Living the Themes of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (Suggested actions for individuals & fraternities collected at the April, 2011 meeting of the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity)

Individuals

- 1. As you walk, clean up wayside trash.
- 2. Be more conscious of our usage of water: do not waste or use excessive amounts; no bottled water.
- 3. Be the one to smile and say hello to people.
- When we bring food to work, school or social activities, be mindful of the environment by reducing the use of plastic and using washable, reusable containers.
- 5. Educate ourselves by attending meetings of social justice groups in the Charlottetown area or participating in faith sharing groups; bring news back to our fraternity.
- 6. Purchase Fair Trade coffee or tea at our monthly fraternity meetings for personal use or as gifts.
- 7. Participate in nature related activities such as 'owl prowl', celebrating Earth Day, cleaning up the stream in Cornwall, etc.
- 8. Take care of our personal health as we, too, are God's creation.
- 9. Become more vegetarian.
- 10. Write/phone/talk face-to-face with our MP re Kyoto Accord, tar sands, mining practices, Amnesty International concerns, etc.
- 11. When buying clothing, ask ourselves: "Do I really need this?"; buy used clothing; try to find someone who can use our surplus.
- 12. Complain to stores about excessive plastic packaging, and even ask to have it opened on site with the packaging left for their disposal.
- 13. Be sensitive to the negative advertising on the part of our political parties, and rather look at the qualities of our candidates and the programs of the parties.

Fraternity

- 1. Support groups addressing social justice issues (e.g. liveable income, peace, etc.) by sending our members "two at a time" to attend meetings, open forums, etc.; bring information back to our fraternity.
- Clean the beach.
- 3. Plant a tree on parish grounds.
- 4. Lobby for diocesan leadership on social justice issues.