



Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”

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12 Weeks of Franciscan Peace 2023 by Carolyn Townes, OFS

A weekly program of peace-giving themes, reflections, and prayers leading up to Christmas is available on the OFS-USA

website: [English](#) [Spanish](#) [Korean](#) The readings and reflections focus on peace from Oct. 3-Dec. 25. Let us slow down and spend quality time with this rich spiritual food. More information is available [here](#).

<https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/2022/10/03/12-weeks-of-franciscan-peace-2022/>



Time Sensitive: Franciscan Network for Migrants

is sponsoring a *Border Encounter* from November 2-6.

This is a powerful opportunity to see things at the border firsthand.

\$300 covers accommodations and meals at Casa Guadalupe Retreat House in El Paso, as well as ground transportation during the trip. It includes the border mass. [Link to the Flyer](#) for more information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19jkT79mLMEckwl80ti7dcwXXmfQUynRb/view>



Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum* Pope Francis released his new Apostolic Exhortation today, on the feast of St. Francis. I just finished reading it. It has the spiritual, theological, and scientific weight of *Laudato Si*, while stating more concisely and plainly that the climate crisis calls for urgent action to reduce the use of fossil fuels. The Holy Father is telling us, *we must meet the challenge of this moment*. Much is happening, but much too slowly. You can read *Laudate Deum* at [this link](#). I've been asked to organize a

statement on Care for Creation. Meanwhile, I would say to every member, at home, in the fraternities, in the regions and across the OFS: let our *actions* be our statement.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html



Diocesan Level *Laudato Si* Action Planning

Deacon Kent Ferris, OFS appeared recently on a panel sponsored by the Catholic Climate Covenant. His remarks include a reflection on diocesan efforts to implement a *Laudato Si* action plan. The link to Deacon Kent's portion of the panel discussion [is here](#). How is your diocese doing with its *Laudato Si* implementation? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN_ajNuqJI&t=3485s

And yes, there is a section for *religious orders* on the *Laudato Si* Action Platform.

