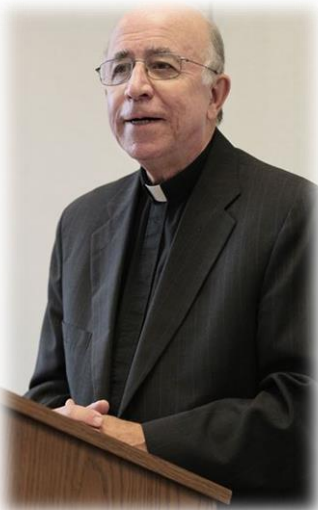




Jason Cervenec

Jason Cervenec is the Education and Outreach Director for the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State University. The diverse outreach portfolio of the center reaches approximately 12,000 individuals annually and includes programs in cutting edge science, science education, history, and the arts. Jason grew up in Rossford, OH, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University. He began his career as a high school science teacher where he taught for more than a decade. In 2010, Jason took part in a Fulbright Teacher Exchange in Mumbai, India, where he witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by most of the world's population. Jason and his wife have a two-year-old daughter, enjoy hiking, and recently rehabilitated a 1908 house. He serves on the Mayor's Green Team (Columbus), is a board member of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light, and volunteers with Franklin County's Restorative Justice Circles.



Fr. Charles Ritter

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Father Charles Ritter, ordained for the Diocese of Toledo in 1967, is currently a "Senior Status" priest of the Diocese of Toledo, after having served most recently as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania, Ohio and Dean of the St. Luke Deanery. Fr. Ritter has served in parishes in Findlay, Fremont, Toledo, Leipsic, Bryan and Sylvania, and for many years was involved in the diocese's ministry to seasonal migrant workers. From 1979 to 1989 he was director of the Office of Community Relations for the diocese, the office which coordinated the diocese's social justice ministries. After Bishop Leonard Blair was transferred to the Archdiocese of Hartford, Fr. Ritter served as Diocesan Administrator until the installation of Bishop Daniel Thomas, the current Bishop of Toledo. Fr. Ritter holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees from the Athenaeum of Ohio and a Master of Arts degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.



Justin Kale

Justin Kale has a background in commercial real estate, spending 15 years with Hines in a 1.4M SF Class-A high-rise office tower and parking structure. There he delivered successful results with the facility engineering team. He established skills in operations of boilers, chillers and the energy management system, conducted preventive maintenance and managed the water treatment process. He then spent four years in an engineering leadership role. In that capacity he strengthened his knowledge in the energy industry, leading efforts for energy procurement, management and efficiency. Justin spent four years with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation as an Energy Consultant in for the AMP-Ohio Efficiency Smart Program. He was responsible for reviewing customer projects, performing analysis, conducting technical walk-throughs and providing recommendations for energy efficiency improvements for commercial and industrial customers. In 2015, Justin partnered with Craig Foster to form Energility, where they perform high value, low cost energy management services providing commercial businesses with engineered solutions to reduce wasted energy consumption, lower energy spending, provide operations with better control and improve sustainability. Justin holds a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) designation through the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI). He also has a Systems Maintenance Technician (SMT) designation through BOMI International.



Sister Sharon Havelak

Sister Sharon Havelak is a Sister of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio. An artist, educator and long-time peace activist, she became involved in ecological issues through her work with the Earth Charter. She co-chaired Sylvania's Earth Expo in 2007 and the Earth Charter Community Summit in 2008. After the release of the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, in June 2015, she has given presentations, helping others understand the document and apply it to their lives. Sister Sharon currently serves as the coordinator of the Sylvania Franciscan's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation efforts and is a member of the Toledo Diocesan Taskforce on *Laudato Si'*.



Fr. Michael Connors

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