



Education for Justice: Justice and Peace Calendar *August 2010 – July 2011*

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AUGUST 2010

- 6 and 9 Anniversaries of the Dropping of the Atomic Bombs
- 9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
- 11 Ramadan (Muslim observance) begins at sundown and concludes Sept. 10
- 12 International Youth Day
- 14 Feast of Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr
- 15 **Assumption of Mary**
- 19 World Humanitarian Day
- 23 International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition
- 26 Women's Equality Day (commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote)
- 29 Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (2005)

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 6 “The Medellín Conference Documents,” (Second Meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference, 1968)
- 6 Labor Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 9 Rosh Hashana (Jewish), begins at sundown on the 8th
- 10 Eid al Fitr (Festival of Breaking of the Fast, Islam), begins at sundown on the 9th
- 11 Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 2001
- 12 National Grandparent’s Day (U.S.)
- 14 Laborem Exercens, 1981
- 15 International Day of Democracy
- 15-Oct 15 **National Hispanic Heritage Month**
- 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 17 Constitution Day (U.S.)
- 18 Yom Kippur (Jewish), begins at sundown
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 23 First Day of Autumn
- 23-29 Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles) – begins at sundown on the 22nd
- 27 Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul



OCTOBER 2010

- 1 International Day of Older Persons
- 2 Gandhi's birthday - International Day of Nonviolence
- 4 Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
- 4 World Habitat Day (UN), 1st Mon. in October
- 5 International World Teacher's Day
- 5 Universal Children's Day
- 11 Columbus Day
- 13 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (UN), 2nd Wed. in October
- 15 International Day of Rural Women
- 16 World Food Day
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
"The Struggle Against Poverty: A Sign of Hope in Our World" (Pastoral Letter of the Canadian Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs, 1996)
- 21 International Day of Peace
"The Common Good and the Catholic Church's Social Teaching," Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, 1996
- 24 United Nations Day
- 24-30 Disarmament Week
- 31 UNICEF Day
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER 2010

Native American Heritage Month

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 2 Election Day
- 5 Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Lights
- 6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- 9 Mix It Up at Lunch Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 U.S. Bishops issue, "For I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food," reflections on food, farmers, and farmworkers, 2003
- 13 St. Francis Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants
U.S. Bishops issue "A Place at the Table," 2002
(<http://www.usccb.org/bishops/table.htm>)
- 15 U.S. Bishops issue "Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice," 2000
- 16 International Day of Tolerance
21st Anniversary of U.S. Bishops issuing "Economic Justice for All," 1986

NOVEMBER 2010 (con'td)

- 17 Eid-al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice, Islamic), begins at sundown on the 16th
- 19 U.S. Bishops issue "Health and Health Care," 1991
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 21 World Television Day
- 22 Feast of Christ the King
- 25 International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women
"To the People of God Journeying in Central America" (Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Central America, 2002)
Anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- 28 **1st Sunday of Advent**
Justicia in Mundo, 1971

DECEMBER 2010

- 1 Charles de Foucauld (Beatified Nov. 13, 2005)
- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 2 Anniversary of the deaths of Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan in El Salvador
- 2-9 Chanukah/Hanukkah (begins at sundown on the 1st)
- 3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 3 International Day of Disabled Persons
- 4 Feast of St. John Damascus
- 5 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
- 5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (UN)
- 6 Feast of St. Nicholas
Gaudium et Spes
- 7 Islamic New Year
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 10 Thomas Merton (anniversary of death)
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 10 "To the Ends of the Earth," Pastoral Statement of the United States Bishops, 1986
"A Milestone for the Human Family," Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops of Australia to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1998)
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
U.S. Bishops issue "The Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment," (1983)
- 12 **3rd Sunday of Advent** (Gaudete Sunday)



DECEMBER 2010 (cont'd)

13	Feast of St. Lucy
14	St. John of the Cross
15	Bill of Rights Day (U.S.)
18-Jan 17	Hajj (Annual Pilgrimage to Mecca, Islamic)
18	International Migrants Day (UN)
20	International Human Solidarity Day (UN)
19	4th Sunday of Advent
21	Feast of St. Peter Canisius First Day of Winter
25	Christmas
26	Feast of St. Stephen
26 – Jan. 1	Kwanzaa (in recognition of African heritage)
27	Feast of St. John, apostle
28	Feast of the Holy Innocents
30	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
30	Sollicitudo Rei Socialis
31	New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2011

