**Social Justice: April**

**Dates Worthy of Note:**
- 7       World Health Day
- 11-13   Global Youth Service Days
- 22      Earth Day
- 30      Arbor Day

**Suggested Actions:**

Be attentive to recycling opportunities and make it convenient for others in your convent or ministry to recycle materials used every day.

Participate in an Earth Day event. Intentionally do some “cleaning up” in your own location, or gift another with a small plant or flowers as a springtime surprise.

Learn about the efforts of the Earth Charter Commission to promote a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century. earthcharterinaction.org. Read and endorse the Charter.

Broaden your knowledge of the Catholic teaching concerning the environment by visiting the website catholicsandclimatechange.org

**Monthly Focus:**
Respect for Creation & Stewardship

**Prayer Response:**

Take a leisurely walk in nature or stroll through a garden. Relish the beauty. Let it invite you into acknowledging and celebrating the ever renewing mystery of life. Thank God for all that you see… the blue sky, greening trees, plants, flowers, and fertile soil. Sing and/or pray over the *Canticle of the Sun.*