

Laudato Si' Speaker Bureau

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Anne is the State Director for Clean Water Action and the Coordinator for the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut. In this capacity, she coordinates the campaign to pass health protective policies in Connecticut aimed at removing toxic chemicals from consumer and children's products and works to raise awareness across the state on the health impacts of exposure to toxic chemicals.

Anne was a staff nurse in critical care and cardiothoracic surgical intensive care. She served as Director of Acute Care Services at Waterbury Hospital Health Center, and as the Nursing Director of the medical cardiology service at Hartford Hospital. Anne's passion to combine nursing, health policy and environmental law led her to pursue a law degree from Western New England College School of Law and she was admitted to the CT Bar in October 2007.

Her current focus is on consumer education and advocacy about removing toxic chemicals from clothing, home goods, and body products. This is all closely related to protecting life, human dignity, caring for creation and the poor, as Pope Francis speaks of in Laudato Si. Workshop presentations which lead to direct action opportunities include:

- Toxic chemicals in products--what you don't know may be harming you!
- Critical windows of development--new science linking exposure to chemicals w/ harm
- Tips to make your home safer. How members of a faith community can protect health and our planet. You can't shop your way out of the problem---but you can make a good start!
- What do you mean our laws don't protect us? How you can advocate for change!

Theological with Practical

Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford

The OCSJM works with pastors, parish leaders and parish communities to promote and support social justice ministry, the work of caring for the poor and vulnerable, advocating for their rights, and addressing inequities in our communities and in our world. The staff offers workshops, resources, consultation and training in parish social ministry and on issues such as environmental justice, immigration, peace, global solidarity, poverty and advocacy.

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Sister Ruth is the Executive Director and co-founder of CREA. CREA is a social economic research and education organization headquartered in Hartford, CT. A small organization, CREA works in partnership with other organizations around the world as well as with members of the CREA Collaborative, persons and organizations around the world that work with CREA is an on-going basis.

CREA works on a spectrum of issues all based upon our belief in the inherent dignity of each and all human beings, individually or in family and community.

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