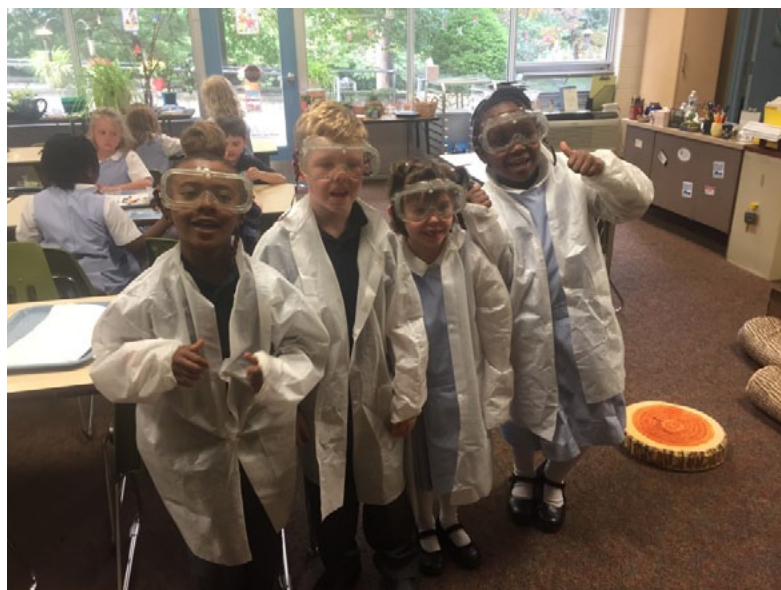


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Today we are living through an extraordinary time in human history. It is indeed a time for pause, a time for reflection, and a time for prayer. The COVID-19 pandemic we are experiencing has brought about a new realization of the immeasurable value of each and every person throughout the globe. It is that message that our Lord preached throughout His public ministry and affirmed through His death and resurrection. It is that message that calls us to journey with Him as faithful members of the community of believers - each one of us a unique and irreplaceable gift.

In this, my customary message for our annual Journey of Hope event, I find myself thinking about our many friends and supporters in a way that makes this year's journey so much more meaningful and profoundly memorable. While we may not be together in physical presence for our celebration, we are together in spirit, and in the shared belief that the life of our world and its people are precious.

A year ago, when we made the decision that this year's Journey of Hope would also commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we had no idea that our world would be in its current upheaval, and that celebrating in the way we had hoped would be impossible. And yet, we find ourselves called to celebrate. We celebrate the many blessings that we have received through God's grace; we celebrate the genuine goodness we have witnessed as revealed through strangers and friends; we celebrate the heroes, who are reaching out and holding our hearts; and we celebrate the faith and perseverance of our brothers and sisters deeply committed to the belief that "all life is one."

As we continue to travel on our journey, "united like the fingers of a hand" we thank you for being a part of this experience, grateful for your life-giving friendship, encouragement, and trust.

With gratitude and hope,

Belén Escauriáza, acj
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A Reflection on Earth Day

*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,
The world, and those who dwell in it. For He
has founded it upon the seas, And established
it upon the rivers.*

-Psalm 24:1-2

"All of creation is capable of reflecting the glory and workings of God... We only need to spend time meditating upon the laws of nature to perceive the laws of grace which they reflect. For example, take the morning dew. It arrives silently and without notice of its coming. It sinks in and soaks the earth leaving all things covered by its presence. So it is with the countless graces of God's Mercy. It's as if every grace God gives us is like one drop of the morning dew. He bestows it in abundance, and we often do not see it coming. It is given to soak in and to nourish our souls. Let the message of the morning dew speak to you this day and allow it to reveal the outpouring of the Mercy of God."

- Diary of St. Faustina, #1449

Let us pray:

Sustaining God, create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your gifts, that we might receive them with gratitude, care for them with love and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

