

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM NOV. 17:

CALENDAR:

December 1 after liturgy: Co-Partners craft sale

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was a **second collection** today for the Rental Assistance fund. If you have not yet participated, you can do so by sending your check or electronic transfer to Joe Formoso. Be sure to mark it for the Rental Assistance Fund.

This week Markie sent emails to the **Peace and Social Justice project sponsors** asking them to update their information for 2025. If you are a project sponsor and did not get an email from her, please let her know. Also, if you would like to suggest a new project for 2025, please let Dianne or Markie know.

On Sunday, December 1 there will be a **sale of Central American crafts** in the cafeteria after liturgy to benefit Co Partners of Campesinas. Bring your Christmas list!

GARDEN WORK FOR RONALDO

Ronaldo Vail (father of our refugee family from Guatemala) is available for garden work, however, his schedule at Target varies. Please call Ronaldo directly @ 731-618-1459 to set up a time. He welcomes extra work around the garden and home. Please click [here](#) for [directions to his home](#).

Food for AFAC — Please continue to bring cold cereal and other food items for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to liturgy on Sundays. The need is not going away.

Next Sunday is The Feast of Christ the King. The planner of the CLL is Barbara Formoso. The scribe will be Linda Christie who will need all announcements in writing.

FROM NOV. 10:

Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Friday, Nov. 15, 10 am — memorial service for Rich Rosenberg in Oakton

Sunday, Nov. 17 — Nova book group, after liturgy, at the Goldschmidts' home in Arlington

Announcements

1) Second collection for rental assistance — Dianne Carroll and Markie Harwood asked the community to donate to Nova's rental assistance fund. The collection will be taken during next Sunday's liturgy (and, as always, you can make your donation on-line before then). Nova has helped 80 families since the beginning of 2024, distributing \$134,000. More funds are needed to get through the rest of this calendar year — please be generous. (See below for the full text of Dianne and Markie's announcement.)

2) Rich Rosenberg's memorial this Friday — A memorial mass and celebration of the life of Richard Rosenberg will be held this Friday, Nov.15, at 10 am at Unity Church of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, in Oakton, Virginia.

3) Liturgy lottery, 3 Sundays left — David Mog said three more Sundays need planners for the coming liturgical year, including one each in Advent and Lent. Contact David if you can take one of the dates.

4) Nova book group meets next Sunday — Cathy Goldschmidt reminded us that the Nova book discussion group will meet, after liturgy, at the Goldschmidts' home, in Arlington. The group will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy*, a novel by Brendan Slocumb.

5) Garden work for Ronaldo — Tom Clarkson asked us to consider finding jobs for Ronaldo Vail (father of a refugee family from Guatemala). He has a job at Target but he is available for garden work because his schedule at Target varies. Please call Ronaldo directly at 731-618-1459 to set up a time. He welcomes extra work around the garden and home. Please click [here](#) for [directions to his home](#).

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Here is the full text of Dianne and Markie's announcement:

We pray for Kanika and her three children, whose husband and father died last month. Kanika paid funeral and burial expenses and then needed NOVA's help to pay her November rent.

We pray for Amalia, a single mother of two boys, one of whom has developmental delays and autism and requires 24-hour care. Amalia can only work during the 30 hours of supervised care she has for her child. Before coming to NOVA for help, she was facing eviction.

We pray for Kamila, the mother of three teen-agers. She has a good job with the school system, but due to a medical emergency and the expense of cleaning up a bedbug infestation, she needed NOVA's help with rent.

We pray for Angelica and Juan, parents of three. When their 5-year-old was hospitalized for a severe infection, they missed five weeks of work between them. NOVA helped with one month's rental payment to help the family get back on their feet.

These are just a few of the 80 families NOVA has helped since January through the rental assistance program, through which Arlington school social workers refer families who are facing eviction in these times of high rents. \$134,000 has been distributed through the rental program so far this year. As part of the NOVA regular commitments, \$30,000 was approved for January and June, another \$68,000 was contributed through the special collection in June and other individual donations from NOVA members, and we now come to you with a request for additional funding to get us through the end of the year. Last year's projection was that we would take two special collections for this during the year.

