"...the Christian finds in every person God...and God's absolute demand for justice and love."

Excerpts from Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

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Maryknoll missionaries are Catholic men and women who live and work in dozens of countries around the world, usually with the most impoverished and marginalized communities.

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns brings the deep experience and authentic voice of those missionaries to debates about public policy in the United Nations, the United States and other governments, international financial institutions, and the corporate world.

**What we do**

Our goals are to educate for social justice, peace and the integrity of creation and to inform faith-based advocacy and action for social, economic and environmental justice.

We clarify the links between Maryknoll’s experiences, and systems or structures that create or perpetuate poverty, human rights violations, conflict, and environmental destruction. We also serve as a sounding board for Maryknoll missionaries and Affiliates in Washington, D.C. and at the United Nations.

Due to the wide variety of ministries of Maryknoll missionaries, our work covers many issues, but our primary focus is two projects: Faith-Economy-Ecology (FEE) and Sustainable Pathways to Peace and Inclusive Global Security (SPPS). We give particular attention to the rights and concerns of refugees, promoting nonviolence teaching globally and within the Catholic church, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

**Faith-Economy-Ecology (FEE)**

The FEE project aims to transform the fossil-fuel-based economic model and way of life promoted by the industrialized North, especially the United States, toward significantly greater sustainability and social justice. We are doing this by building a strategic alliance of people of faith and secular organizations and communities actively seeking economic and ecological alternatives. Issues that we follow through the FEE project include climate change, trade and investment, food sovereignty and hunger, and corporate responsibility.

**Sustainable Pathways to Peace and Security (SPPS)**

The SPPS project aims to engage people of faith in building peace through inclusive communities and economies of "enough." We use Maryknoll’s cross-border experience to reduce fear of the other and to celebrate diversity as a real and enriching contribution to true security, and to encourage the promotion of diplomacy, dialogue and a multilateral approach to solving global problems. Issues that we follow through the SPPS project include peace processes, nuclear disarmament, and migration and border issues.

**How we work**

We research and monitor these issues, and participate in faith-based working groups and collaborative efforts to learn more and to strategize on effective legislative and educational responses. We travel to Maryknoll’s locations around the world to gather information, and we share our understanding and analysis at conferences and retreats. We produce several resources available to anyone who is interested, and we’re available to speak to or write for churches, schools or community groups and publications.

**Intern with us**

We welcome post-graduate students for our ongoing fellow program as well as interns who want to work on international policies and learn more about advocacy and analysis. Please contact our Washington, D.C. office for more information.

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**Resources from the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns**

**Our website**

Contains background information and analysis, action alerts, and links to trusted sources.

**NewsNotes**

Bimonthly electronic newsletter of information, analysis, and resources with approximately 16 articles per issue. Sign up on our website.

**Action alert network**

Occasional alerts, either written by a staff member or prepared by a partner organization. Sign up on our website.

**World Watch**

Short pieces in Maryknoll magazine each month on a variety of issues, usually including an action component.

**Educational and spiritual resources**

Annual Advent and Lenten guides, informational guides on current events, weekly scripture reflections written by Maryknoll missionaries and more.

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