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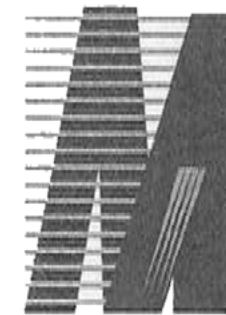
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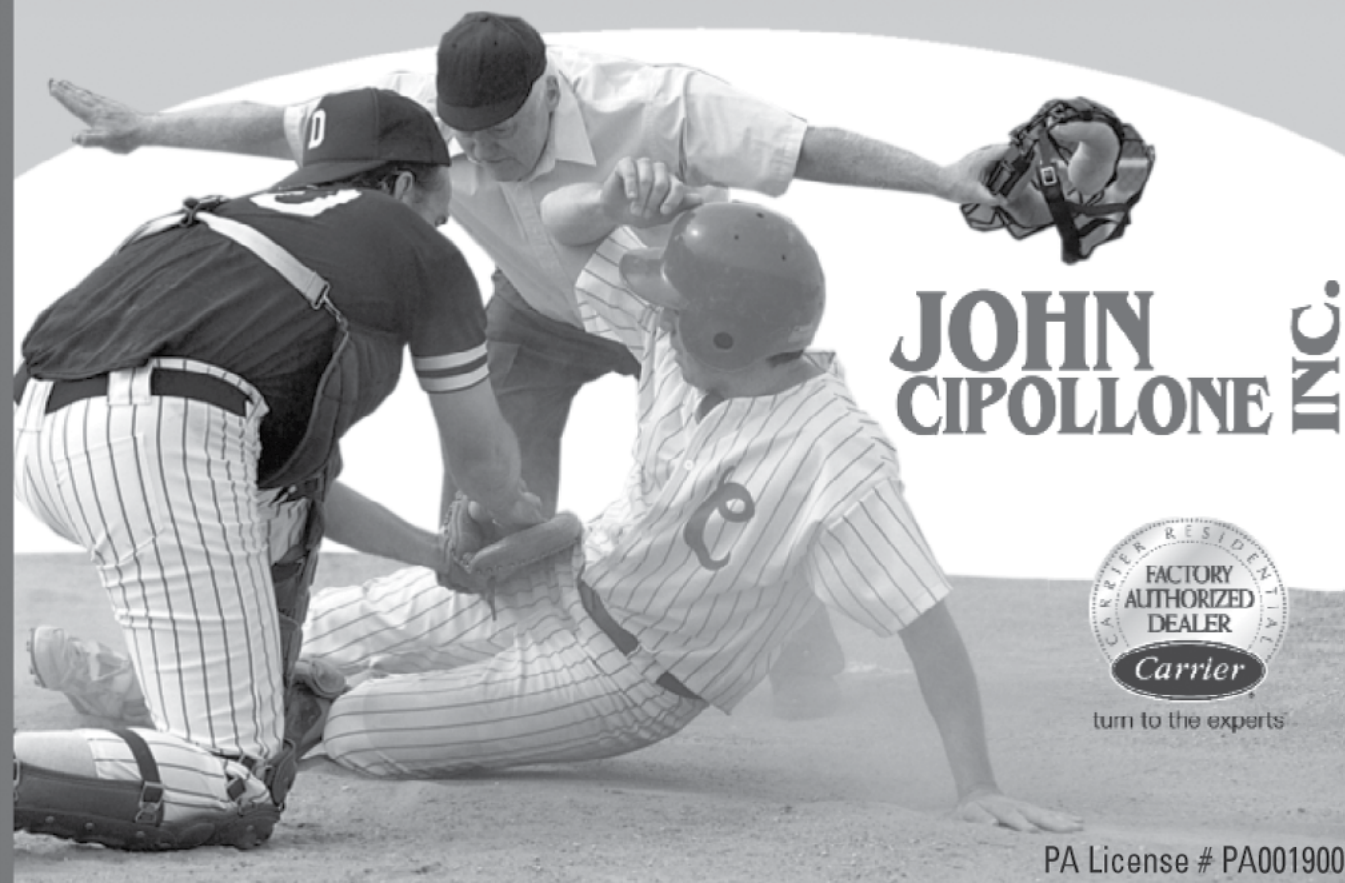


