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 News and Updates from
 the Global Network
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Mexico Assembly

Our fourth GNRC Assembly and our first in Latin America held in person and online.

A memorable gathering of friends and colleagues from around the world. We were greeted with a letter from the Archbishop of Mexico City. We were welcomed to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We visited the Unesco site of Teotihuacan and had a picnic along the Xochimilco canals. We were there for Mexico Day and experienced an earthquake! Further details are found on this link <https://rainbowcatholics.org/fourth-assembly-activities-summary/>



The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Walk Together



Archbishop of Monterrey, Mons. Rogelio Cabrera sent us message at the Assembly GNRC



Talk by Fr. Luis led to support letter and thanks to the Society of Jesus
 Letter to jesuits

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 Advent

Welcome to our new look newsletter *The Corner*

2023 is fast approaching and with Christmas around the corner, what will the new year have in store?

Newsletter

The Media team at GNRC are very excited about the fresh, new start for the organisation. We have a shiny, new Constitution and a bright and exciting new Board, and we have a new newsletter, The Corner!

2022 was, collectively and individually, very difficult for so many of us around the world. COVID 19 took so much away from us physically and, mentally and spiritually. But, as a GNRC family we stayed together and prayed together.

We thank God for the hard earned opportunity to be able to hold our fourth Assembly in Mexico, despite the technical challenges, COVID restrictions and lack of finance. But God is always good and we were blessed to have a wonderful donation which enabled us to offer partial financial support to some of our members. Reports and articles on the Assembly are to be found in other parts of this newsletter.

So, now GNRC is eagerly looking forwards to working for our members and seeking to communicate and share our work and the work of our members through our various

social media platforms. And whilst we are here, let us know what you would like to see and read about in future editions of The Corner, which will be coming out every three months. Would you like to see and know more about what your member group is doing in your country? Would

you like The Corner to have more light hearted articles that make you smile? Would you like to contribute an article to the next edition of The Corner in 2023?

“Let us know what you would like to see and read”

We want this publication to reflect who we are as the GNRC family through the articles and views that are shared on here. So, please share your views with the Media Team

Lastly, if you have media skills and feel that you can contribute to The Corner, then come and join us and show us how it is done! We would love to hear from you

MediaCommittee@gnrcatholics.org



Raising Funds For GNRC

Eros Shaw is a dear friend and colleague who was on our Steering Committee before GNRC was registered as a Third Sector organisation. His book 'Blessed Are Those Who Mourn' has now been translated into English and Eros has gifted over a hundred copies of his book to GNRC. Our wonderful colleagues in several Dignity USA Chapters are going to use the books to raise funds for GNRC. If you can afford to, and would like to donate some money to GNRC then please do so for GNRC's good works. [Donate](#)



PODCASTS



Sofro from Portugal has initiated a series of monthly podcasts "Mary arose and went with haste" in the lead up to World Youth Day in August 2023
[Walk with Mary](#)

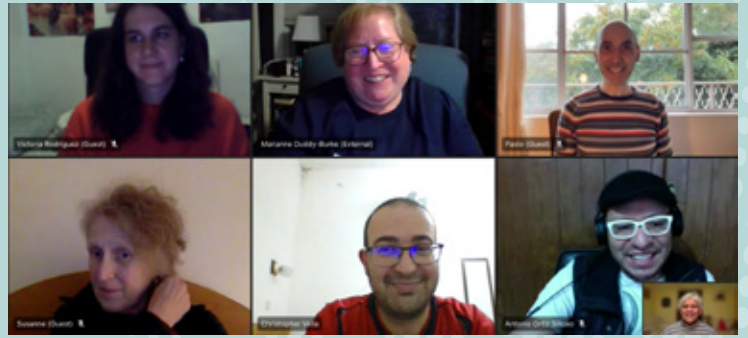


FARUG from Uganda have regular podcasts. Check out their Charter of Feminist Principles
[African Feminists](#)
And the FARUG website <https://www.faruganda.org/>

A GNRC renewed Board

During the Fourth Assembly of the GNRC, the Board was elected whose main task will now be to find sources of financing, develop strategies for its work for the Accompaniment Project, and above all to forge stronger bonds of commitment with our members in all our regions so that their voices are heard.

So, now let's congratulate our co-chairs **Marianne Duddy-Burke** and **Chris Vella** and other Board members: **Paolo Alacqua** (Secretary), **Susanne Birke** (Diversity and Equality Officer), **Antonio Ortiz** (Regional Officer), and Ruby Almeida (Media Officer). It's important to say that last November **Victoria Rodríguez** was appointed by the new Board to fill the vacant position of Treasurer. Her role will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Assembly in 2023.



We wish all of them the best and look forward to exciting new possibilities and challenges as we leave behind the desolation of the past few years.

We also thank each and everyone of our wonderful past board members: **Ana de Carvalho**, **Eva Callueng**, **Dumisani Dube** and **Cris Serra** who give so much of their time, energies and talents to help and guide GNRC through difficult times. We ask you to pray for them and bless them for all that they continue to do for our communities around the world.



The Christmas Season

As Advent approaches and the house is being prepared and sweetmeats made for the 25th, it is interesting to know that there are many different ways that Christmas is celebrated around the world. We would love to know how you celebrate Christmas [*Christmas traditions*](#)

And here are some greetings in different languages. If your language is not on this video, then send us a video recording of you singing it in your language. [*Christmas greetings*](#)

GNRC Speaks to the Vatican

During the Mexico Assembly GNRC was very grateful to have had a unique opportunity to add the voices of our LGBTQI family and Ally Catholics from around the world to the Synodal Process. A workshop led by Co-Chair Marianne Duddy-Burke has culminated in a report that was sent to the Vatican. GNRC is very proud and happy for our community's voices, hope and dreams has been sent to the Vatican. You can access the pdf report here [Synod Report](#)



Remembering Fr. Peter Maher OAM †

The shock at the loss of our dear Fr. Peter is still hard to bear. His gentle presence, wise and compassionate, and his distinct smile and laughter always convinced you that you were in the presence of a wonderful and caring human being.

Heartfelt condolences continue to be shared on social media and with his family. Continue to pray for Fr. Peter that his rise and rest will be in eternal glory. You can watch a recording of the funeral and are encouraged to leave a comment about Peter, which his family will appreciate greatly.

[Funeral video](#)



About the Synodal Process

GNRC continues with its work on the Synodal Process which has now reached the Synodal Continental Stage of the process. GNRC works to reflect the voices and realities of our communities around the world to the Vatican.