We will take a collection next Sunday for this program. You can also donate through PayPal on the NOVA website. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM NOV. 3

Calendar:

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Redemptorist Lecture Series speaker

Sunday, November 10 – NOVA General Meeting following the liturgy

Friday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Rich Rosenberg

Sunday, November 17 – NOVA Book Club meeting following the liturgy at the Goldschmidt's home. In addition, before and after the liturgy a "free flea market exchange" of items will be held at the school.

Today, **Joe Kenna**, one of NOVA's beloved padre cadre, celebrated a final liturgy with the community before he leaves for Yakima, Washington. Community members shared their appreciation of Joe both during and following the liturgy. We will miss Joe very much and will remember him in our thoughts and prayers for a well-deserved joyful and peaceful retirement.

All are invited to attend the "**Voices of Vision and Hope**" Redemptorist Lecture Series on Saturday, November 9, at the Redemptorist Provincial Residence, 3112 7th St. N. E. in D.C. from 9:30 a.m. (coffee) - 12:30 p.m. Tim Shriver will discuss "The Gospel in Disguise." Please let Father Francis know if you are planning to attend:
francescogcssr@yahoo.com/718-644-5127.

A **NOVA General Meeting** will be held next Sunday following the liturgy. A light lunch will be provided. Please let Sally Keyes know if you can provide food, such as cheese, fruit, veggies, coffee cake, etc. The meeting will follow immediately. All are encouraged to participate. Please let Meg and/or Jeannie know SOON if there is a topic you would like discussed at this meeting.

A memorial mass and celebration of the life of **Richard Rosenberg** will be held on Friday, Nov.15 at 10 a.m. in the Unity Church of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, in Oakton, Virginia.

On November 17, the **NOVA Book Group** will meet after liturgy at the Goldschmidt's. The group will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Please let Cathy Goldschmidt know by November 10 if you plan to attend.

Also on November 17, a **free flea market exchange** will be held before and after the liturgy. You are invited to donate one or two items that are new or in excellent condition that you think someone else might like. In turn, you should plan to take one or two items someone else donated.

Food for AFAC - As always, don't forget to bring boxes of cold cereal and other food donations to the liturgy at Kenmore on Sundays. NOVA has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of the non-profit's 35-year existence. AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please remember to bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

The **November 10 Liturgy** will be the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners are Father Francis Gargani, CSsR and the Peace & Social Justice Team. The Scribes will be Alicia and Phil Cackley, who will need any announcement in writing.

FROM OCT. 27:

Calendar:

Sat., Nov. 2nd: All Souls Day 4p.m. at Sally & Joe Keyes

Sun., Nov. 3rd: Joe Kenna's Farewell to NOVA. There will be cake! :)

Sun., Nov. 10th: General Meeting following Mass; if you have topics you wish discussed, please tell Jeanne and/or Meg. There will also be an Agape that day. Please bring finger foods (think light lunch) and let Sally know. Thanks!

Sunday, Nov. 17th: NOVA Book Club meets at Cathy G's.

Also on Nov. 17th: Free Flea is before and after liturgy Nov 17- same as book club- any items you don't need, new or excellent condition that you think someone else would love. The idea is to leave one/take one or leave two and take two, etc.

Announcements

from Cathy G: Nova Book Group will meet after liturgy Sunday, November 17th to discuss The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb. If you are planning to attend, please notify Cathy Goldschmidt by November 10th.

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Recorded talk by Marist brother — Gloria recommended that we listen to a recorded talk by Bro. Don Bisson FMS. The title is "Hope in Times of Darkening Shadow." If you were at liturgy last Sunday (or attended on Zoom), Fr. Francis' homily made references to Bro. Don's themes. The recording is up on Facebook, at this link: [A Conversation with Brother Don Bisson, Marist | Join us for a conversation with Bro. Don Bisson, Marist, titled "Hope in Times of Darkening Shadow"! If you are in the DC area and would like to attend... | By The Redemptorists | Facebook](#) You should skip the first 31 minutes to get to the beginning of the talk.