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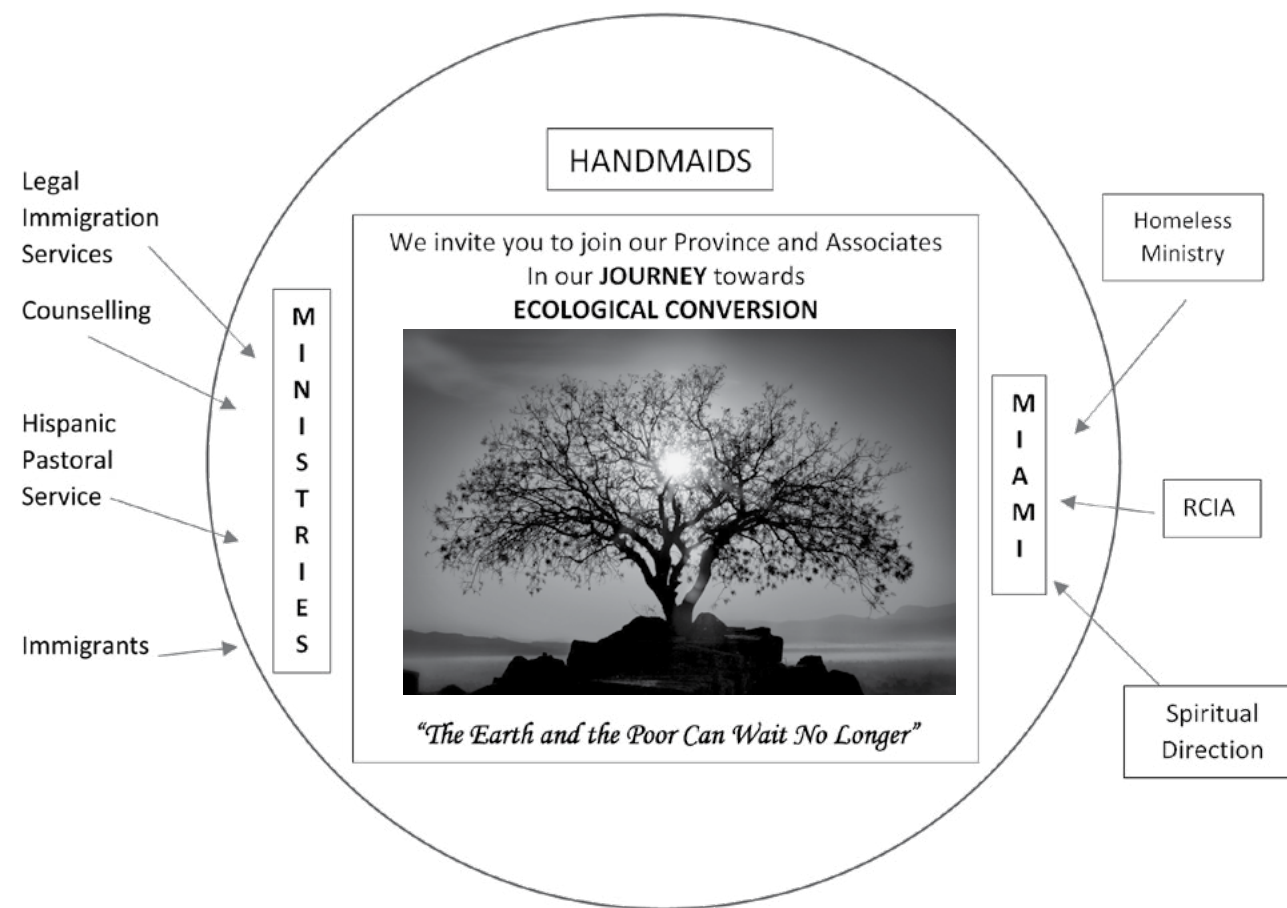
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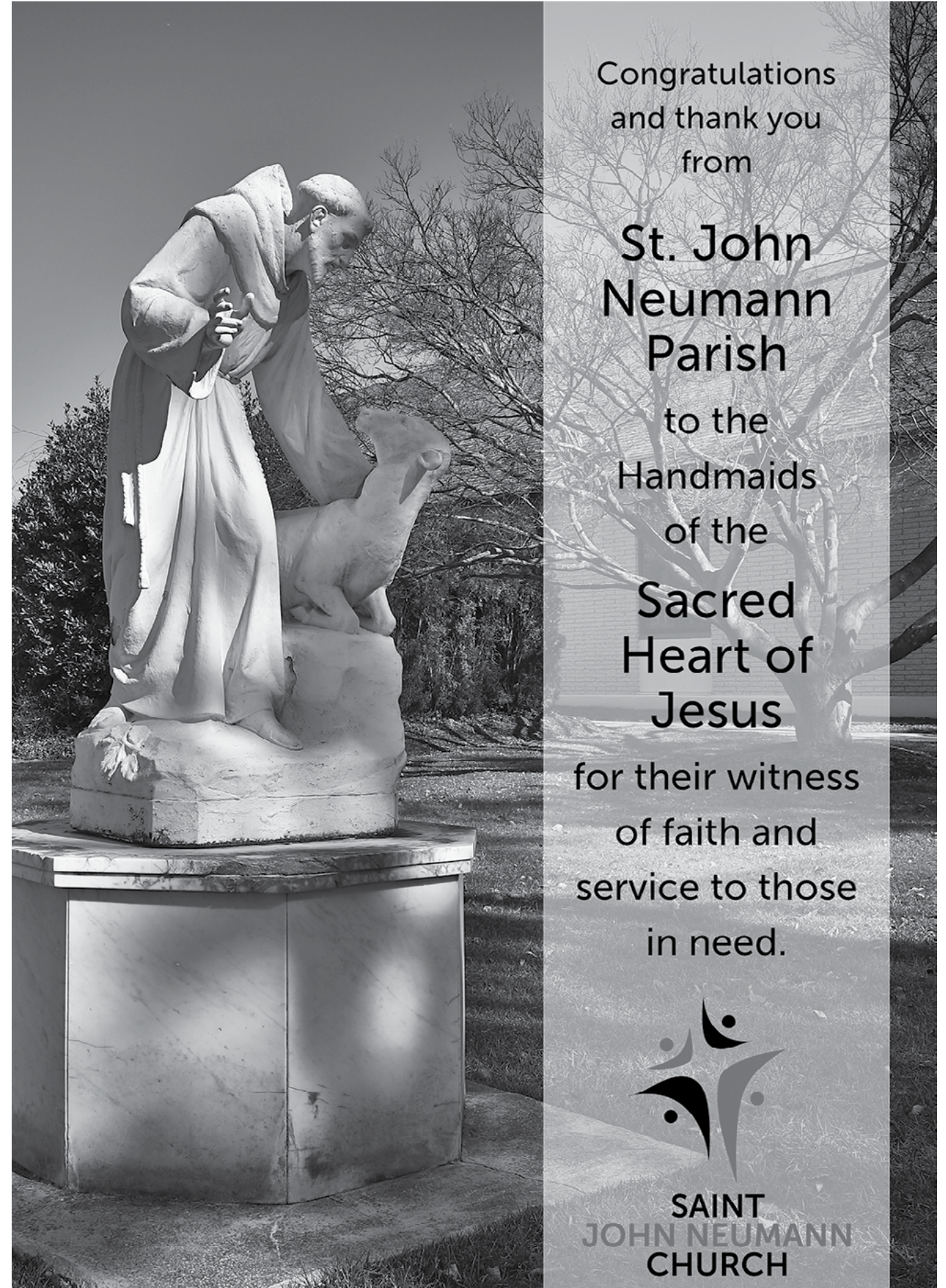
