

# **NEA NEWSLETTER**

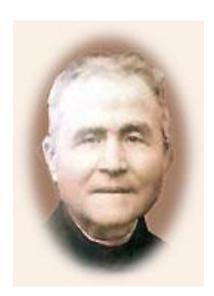


#### **SEPTEMBER NEWS 2023**





### **Laudato Si' and RSHM Charism** — provided by Ellen



### **Quotes from Jean Gailhac**

Creation in its entirety was made in God's image. God created the heavens, the trees, the plants, the animals that roam the earth and the birds of the sky.

Gailhac 1873

God is one and is a God of peace, who wishes to bring all into unity, so that peace reigns everywhere. The myriads of stars that adorn the heavens form different choirs and each star accepted faithfully the influence of the one this is the center. All are under the sway of the sun and all of them together receive the imprint of the supreme, all-powerful will that governs the whole system. All is one because all must bear the image of God.

Gailhac - 21 February 1871

God loves all creation and all creation is nothing but a revelation of God's love.

Gailhac - 9 Nov Gailhac 1877

Look at the gardener. After he has cleared the ground, removed the weeds, worked the soil, leveled it off and planted new flowers, is his work finished? No, indeed, it is precisely now that it begins...He has to frequently water the new growth, remove the weeds that would kill the flowers, and remove the insects that would destroy them. You must work tirelessly to have new and rare flowers, like the gardener who is careful of his garden.



Gailhac - 13 Sept 1880



Daughters of the Motherhouse, you are the roots, the trunk of the tree that God has planted in this garden. You are planted in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Drink from the ocean of life the living sap that will satisfy you and that through the trunk will communicate itself to all the branches that have sprung from it and will spring from it. If your feet touch the earth, may your spirit, your heart, your whole being be totally rooted in God.

Gailhac - 22 July 1882

The seed that is sown and the young tree that is planted do not yield fruit immediately, but have to go through different stages to reach full and perfect growth and to produce flowers and fruits. We, poor instruments that we are, sow, plant, water, but God alone gives the growth. It has to be this way because God alone is the source of all good.

Gailhac - 28 July 1872

Easter circular: If you are truly risen, everything in you should be new. You should be a new creation, according to the gospel expression. The risen Christ radiated light, glory and power. The person who is truly risen should be...full of the spirit of Jesus Christ. To be risen is to be transformed, to be one with Jesus Christ and to live only with his life. The one who is truly risen sees God in everything and welcomes God's will in everything and everywhere.

Gailhac - 29 March 1883

Let there be no rest until Jesus Christ has imprinted his image in us and when we cast off the old creature, he clothes us with himself and makes us a new creation.

Gailhac - 21 November 1883

Prayer is like watching for a Kingfisher.

All you have to do is
be where he is likely to appear, and
Wait.

Often, nothing much happens;
there is space, silence and expectancy.

No visible sign,
only the Knowledge that he's been there
and may come again.

Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,
you have been prepared.

But when you've almost stopped expecting it,
a flash of brightness
gives encouragement.



At last we had a modest celebration of Mary's seventieth Jubilee on 15th August, just a day before her ninety fourth birthday. Fr John celebrated Mass with much joy and thanksgiving, mentioning Mary's joyful spirit and urging us to say a big thank you to her for all those years of dedication. We were joined by her nephew and his wife and her cousin who visit her regularly.

A splendid High Tea followed with delicate sandwiches, cream scones and special cake all served with the best china! Seemed to suit this special celebration for Mary. *Barbara* 





# September Days by Helen L. Smith

O month of fairer, rarer days
Than Summer's best have been;
When skies at noon are burnished blue,
And winds at evening keen;
When tangled, tardy-blooming things
From wild waste places peer,
And drooping golden grain-heads tell
That harvest-time is near.

Though Autumn tints amid the green Are gleaming, here and there, And spicy Autumn odours float Like incense on the air, And sounds we mark as Autumn's own Her nearing steps betray, In gracious mood she seems to stand And bid the Summer stay.

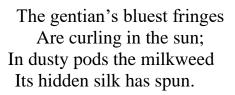
Though 'neath the trees, with fallen leaves
The sward be lightly strown,
And nests deserted tell the tale
Of summer bird-folk flown;
Though white with frost the lowlands lie
When lifts the morning haze,
Still there's a charm in every hour
Of sweet September days.



### **SEPTEMBER by Helen Hunt Jackson**



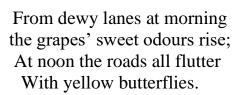
The golden-rod is yellow; The corn is turning brown; The trees in apple orchards With fruit are bending down.







The sedges flaunt their harvest, In every meadow nook; And asters by the brook-side Make asters in the brook.







By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer's best of weather, And autumn's best of cheer.



But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.



'T is a thing which I remember; To name it thrills me yet:



One day of one September I never can forget.



As we continue in the Season of Creation, I offer this Ecological Examination that may help us to respond to the call of this season to join the river of Justice and Peace. It was prepared by Jane Mellett who facilitated our JPIC Zoom meeting on the Laudato Si Platform last year. Ellen

# **Go Deeper Season of Creation**

The Ignatian Ecological Examen is a wonderful (and challenging) tool to help us discern a way forward.

### Find a quiet place and see if these questions aid reflection:

- Begin in gratitude: giving thanks to God for creation.
  Notice where you felt God's presence in creation today.
- ❖ Come into awareness: ask for the grace to see creation as God does in all its splendour and in all suffering. Do you see the beauty of creation and hear the cry of the earth and the poor?
- Ask for the gift of **conversion**: where have I fallen short in caring for creation? Ask for the grace of a conversion of the heart.
- Reconciliation: how might I reconcile this relationship with God, creation and humanity? Can I stand in solidarity through my action and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?



Offer a closing prayer for the earth and those now suffering the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss.

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## The Wild Swans at Coole

The trees are in their autumn beauty, The woodland paths are dry, Under the October twilight the water Mirrors a still sky;

Upon the brimming water among the stones Are nine-and-fifty swans.





The nineteenth autumn has come upon me Since I first made my count; I saw, before I had well finished, All suddenly mount And scatter wheeling in great broken rings Upon their clamorous wings...

But now they drift on the still water, Mysterious, beautiful; Among what rushes will they build, By what lake's edge or pool Delight men's eyes when I awake some day To find they have flown away?







### Jai Gaurangi

"Autumn days are for watching the way auburn leaves fall and kiss the earth to show that the trees have made peace with letting go."

#### Parm K.C.

"I think you must have a bit of autumn in your soul the way you let those dead pieces of your heart fall away only to make room for the new time and time again"



#### Simon Colinson

"if anything, autumn is a reminder that there is an end to everything, you will bloom again."



We reflect on our bountiful and bright Summer, as we begin our journey into Fall — leaves change colour and life begins to go dormant, so we follow suit. Though we may not spend as much time outside, the time for socializing and celebration begins within our homes. Transitional periods help recalibrate and assess what's serving our greatest good. An internal and external clean up (the shedding of what is no longer needed) allows for a smooth and rewarding journey into our roots — the season of Fall & Winter.

Your ability to navigate and adapt displays your grace and sweet approach to life.