Approach/Action  
Moema Miranda, OFS, Co-ED IBASE, Brazil  
2:45pm CDT Chapter 6 Summary: Ecological Education and Spirituality  
Keith Clark, OFM Cap, SJP  
3:30pm CDT Ecological Education and Spirituality in Our Lives  
Joan Rosenhauer, Executive VP, U.S.A. Operations, Catholic Relief Services  
**Friday, June 24**  
9am CDT A Capuchin Story of Env. Devastation to the Ogoni Tribe in Nigeria  
Anthony Kote-Witah, OFM Cap, SJP



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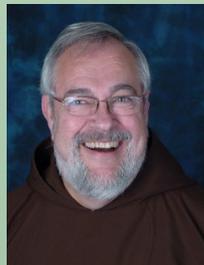
**Br. Benedict Ayodi, OFM Cap**  
General Curia secretary for JPIC.  
Br. Ben is a Capuchin from Kenya. He worked with the Damietta Peace Initiative to promote peace by means of non-violence among religions, ethnic groups, and various

classes of society. The initiative was developed in Congo, Niger, Kenya, Zambia, and Tanzania. He has a Masters in International Relations from the New School in New York, and worked with Franciscans International. He is a member of the Roman 6, animators of the Franciscan family.



**Br. John Celichowski, OFM Cap**, President of the International JPIC Commission  
Br. John is the Director of Post-Novitiate, Ministry and Continuing Formation for the Capuchin Province of St.

Joseph, headquartered in Detroit. From 2008 to 2014 he served as Provincial Minister. Prior to being Provincial, he served as pastor of parishes in Milwaukee and Chicago and two terms on the Provincial Council. He serves on a number of church-related boards/commissions and holds degrees in: B.A. (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); M.Div. (Catholic Theological Union); and J.D. (Georgetown University Law Center).



**Br. Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap**, Director of Office of Preaching and Evangelization of the Province of St. Joseph  
Br. Bill just finished giving a five-part series on “Laudato Si” for parishioners at the Franciscan Renewal Center in

Scottsdale, AZ. He also incorporates the content of “Laudato Si” in parish renewals he gives across the US. Previously, he was Professor of Liturgical Theology at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA.



**Margaret Swedish**, Center for New Creation  
Margaret Swedish was co-coordinator and director of the Religious Task Force on Central America and Mexico in Washington DC from 1981-2004,

a national organization of Catholic religious leaders addressing human rights and US military and economic policy in the region. The organization played a leadership role in the faith-based solidarity movement. Since 2006, her work has been focused on the ecological crises now confronting humanity. Margaret’s books include, *Like Grains of Wheat: A Spirituality of Solidarity* and *Living Beyond the ‘End of the World:’ A Spirituality of Hope*.



**Patrick Carolan**, Executive Director of Franciscan Action Network  
Prior to joining FAN, Patrick worked for the Diocese of Bridgeport as Manager of Advancement/Development for the Stanford Catholic

Schools and at St. James Parish in Stratford, where he was involved in developing Faith Formation and Social Justice Programs. Previously he was president of a Connecticut State Employee Union, held senior/executive level positions in Medicaid managed care companies, and served on numerous boards and commissions both in Connecticut and nationally, dealing with public policy issues.

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**Moema Miranda, OFS** Co-Executive Director of the Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses (IBASE) Ms. Miranda coordinates the People’s Dialogue and South-South Coalition Building programs, and works closely with organizations and networks in Latin America and Africa. She participated in the Operating Secretariat of the Civil Society Facilitating Committee for the Rio+20 Earth Summit and coordinated programs including the World Social Forum Process and Democratic Alternatives to Globalization. She is an anthropologist with degrees in social anthropology from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRG), National Museum.



**Sr. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ**, Associate Professor of Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In addition to teaching, she writes and leads workshops on Carmelite spirituality,

spirituality as an academic discipline, and ecospirituality. She enjoys gardening, hiking, and leading outdoor retreats.



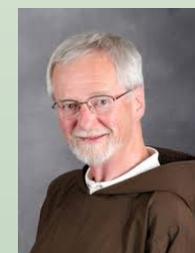
**Joan Rosenhauer**, Executive Vice President, U.S. Operations, Catholic Relief Services Ms. Rosenhauer joined CRS in April 2009 and is responsible for leadership of the agency’s mission of assisting Catholics in the U.S. She leads CRS’ domestic programs and advocacy, including five regional offices across the U.S. She also oversees CRS’ marketing strategy including communications, media, web and social media. Prior to joining CRS, Ms. Rosenhauer spent 16 years working for the Justice and Peace Office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. She has a B.A. in Social Work from the University of Iowa and a Master’s degree in Public Policy Management from the University of Maryland.

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**Br. Anthony Kote-Witah, OFM Cap** is a Capuchin in Formation with the Province of St. Joseph. He is originally from the Ogoni tribe in southeast Nigeria. The Ogoni tribe has suffered greatly from oppression, environmental devastation, and political marginalization caused by the Nigerian government and the multinational Shell Oil Company. Br. Kote-Witah participated actively in the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People and was forced to escape from persecution to a refugee camp. He joined the Capuchins in 2013.



**Br. Keith Clark, OFM Cap** has been a Capuchin in the Province of St. Joseph since 1958. He has worked in various Capuchin ministers such as director of Monte Alverno Retreat Center and President of St. Lawrence Seminary. He has also served the friars in formation, continuing education, and as a member of the Provincial Council. He is currently enjoying retirement, helping out at Washington Retreat Center and Cap Corps. He created two-minute teachings on “Laudato Si” and previous Encyclicals.