



# NEA NEWSLETTER



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**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 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.  
 'Disclosure' by Anne Lewin.





# PLATINUM JUBILEE **70** CELEBRATION IN ARROWSMITH

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 gentian's bluest fringes  
Are curling in the sun;  
In dusty pods the milkweed  
Its hidden silk has spun.



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



From dewy lanes at morning  
the grapes' sweet odours rise;  
At noon the roads all flutter  
With yellow butterflies.



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 Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*

## 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?

- *William Butler Yeats*



## Autumn thoughts

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.*