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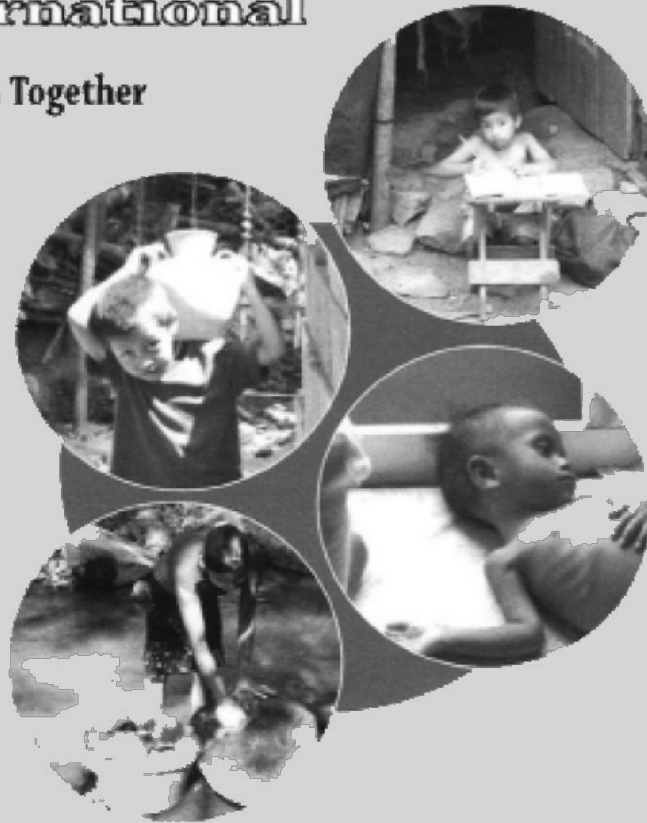
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