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Carmelite NGO: United Nations Advocacy Project of the Carmelite Family

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Welcome to another issue of ONE PAGE, a periodic bulletin from the Carmelite NGO highlighting some of our activities, recommended readings, and issues to be aware of.

Two members of the team traveled to Belem, Brazil to take part in COP30, the UN Climate Control Conference, held November 10-21, 2025. The conference was the 30th session of the Conference of Parties (COP30), the 20th meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 20), and the 7th meeting of the parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 7). That is a lot of meetings! Renato Rallo wrote about his first impressions—including his belief that expectations were low going into the gathering. But interestingly, the lacks that delegates experienced at the site gave them an opportunity to experience what people who live in the area experience daily. You can read more of Renato’s reflection [here](#).

In an article he authored in *Vida Nueva* prior to the conference, Carmelite NGO vice president Eduardo Agosto Scarel suggested *integral ecology* as formulated in Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* replace the “technological paradigm” which so often dominates negotiations. Fr. Eduardo proposes a relational approach linking social justice with environmental sustainability, international solidarity with historical responsibility, and political urgency with the need for profound personal and communal conversion. The full article is available [here](#).

Finally, Eduardo sums up the COP30 conference at its conclusion. Describing it as leaving behind a “bittersweet taste,” he describes the positives and the looming negatives. He gives some ideas about what the Santa Marta Conference in Colombia next April will deal with—especially the fossil fuel blockade. The article can be read [here](#).

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Did you know a billion tons of food go to waste each year? One of the focuses of the Carmelite NGO is Sustainability/Food. It has been an issue for us since our founding 25 years ago. Helen Forde, the Chief Executive Officer of Jesuit Mission, wrote a very thought-provoking article in *Eureka Street*, a publication of Jesuit Media Australia. For her, hunger is not simply an economic problem but a moral one. She refers to Pope Francis’ belief that hunger persists but not because there isn’t enough food. Yet in 2024, as many as 720 million people went hungry while 295 million faced acute food insecurity. She proposes a

new “reverence” be employed towards food. I highly recommend this article. You can access it [here](#).

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In the meantime, a committee of the Carmelite NGO is hard at work developing a Long-Range Plan for the Carmelite NGO. We hope to roll this plan out on January 1, 2026, setting ourselves up to better serve the Order, the UN, and the cause for justice and peace in our world. We appreciate you joining us in this journey.

Peace

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. William".

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