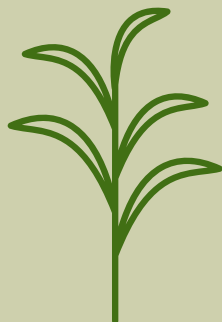


# ORCIE Offerings

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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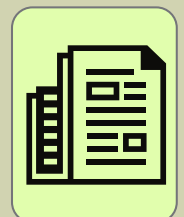
### Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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](http://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.

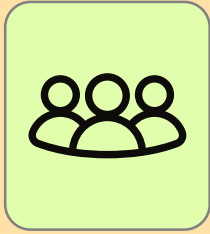


## IN COALITION

**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  
Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Oblates Franciscaines de Saint-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."

## JOIN US!

ORCIE invites religious  
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