Two spaces left in climate course — Gloria also said there are two spaces left in the 4-week Climate Change course that she and Seth Evans of Elders Climate Action presenting on Zoom. Monday afternoons, 2:00-3:30, October 28th-November 18th. Send Gloria an email and let her know if you would like to register: gloriamog@verizon.net

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Upcoming events/Dates to remember

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2) **Co-partners happy hour fundraiser Thursday** — Archer Heinzen gave us one more reminder about this Thursday's happy hour fundraiser (and craft sale) at Lauriol Plaza

restaurant, 1835 18th St NW, in DC. It goes from 5 to 7 pm. Archer said Co-partners of Campesinas gets 50 percent of the take, so “all you have to do is just come and drink!”

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FROM OCT. 13:

Calendar:

Thursday, October 24, 5-7 PM Copartners benefit Happy Hour at Lauriol Plaza.

Sunday, October 27 – Liturgy Lottery begins

October 30 or 31, November 1 or 5, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or November 5, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 or 1:00-4:00 p.m. – VOICE Volunteer GOTV (Get Out The Vote) Effort

Saturday, November 2, 4:00 p.m. - All Souls' Day service at the Keyes' home

Sunday, November 10 - Nova general meeting after liturgy at Kenmore

Yesterday's **Liturgical Renewal Workshop** at the Redemptorist Provincial house was a success. Thanks go to Gloria Mog, John Mooney, and especially to our host Fr. Francis Gargani, CSsR. One of the changes suggested by Fr. Francis is in the order of Communion. Communion will be served first to the Music Group, then to the rest of the congregation, and last to the non-ambulatory members. We will try out this order for the next few weeks. Fr. Francis also suggested that since the communion ministers are the hosts of our communion meal, they should receive last, and this is what he prefers when he celebrates with us. He will be our celebrant next week.

Dianne announced the results of last week's **second collection for Hurricane Helene relief**. \$12,000 was sent to World Central Kitchen and \$3000 to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. Liturgy Lottery will begin October 27. If you would like to reserve a particular date, please notify David Mog before the 27th.

Homes Not Borders request of the month is for towels – bath, hand, washcloths – in gently used or new condition. These will go toward furnishing homes for our refugee neighbors. You may drop them at the Carrolls during the week before Eric takes them on Thursday, or bring them to liturgy next Sunday.

Happy Hour to benefit Co-Partners of Campesinas will take place on Thursday, October 24 from 5 – 7 PM at Lauriol Plaza, 1835 18th Street, N. W. There will also be a sale of Central American crafts. The food is free and 50% of the price of all drinks will go to support Co-Partners. Come and enjoy!

Christina reports: 10/19 is **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk-DC**. I will be walking in thanksgiving that because of the efforts of so many my son didn't die July 6, 2022 nor Jan 7, 2023 nor any other day that his darkness threatened. (not asking for any financial pledges, NOVA already has so many needs to address, just prayers which I know have no limits)

Clyde reports that after liturgy today the Zoom community discussed the Liturgical renewal workshop and wanted to share with us a website about the Redemptorist Provincial residence, Holy Redeemer College:

<https://redemptoristsnorthamerica.com/news/a-short-history-of-holy-redeemer-residence-washington-dc>

Next Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners will be Francis Gargani, CSsR, and Carolyn and Ted Miller. The scribe will be the Cackleys who require announcements in written form.

FROM OCT. 6:

Wednesday, October 9, 1:30 p.m. – NOVA LITE Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. – Nova Bible Study Group on Zoom

Saturday, October 12, 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Liturgy Renewal Day at Redemptorist House

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In the Announcements period at today's liturgy, Meg Tuccillo presented our celebrant, Quinn Connors, with a "Padre Cadre" cap.

Steve Ruth invites you to join a "**NOVA LITE**" Zoom Meeting this coming Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Discussion topics are determined by the participants. You are welcome to drop in a bit early if you want. Use the following link to participate: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

The **Nova Bible Study** will hold its second meeting this Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. You can still join the group even if you missed the meeting last week. Send an email to John Veldhuis if you wish to participate and he will send you a link to join.

NOVA will hold a **Liturgy Renewal Program** next Saturday, October 12, from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Redemptorist provincial residence at 3112 7th St. NE. in Washington DC.

Father Francis Gargani is providing a light supper from 5:00 to 6:00. Please arrive by 1:50. Getting into the parking lot is a bit tricky, so see driving directions on the attached flier. Also, don't forget to email John Mooney by October 9 if you intend to come but have not yet signed up.

NOVA's Annual **Liturgy Lottery** will begin October 27. Please notify David Mog if you wish to pre-reserve a particular Sunday.

October 28 - November 18: **Can We Stop Climate Change?** This 4-session Zoom course will be held on Monday afternoons, 2:00-3:30, offered by the Virginia Chapter of Elders Climate Action. Gloria Mog will be teaching the course along with fellow Massachusetts ECA leader, Seth Evans. Please register with Gloria at gloriamog@verizon.net. Space is limited. More information is on the course flier at www.canwestopcc.org/webinar-overview.

VOICE GOTV (Get Out The Vote) is seeking volunteers. Nancy announced that VOICE is seeking volunteers for brief shifts to help with getting people to the polls on one of the following dates: October 30, 31, or November 1, or on election day, November 5. Details and links to sign up are in the attached flier.

A **General Meeting** will be held November 10 after liturgy. There will be a lunch agape before the meeting. Details to follow.

The Peace & Social Justice group has committed the community to provide **rental assistance for a U-VA Senior** for the remainder of this semester, and possibly longer. The rent is \$1,300 per month. If you wish to support this young man, please send your donation to NOVA via PayPal or directly to Joe Formoso. Be sure to indicate the fund on your check.

Food for AFAC - As always, don't forget to bring boxes of cold cereal and other food donations to the liturgy at Kenmore on Sundays. NOVA has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of the non-profit's 35-year existence. AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please remember to bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

The **October 13th Liturgy** will be the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners are Father Gino Correo, OFM and Helen Michie. The Scribe will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who will need any announcement in writing.

FROM SEP. 29:

Calendar:

Wednesday, October 2 – 7 PM Nova Bible study resumes

Saturday, October 12 –Liturgy Renewal day 2 – 5 at Redemptorist House

Sunday, October 27 – Liturgy Lottery begins

Saturday, Nov. 2 — All Souls' Day service 4:00 PM at the Keyes' home

Sunday, Nov. 10 — Nova general meeting after liturgy at Kenmore

Nova Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, October 2 at 7 PM via Zoom. Send your email address to John Veldhuis and you will receive a link to join.

October 6 is **Agape Sunday**. Please email Sally to let her know what you'll be bringing.

October 12 – **Nova Liturgy Renewal Day**, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Redemptorist House in NE DC. For ALL who attend Nova's Sunday liturgies. See flier for more details and directions. Please plan to arrive no later than 1:45. You must let John Mooney know you are coming by October 9th so we can plan for chairs, hand-outs and food. Jrmooney7@gmail.com Here's the attachment as a link for your review: [Liturgy Renewal Day flier.pdf](#)

Nov. 2nd **All Souls Day Service of Remembrance** at the home of Joe and Sally Keyes in north Arlington, 4:00 p.m.

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This Tuesday, October 1 at Noon the Rosslyn Rotary Club will host a **Rotarian from Ukraine**. It should be a very informative discussion. You are invited. Talk to Tim White or John Veldhuis for further information. The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Hotel in Rosslyn.

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October 4 is the feast of St. Francis. Fr. Gino told us about the **Transitus of St. Francis**, which celebrates St. Francis' passing from earthly to eternal life. There will be celebration with procession at 7 PM on October 3 at the Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington.

The **Nova Book group** will meet at Goldschmidts after liturgy on November 17 to discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. If you plan to attend, please notify Cathy before 11/10. The Peace and Social Justice group is exploring options for donations for the hurricane victims in the Southeast. More information will be coming next week.

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FROM SEP. 22:

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Thursday, Sept. 26 — Elders Climate Action happy hour and postcard-writing party, 4 pm, at the Mogs' home

Sunday, Sept. 29 — VOICE assembly on mental health resources for youth, 3:15 pm, Fairfax High School

Saturday, Nov. 2 — All Souls' Day service at the Keyes' home

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Announcements

1) Write a postcard, have a drink — Markie Harwood reminded us that this Thursday is the Virginia Elders Climate Action happy hour and “postcarding” party at the Mogs’ home, 5104 3rd St N. in Arlington. You can participate in writing get-out-the-vote postcards for the Environmental Voter Project from 4 to 5 pm, followed by a happy hour and climate discussion from 5 to 7 pm. Markie said that Gloria needs RSVPs by Tuesday — you can email her at gloriamog@verizon.net

2) Sign a peace petition — John Reeder asked the community to consider signing a petition (or sending a letter) to Sen. Tim Kaine concerning the ongoing war in Gaza. The petition asks if Kaine supports an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and a partial halt in U.S. military aid to Israel if the Israelis refuse to agree to a ceasefire and begin peace negotiations. Nova members can print out the letter and mail it to Senator Kaine themselves. The text of the letter suggested by John is below.

3) VOICE meeting Sunday, Sept. 29 — Meg Tuccillo put in one more plug for Nova members to come to a VOICE meeting from 3:15 pm to 5 pm on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax. The subject of the meeting is mental health services in Virginia, especially for youth. VOICE hopes a large turnout will persuade local and regional elected officials to commit to funding better support systems and resources, such as behavioral health centers. Register for the event [here](#). You can also sign up [here](#) to help with logistics as part of the floor team. If you plan to attend, please let Meg know.

4) Prayers for Quinn — Meg let us know that she heard from Quinn Connors, who is hiking the Camino de Santiago, in northern Spain, and is experiencing altitude adjustment issues. She asked for us to send prayers for him.

5) Liturgy concerns — Meg also talked about the need to *not* take the square piece of gluten-free bread off the Communion plate — please make sure to leave it for Dianne Carroll; and Meg mentioned to need to be careful about the placement of the screens behind the altar so that they don’t block the TV on the wall: it is important for some Nova members who have hearing loss to have a clear sight-line so they can read the closed-captions on the Zoom meeting; finally, Meg said it’s important to have Communion ministers who represent both male and female members of the community.

6) Receipt for book donations — Pat Sodo wanted to say thank you to those who have donated books to the Women’s Prison Book Project. If you are interested in a receipt, Pat has written to the Project staff asking for the most recent version. They have moved, so the address on their form is no longer valid. (Yes, she’s been sending the books to the right place.) As soon as she hears back from WPBP, she will send out the receipt and correct it on the NOVA website (under Peace and Social Justice/Prison Book Donation Receipt).

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8) Job guarantee and get out the vote efforts —Tom Clarkson renewed his appeal to Nova to support an effort to get Congress to pass legislation guaranteeing a job to anyone who wants to work; and he has information about get out the vote efforts. See below for the complete text of Tom’s announcements.

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— Submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

A) Here is the text of the letter John Reeder suggests sending to Sen. Tim Kaine:

Senator Tim Kaine

US Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Sept. 22, 2024

Dear Senator Kaine:

I am a registered Virginia voter and an advocate of a just peace in Gaza and Palestine. I would like to know your position on peace in Gaza with regard to the following:

Do you favor an immediate ceasefire in Gaza?