- **UN: International Year of Forests**
- **Poverty in America Awareness Month (CCHD)**
- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 World Day for Peace
- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 1 International Year of Biodiversity (UN) begins
- 1 International Year for the Rapprochement ("to bring together") of Cultures
- 3-9 National Migration Week (USCCB)
- 6 Epiphany
- 7 Baptism of the Lord
- 16 Religious Freedom Day
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope," (A Pastoral Letter on Migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States, 2003)
- 23-24 National Prayer Vigil for Life
- 25 World Day of Leprosy
- 27 Auschwitz death camp in Poland, liberation by Soviet troops, 1945
International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (UN)
- 28 The Puebla Conference Document (Third Meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference, 1979)
- 30-Feb 5 Catholic Schools Week (U.S.)



FEBRUARY 2011

- **African American History Month**

- 3 Chinese New Year (Confucian/Daoist/Budhist) (Year of the Rabbit)
- 4 World Cancer Day
- 11 World Day of the Sick
- 13 "Economic Justice in South Africa" (A Pastoral Statement of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, 1999)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 Presidents Day
- 20 World Day of Social Justice

MARCH 2011

- **Women's History Month**

- 1 International Day for the Abolition of the Death Penalty
- 5 International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970)
- 8 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
- 8 United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace (International Women's Day)
- 9 **Ash Wednesday 2011**
- 13 **1st Sunday of Lent**
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Start of the War in Iraq (2003)
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph
- 20 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
- 21-28 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination (UN)
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 World Water Day
- 24 Oscar Romero's assassination, 1980
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 26 Populorum Progressio (written in 1967)
- International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (UN)
- 27 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
- 30-Apr 6 Passover (Jewish)

APRIL 2011

- 3 **4th Sunday of Lent**
- 3 Holy Saturday
- 4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (UN)
- 7 World Health Day
- 10 **5th Sunday in Lent**
- 11 Pacem in Terris
- 15 Income Tax Day in the USA
- 17 **Palm Sunday**
- 21 **Holy Thursday**
- 22 **Good Friday**
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 **Easter Sunday**
- 24 Death of Cesar Chavez
- 27 Murder of Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera, Human Rights Martyr
"Evangelization in Modern Day Asia," First Plenary Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, 1974
National Conference of the Bishops of Brazil issued "Ethical and Gospel Imperatives for Overcoming Dire Poverty and Hunger," April 2002
- 30 Arbor Day

MAY 2011

- **Asian Heritage Month**
- 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- 1 Centesimus Annus
Divine Mercy Sunday
- 3 World Press Freedom Day
- 3 "The Challenge of Peace" – U.S. Bishops (1983)
- 5 US Bishops issue "Challenge of Peace," 1983
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 National Day of Prayer USA (1st Thursday in May)
- 8 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
- 8 Mother's Day
World Communications Day
Octogesima Adveniens, 1971
- 10 Vesak (Buddhist – the commemoration of Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment)
- 15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day
- 15 International Day of Families
Rerum Novarum
Quadragesimo Anno
Mater et Magistra
- 17 World Telecommunication Day



MAY 2011 (cont'd)

- 20 Franz Jägerstätter
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
Africa Day
- 25-June I Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- 30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2011

- **June is Torture Awareness Month**

- 2 Ascension of Christ (June 5, 2011 in some dioceses)
- 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN)
- 4 Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre, 1989
- 5 World Environment Day
- 12 **Pentecost**
- 12 World Day Against Child Labor
- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN)
- 19 Trinity Sunday
- 19 The US Bishops issue "Sharing Catholic Social Teaching," 1998
- 19 Juneteenth, commemoration of end of slavery in U.S.
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 23 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- 26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

JULY 2011

- 4 Independence Day (U.S.)
- 11 Anniversary of Srebrenica Slaughter in Bosnia (2011 is the 16th anniversary)
- 11 World Population Day
- 14 Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- 18 Birth of Nelson Mandela – New UN International Celebration
- 22 Feast of Mary of Magdala– Apostle to the Apostles
- 23 Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden
- 31 Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola