

# PITTSBURGH PROPHET

NEWSLETTER OF ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH PRIESTS

JUNE, 2022

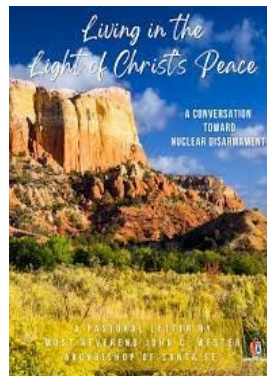


## Two opportunities

### Discerning Action: Archbishop Wester's Pastoral Letter on Nuclear Disarmament

Wednesday, June 29, 7 pm

APP and Pax Christi Pittsburgh will sponsor a prayerful discussion of the recent Pastoral Letter of Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe: **Living in the Light of Christ's Peace.**



Sign up on the APP website (a pdf of the letter available)



Archbishop John C. Wester (Keynote)	Marie Dennis
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv	Dr. Shannen Dee Williams
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton	Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB

And more ...

Prayer — Talks — Workshops — Celebration — Liturgy

For more details, registration, lodging, etc.: <https://paxchristiusa.org>

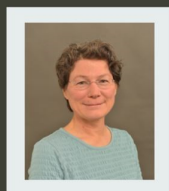
## How you can help — Promote!

Spread the word to family & friends, especially in your parish on 2 spirited, practical, and hope-filled APP presentations on our website.

### CARE FOR THE EARTH

Lots of creative ideas about family involvement within parishes to promote restoration of the environment!

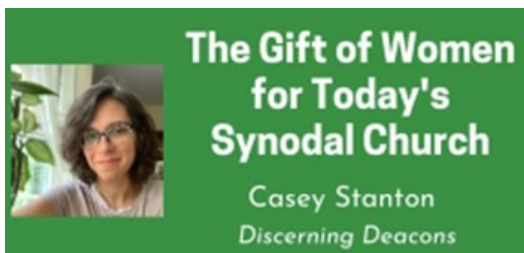
CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME:  
INSPIRATION AND LESSONS FROM  
"GREEN" CONGREGATIONS



Dr. Cybelle  
Shattuck

Sr. Lyn Szymkiewicz, CSJ

Tony Kerzman



Women's expanding role in today's Church — problems & creative progress overcoming them.



Full statement is available on the APP website.

## Abortion and Life

In light of present controversies and the Supreme Court ruling that could overturn *Roe v Wade*, APP issued this statement.



Association of Pittsburgh Priests calls on Catholic leaders to develop new pastoral, spiritual approach regarding abortion and the culture of life - June 13, 2022

### Background

No matter what side (or middle) of this complex legal and moral debate one is on, it is the opinion of the APP that our Church, like much of our society, has failed to demonstrate a serious pastoral concern for abortion victims – including the fetuses who might never be born, the women who find themselves in dire situations with nowhere to turn, and the great mass of society that closes its eyes and ears to their cry for help...

### Statement

The Association of Pittsburgh Priests (APP) calls upon our Church leaders and people in the pews to develop a new and dynamic "Pastoral Culture of Life" in which the people of God learn to better minister to each other, appreciating the complexities we face in relation to the issue of life...

Save  
the  
Date

## APP Summer Picnic

Friday, August 12, 2022

Details soon!



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AUGUST, 2022

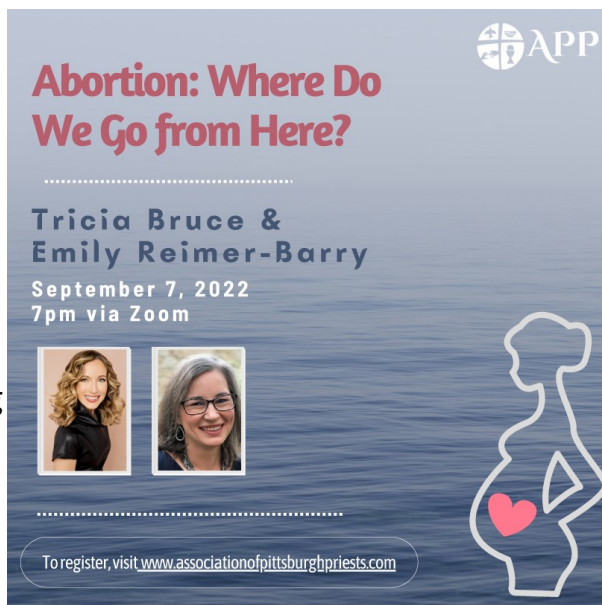


## Fall, 2022 Speaker Series Begins

**Sept. 7, 7 PM**

In light of the recent Supreme Court decision, Catholics need to listen more deeply to the experiences of women confronting the challenges of promoting life for the unborn, for their families, and for themselves. What do women need from public policy, from Church communities to make the choice for life possible?

Visit [www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com](http://www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com) to sign up!



### Listen! Speak! Act!

1. Join us to discover new paths toward being Pro-Life (and on our other topics).
2. Continue the conversation among your family & friends.
3. Participate with APP follow-up efforts.

### Upcoming Speakers (Zoom)



Wed., Oct 19: Dark is the Best Thing the Future Can Be, Paul Taylor

Thurs., Nov. 17: Taking Action on Laudato Sí, Kat Doyle



Thurs., Dec. 1: Synodality Update, Heidi Schlumpf

**Exceptional Past Events** — on the APP Website — for a second look & to share with friends

Lessons from 'Green' Congregations

The Gift of Women

Toward Conversation on Nuclear Disarmament

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### Join our Synodal Network!

View the Diocesan Synod Report at [diopitt.org](http://diopitt.org). It illustrates how our Church is fractured & in need of healing.



Synodal listening and discernment offer a Spirit-filled way for the People of God to develop ways to “walk together,” enriching our parishes and the larger Church.

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SEPTEMBER, 2022



## Finding Hope in Troubled Times

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## Now Available on our website

A resource for enriching your understanding of Abortion and the Church's teaching in light of the real experiences of women. The program explores how our Church and society can be "pro-life" for both the unborn and the mother. The goal is creating a culture where children can be born with love and all that is needed to thrive.



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## Synodality in Pittsburgh

*Pope Francis to the Jesuits in Canada: "the Church is either synodal or it is not Church."*

Check out our **Diocesan Synod Report**:

<https://diopitt.org/journeying-together>

It illustrates how our Church is fractured & in need of healing.

APP recently wrote to Bishop Zubik asking him to urge Parish Pastors to employ the Synodal style of listening and sharing as a way to bring different groups within the parish together for discerning ways to journey together in creating new Faith communities.

APP copied this letter to each Pastor of our diocese, to urge them to continue the Synodal process within their parishes. The letter will be shared with our contacts.

All of us by our Baptism are Church. We urge you to speak to your pastor encouraging him to convene parishioners for Synodal sessions.

In prayer, listening for the Spirit:

- How is each parishioner called to enliven the parish?
- What are ways for differing groups to journey together with members supporting one another?
- To what Mission is the Parish called to offer Hope to hurting people in our city and our world?

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## Prophets of the Vatican II Vision:

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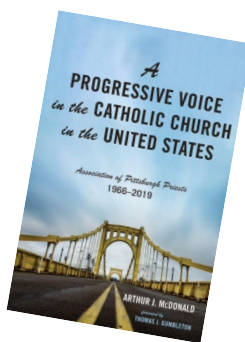
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**2:00—3:30 PM**

**St. James Chapel**

(718 Franklin Ave, Wilkinsburg, 15221)

**Hear the stories. Experience APP community!**



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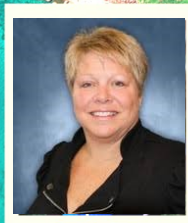
OCTOBER, 2022



**Taking Action and  
Implementing Laudato Si'-  
What Holds Us Back?**

**KAT DOYLE**

Thursday, November 17  
7pm via Zoom



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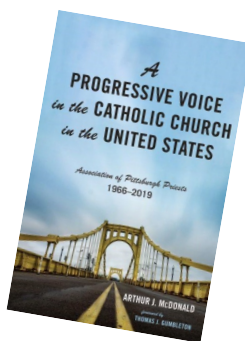
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NOVEMBER, 2022



## A Spirited Beginning to Advent

**Thursday, December 1**

**7:00 – 8:30 PM - Zoom**

*Impact of Synodality for  
our Church*

**Register now on our website**



## Available

- Tricia Bruce & Emily Reimer-Berry, Abortion
- Paul Taylor, Finding Hope
- Kat Doyle, Barriers to **Laudato Si**

Fall presentations are available on You Tube with a link on the APP website, under "Resource" menu.

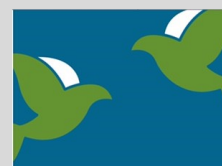
## Synodality Update

Local and worldwide Synod reports reflect the deep divides in the Church and probably in local parishes. Synodal (respectful listening) sessions can be a way of finding common ground and moving forward in charity and forgiveness as Christ's Church in your parish.



Summary Reports available on the APP website - from meetings of:

- People of Pittsburgh Diocesan (August),
- People of all US Dioceses (October)
- People worldwide, the Continental Working Draft (November)
- PLUS resources to help with synodal listening sessions in your parish



## Environmental Action

Following Kat Doyle's presentation on the Laudato Si, interested members met to discern steps forward. Consider joining this group.

Members of North Hills parishes and other concerned folks will meet to discern collaborative efforts in response to Pope Francis' call to action in **Laudato Si**.

For information on both opportunities, contact Jim McCarville:  
jim.mccarville@gmail.com

**Celebrating**  
**Passionate Justice for the Poor: 1980 & Now**

Annual Pax Christi Commemoration of the 4 Martyred US Churchwomen & Immigration Today

Friday, December 2, 2022, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Duquesne University Chapel

*An evening of prayer and reflection*

Featuring contemporary comments from

- Sr. Jeanette Bussen, CSJ – the Border
- Sr. Janice Vanderneck, CSJ – Immigration in Pittsburgh
- Edgar from Casa San Jose – Central America today

**Friday, December 2**

**7:00 – 8:30 PM - LIVE**

*(& livestreamed)*

**Duquesne U. Chapel**



**1980 Churchwomen &  
Immigration today**

**Saturday, December 3**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM - Zoom**

*Pope Francis, Vatican II & the  
pre-Vatican II Latin Mass*

*What's the fuss?*

**Register now on our website**



**Church - Justice - Liturgy**

## APP Spring 2023 Speaker Series

"Nuclear Disarmament," Archbishop John Wester, Santa Fe, NM, February 8

Dr. Kathy Humphrey, President of Carlow University, March 8

Scripture scholar Ched Myers, Tuesday, via Zoom, April 4

"Women in Church Leadership," Carolyn Woo, former President of Catholic Relief Services, via Zoom, May 2

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DECEMBER, 2022



**May your Advent and Christmas Seasons be filled with a deep sense of God's presence with you, holding you, loving you and all in our world.**



**And may 2023 be a good one for us all.**

APP efforts in 2022 – what were they?

How has Church-wide Synodality developed? Can it change the Church?

What is Pope Francis' understanding of Eucharistic Liturgy?

## Check the APP Home Page!

See the monthly APP impact and our 2022 financial statement.

Link to:

- Heidi Schlumpf's update on the Church's listening process.
- Maureen Crossen's explanation of the Pope's summer letter on Liturgy.



- Plus lots of other videos and resources!

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January, 2023

The time

- to renew your APP membership to February, 2024
- to receive our Spring Speaker Series mailing

*Expect our winter mailing by midmonth.*

December 14:

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sandy Hook school massacre

## Letter to Bishop Zubik

Asking for his encouragement to priests to preach about the ban of semi-automatic weapons as a pro-life issue.

From the APP letter:

You are ... a member of the USCCB whose chairmen of three committees issued a joint statement on July 6<sup>th</sup> of this year where they write **"We support a total ban on assault weapons and limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines."** Subsequently, on December 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Association of US Catholic Priests (AUSCP), after quoting in full the three bishops' statement wrote: "We are grateful to . . . Archbishops Coakley, Lori and Cordileone for voicing their compassion for the victims and their families, as well as their support for a ban on all assault weapons."

