



Education for Justice: Justice and Peace Calendar *August 2009 – July 2010*

Print-ready resources are available at www.educationforjustice.org to assist you in observing and celebrating many of the dates listed below. Consult the “Calendar Connections” button on the home page.

AUGUST 2009

- 6 and 9 Anniversaries of the Dropping of the Atomic Bombs
- 9 International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
- 12 International Youth Day
- 14 Feast of Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr
- 15 Assumption of Mary
- 23 International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition
- 22 Ramadan (Muslim observance) begins at sundown and concludes Sept. 21
- 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 2009

- 6 “The Medellín Conference Documents,” (Second Meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference, 1968)
- 7 Labor Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 11 Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 2001
- 13 National Grandparent’s Day (U.S.)
- 14 Laborem Exercens, 1981
- 15-Oct 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 17 Constitution Day (U.S.)
- 19 Rosh Hashana (Jewish), begins at sundown on the 18th
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21 Eid al Fitr (Festival of Breaking of the Fast, Islam), begins at sundown on the 20th
- 27 Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul
- 28 Yom Kippur (Jewish), begins at sundown

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 International Day of Older Persons
- 2 Gandhi's birthday
- 3-9 Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles), begins at sundown on the 2nd
- 4 Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 International World Teacher's Day
- 5 World Habitat Day (UN), 1st Mon. in October
- 5 Universal Children's Day
- 10 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (UN), 2nd Wed. in October
- 13 Columbus Day
- 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)
- 17 Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Lights
- 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 2009

Native American Heritage Month

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 3 Election Day
- 6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- 10 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 2009 (con'td)

- 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
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Eid-al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice, Islamic), begins at sundown on the 26th
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Justicia in Mundo

DECEMBER 2009

- 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
- 3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 3 International Day of Disabled Persons
- 4 Feast of St. John Damascus
- 5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (UN)
- 6 Feast of St. Nicholas
- 6 2nd Sunday of Advent
Gaudium et Spes
- 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)
- 12-19 Chanukah/Hanukkah (begins at sundown on the 11th)
- 13 3rd Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER 2009 (cont'd)

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)
18	Islamic New Year
20	International Human Solidarity Day (UN)
20	4th Sunday of Advent
21	Feast of St. Peter Canisius
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

JANUARY 2010

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
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
21-22	National Prayer Vigil for Life
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)
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	Gandhi's Death, 1948
31	Thomas Merton's Birth, 1915
31-Feb 6	Catholic Schools Week (U.S.)



FEBRUARY 2010

African American History Month

- 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
- 14 Chinese New Year (Confucian/Daoist/Budhist) (Year of the Tiger)
- 15 Presidents Day
- 16 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
- 17 Ash Wednesday 2010
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 1st Sunday of Lent
- 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 2010

Women’s History Month

- 1 International Day for the Abolition of the Death Penalty
- 5 International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970)
- 7 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 8 United Nations Day for Women’s Rights and International Peace (International Women’s Day)
- 14 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 Start of the War in Iraq (2003)
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph
- 21 5th Sunday in 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)
- 28 Palm Sunday
- 30-Apr 6 Passover (Jewish)



APRIL 2010

- 1 Holy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 3 Holy Saturday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (UN)
- 7 World Health Day
- 11 Pacem in Terris
- 15 Income Tax Day in the USA
- 22 Earth Day
- 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 2010

Asian Heritage Month

- 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- 1 Centesimus Annus
- 2 Vesak (Buddhist – the commemoration of Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment)
- 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
- 9 Mother's Day
World Communications Day
Octogesima Adveniens, 1971
- 13 Ascension of Christ (May 16, 2010 in some dioceses)
- 15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day
- 15 International Day of Families
Rerum Novarum
Quadragesimo Anno
Mater et Magistra
- 17 World Telecommunication Day
- 20 Franz Jägerstätter



MAY 2010 (cont'd)

- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
Africa Day
- 23 Pentecost
- 25-31 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 30 Trinity Sunday
- 31 Memorial Day

JUNE 2010

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

JULY 2010

- 4 Independence Day (U.S.)
- 11 Anniversary of Srebrenica Slaughter in Bosnia (2010 is the 15th anniversary)
- 11 World Population Day
- 14 Feast Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
- 18 Birth of Nelson Mandela
- 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