Would you support a temporary halt to US military aid to Israel if it fails to halt its war in Gaza and refuses to engage in peace negotiations as suggested by President Biden?

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I cannot in good faith vote for you without more information on your position on resolving this war in Gaza. Please let me know where you stand on these two peace issues in Palestine.

Name (Printed, signed)

Address

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Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 19: VOICE virtual Act on Addiction Summit.

Thursday, Sept. 26: VA Elders Climate Action Happy Hour and Postcarding Party at Mogs' home.

Friday, Sept. 27 to Sunday, Sept. 29: Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness in White Post, VA.

Sunday, Sept. 29: VOICE Youth & Family Behavioral Health Assembly at Fairfax High School.

Saturday, Oct. 12: Nova Liturgy Workshop for all Community members at Redemptorist House, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, Nov. 2: All Souls Day Service of Remembrance at Keyes' home.

Thursday, Nov. 7 through Sunday, Nov. 10: Men's Cursillo in Arlington.

Sunday, Nov. 10: Nova general meeting after liturgy.

Inova, in partnership with VOICE, is offering a **virtual Act on Addiction Summit** to teach actionable steps to combat the worsening addiction, fentanyl and youth behavioral health crises. Fatal overdoses in Virginia now surpass deaths from motor vehicle accidents and gun violence combined, according to the Virginia Department of Health. Webinars are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 19. Register for Sept. 17 [here](#); and for Sept. 19 [here](#).

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Father Tuck Grinnell let us know about a **Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness** and their caregivers from Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29 at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. There is no cost to participate. More information is in the attachment. Register at retreat@ccda.net.

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Also in October, the **liturgy lottery for 2025** begins. Jeanne Clarkson encourages everyone to think about which dates they would like to sign up to plan liturgies, especially those who want to lead community-led liturgies.

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Fr. Tuck also mentioned a Men's Cursillo beginning after dinner on Thursday, Nov. 7 and finishing after a potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Missionhurst in Arlington. Anyone

interested should contact Tuck, and he will pass on the application and sponsor them for the weekend.

Plan to stay after liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 10 for a **Nova general meeting**.

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From the Peace and Social Justice Team:

Bill and Peggy Meyer brought to Dianne their concern about their cleaning lady, whose son needed a security deposit and rent money immediately in order to return to UVa for fall semester. He is a good student in his senior year with a scholarship for tuition, internship experiences, and likely good prospects for a job after graduation. But he fell behind on his expenses after missing his spring semester for health reasons. Joe Formoso wrote a check to cover the \$3,200 of immediate need, and the committee asked Joe to make arrangements to cover his rent through December, and to ask the student to investigate possible help through UVa for the future. Also, Meg will write a contract calling all of this a loan to be repaid after five years. If you would like to make a donation toward this student's needs, please contact us. Thank you.

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Following the liturgy today, Community members were invited to enjoy "First Sunday" snacks. To commemorate the first liturgy in the Season of Creation, we reconvened to discuss steps that we can personally take to care for the environment and mitigate climate change. Joe Keyes initiated the discussion by describing recent actions that he and Sally had taken. He called the talk, "**Decarbonization - Toward Environmentally sensitive use of power; One couple's journey.**" He discussed their installation of solar panels, home insulation, installment of a heat pump, and their purchase of a plug-in hybrid vehicle. They were moving toward the goal of electrifying everything in their home and running it all from sun power. Follow-up suggestions regarding solar installations noted that there is a cooperative that can help with the selection of and contracting with installers. (Tom Clarkson). Other topics included composting and the need for advocacy for systemic as well as personal change. For example, John Reeder is part of an advocacy group seeking changes to the building code in Arlington. Other possible action steps include joining groups such as Elders for Climate Action, Third Act, and Network for Catholic Social Justice.

Here is a link to the TED talk given by Hannah Richie, the UK environmental data scientist referenced by Joe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kl3VVrggKz4>

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Unfortunately, she is unable to attend the Retreat so please submit your announcements for September 8th to her via email (unless it is a repeated one from this week).

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