

27th March, 2015

Dear Sisters and Friends,

This weekend, two significant events will be taking place around the country: Palm Sunday walks for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, and Earth Hour.

Palm Sunday Walks for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) is encouraging all Australians to attend Palm Sunday walks as a wonderful way to collectively show support for vulnerable people seeking asylum. Except for the Sydney March, when Palm Sunday falls on the state election weekend, most events across the country will take place on Palm Sunday, with details and links to events available here:

<http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au/index.php/news-a-views/news/item/1659-walk-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

Earth Hour

On the 28th March, all Sisters and staff are invited to participate in Earth Hour from 8.30-9.30pm (your local time). Earth Hour is a global environmental movement that unites people to take action for the planet. Since 2007 it has grown to engage hundreds of millions of supporters, individuals and organisations alike, in more than 7000 cities and towns in over 162 countries and territories worldwide. The theme for this year is climate change – one of the most pressing environmental concerns we are currently faced with. You can learn more about Earth Hour and the various ways that you can get involved here:

<http://www.earthhour.org/earth-hour-starter-kit>

The Institute Mission Team has written about both of these important areas of advocacy in *Just Mercy*. You may like to view the articles, which are available on the ISMAPNG website:

[The Forgotten Children: The Australian Human Rights Commission Report](#)

[Cyclone Pam and the ravages of climate change](#)

Peace,

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