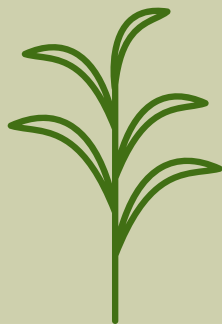


ORCIE Offerings

Winter 2023



Greetings and welcome to the inaugural edition of ORCIE Offerings, from the Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology, where Catholic religious congregations are collaboratively increasing impact on policy change towards social and ecological justice.

Meet Genevieve Gallant, ORCIE Executive Director. "Every day this year advocacy meetings are happening around the world, as people and communities raise their voices for a transformation of our relationship with the earth and the earth's inhabitants. While at ORCIE we have only just begun, I am honoured to bring the message of integral ecology forward in upcoming meetings on Parliament Hill."



ADDING OUR VOICE

No place for polluters at UN Climate Conferences

When a fossil fuel company CEO was named as the President for the next Climate Conference, COP28, ORCIE joined more than 425 groups that called for a halt of the corporate capture of the United Nations and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. The UN climate body is undermining its credibility and its ability to deliver the real and ambitious actions required to address the climate emergency. Time for a long overdue conflict-of-interest policy and an accountability framework to stop big polluters from hijacking the climate talks. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/kickbigpollutersout>



ADDING OUR VOICE

Manifesto for an Ecosocial Energy Transition from the Peoples of the South

The launch of this Manifesto is an appeal to leaders, institutions, and communities to connect with the lived experience and critical perspectives of Indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth throughout the Global South. We must avoid at all costs a new colonialism during the 'clean energy transition', and instead engage in a just and democratic transformation that moves us away from the neoliberal economic system. Allies in the Global North, including ORCIE, now need to promote the manifesto, share in the struggle and support creative collective visions and collective solutions.

<https://tinyurl.com/ecosocial-manifesto>



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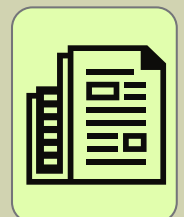
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

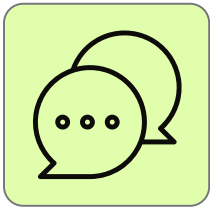
Just like fifty years ago, when the world used international treaties to defuse the threats posed by nuclear weapons, today the world needs a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Chaired by Canadian Tzeborah Berman, the Treaty calls for a phase out of fossil fuels, support for communities to move away from gas, oil and coal, global access to renewable energy and a just transition that leaves no-one behind. Join ORCIE and communities, municipalities and countries across the world as this important tool gains momentum. More info at www.fossilfueltreaty.org

Ecology comes first, 'no ifs, ands or buts'

In November 2022, Michael Swan from the Catholic Register and Genevieve Gallant spoke at length about the importance of ORCIE. It was a timely conversation considering how important practical Catholic political activism has become, especially when 626 oil and gas executives participated in the United Nation COP27. Read the article: <https://tinyurl.com/CRecology>

MEDIA





ON THE HILL

Skillfully engaging with policymakers creating maximum impact for change.

ORCIE has been sitting in on meetings of many House of Commons Standing Committees and closely following several pieces of legislation in the House and Senate including BILL C-29 National Council for Reconciliation Act, and BILL C-226 National Strategy Respecting Environmental Racism and Environmental Justice Act. Upcoming action plans and legislation to watch include the Sustainable Jobs Plan (Just Transition), COP27 domestic and international climate action commitments and the COP15 Global Biodiversity Framework with its accountability legislation.

ORCIE is participating in its second series of lobbying days on the Hill, this time with Nature Canada on March 7-9, 2023, for meetings with MPs and Senators on halting and reversing nature loss and to make the case for a national action plan to reach Canada's Global Biodiversity Framework targets. This action plan must be released by the end of 2023 and have comprehensive and measurable targets that chart a course to conserve 30% of Canada's land and ocean by 2030. The plan must support the rights of Indigenous Peoples and engage local communities, and be accompanied by new federal legislation to ensure accountability for implementation of these commitments and targets.

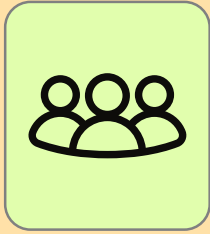


IN COALITION

Collaborating with allied religious and secular organizations in priority areas.

**Climate Action Network Canada
For the Love of Creation
Indigenous Climate Action
Joint Ecological Ministries
Just Economic Transition Network
Kick Big Polluters Out
Migrants Rights Network
Nature Canada**





WHO IS ORCIE?

Congregation Notre Dame–Visitation Province
Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Name of
Jesus and Mary

Jesuits of Canada

Les Soeurs Franciscaines Missionnaires de
l'Immaculée–Conception

Les Ursulines de l'Union Canadienne

Mercy Presentation Sisters

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Œuvres Marie–Anne–Lavallé (Franciscan
Oblates St Joseph)

Scarboro Missions

Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus

Sisters of Holy Cross

Sisters of Mercy

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

Sisters of St Joseph Canada

Sisters of St Joseph Toronto


Sisters of St Martha, Antigonish

Sisters of St Martha, Charlottetown

Society of the Sacred Heart

Soeurs de St Joseph de St Vallier

Sault Ste Marie Sisters of St Joseph



Excerpt from ORCIE
February 2023
letter to Minister
Guilbeault:
"Supportive
government policies
are crucial to limit
climate change
and reverse
biodiversity loss
and ORCIE urges
Canada to enshrine
the Global Biodiversity
Framework 2030
targets in an
accountability
law to ensure
implementation."

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