

## **A CATHOLIC CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

**The Dimond Center, Anchorage, Alaska**

### **SPEAKER BIOGRAPIES**

#### **Dr. Glenn Patrick Juday**

Dr. Juday is Professor of Forest Ecology and Director of the Tree-Ring Laboratory in the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he has worked since 1981. His research specialties include climate change, tree-ring studies, biodiversity and forest management, and forest development following fire.

He is the Lead author of the chapter on Forests and Agriculture of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, and a contributing author to the chapter on Biodiversity Conservation. Dr. Juday has served as science advisor for several television programs on climate warming, including the PBS series Scientific American Frontiers. His research results were discussed in 2 issues of National Geographic magazine in 2004. He has briefed and led trips for several member of Congress.

#### **Mr. John Carr**

For over fifteen years, John Carr has served as director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference. In this role, he assists the bishops in sharing and applying Catholic social teaching, advocating on the moral dimensions of key domestic and international issues, and building the Catholic community's capacity to act on social mission.

John has also served the Archdiocese of Washington as Cardinal Hickey's Secretary of Social Concerns in Washington, DC, as Education Director of the Campaign for Human Development, as Coordinator for Urban Issues at the USCC, and a Legislative Coordinator for the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis. In the 1970s, John served as Executive Director of the White House Conference on Family and as Director of the National Committee for Full Employment.

#### **Mayor Mark Begich**

Mark Begich is the first municipal mayor born and raised in Anchorage. He has owned and operated several Anchorage businesses, upgrading commercial buildings and renting affordable housing to Anchorage families. Mark was first elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1988 at age 26. During his 10 years in elected municipal office, he focused on strengthening Anchorage's economy, creating new opportunities for young Alaskans and sound fiscal management. He was elected three times by his fellow assembly members as Assembly Chair, Anchorage's second highest office.

Since his election as mayor on April 1, 2003, Mark Begich has focused on the three priorities: improving public safety, creating jobs and economic opportunities, and relieving traffic congestion.

Mayor Begich was twice named Alaska's top elected municipal official by his colleagues statewide in 1997 and 2004, and was honored as a Friend of Education by the Anchorage

Education Association. For his work for drug-free and crime-free neighborhoods, he was recognized by the Mt. View Community Council.

### **Reverend Sally Bingham**

The Rev. Sally Grover Bingham is a native of California and a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of California. Sally has been active in the environmental community for twenty years and is the founder and executive director of The Regeneration Project, a nonprofit ministry, focusing on a response to global climate change. The mission is to mobilize the community of faith to lead by example in reducing green house gas emissions.

Sally was appointed by the mayor of San Francisco to serve on the Commission on the Environment for the City and County of San Francisco. In July 2001 Sally received the Green Power Leadership Pilot Award from the Center for Resource Solutions, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Dept of Energy. Episcopal Power and Light was recognized as a Sacred Gift to the Planet by the World Wildlife Fund in November 2000 at a ceremony in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Regeneration Project received international Global Energy Award 2002. This “energy oscar” was presented to Rev. Bingham in Austria by President Mikhail Gorbachev in March 2002.

### **Mr. Jim Powell**

Jim Powell has almost 30 years of experience in technical and policy positions in natural resource and environmental management in Alaska. He currently works for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as the Section Manager for the Water Quality Standards Program.

Jim has served as Deputy Director for the Division of Environmental Quality and as Special Assistant for DEC. Jim was Deputy Mayor and an Assembly member for the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska. He continues to serve on several local, national and international boards and commissions including: the Scientific Panel on Climate Change for Juneau, the North/North Network for Urban Sustainability and Leadership—a UN Habitat Best Practices Program Affiliate; the Arctic Winter Games Board of Directors, among others.

Jim has an MPA from the University of Alaska Southeast where he is an adjunct professor and is pursuing a doctorate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in natural resources and sustainability.

### **Mr. Walter Parker**

Walter Parker has been a U.S. delegate to the Arctic Council since its beginning in 1996. He helped from the Circumpolar Infrastructure Task Force (CITF) in 2000 to work on the transportation and communications problems of the Arctic and focusing on the 1,500 small communities in the north lying beyond the road and rail networks of the 8 countries making up the Arctic Council.

He has worked closely with the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to ensure that the findings of those bodies are incorporated in CITF proposals to the Arctic Council and the Northern Forum. He is the U.S. Chair of the Bering Sea Forum, a joint U.S./Russian NGO which works on the effects of climate change on fisheries and resource development.

**Mr. Ken Donajkowski**

Ken Donajkowski is Vice President of Health, Safety and Environment for ConocoPhillips Alaska. He was appointed to this position in February, 2005 after serving as manager of the department since 1998.

Ken's career began with ARCO in 1981 as a facility engineer in Ingleside, Texas. He transferred to Alaska in 1983 where he has held increasingly responsible position in engineering, construction, operations, materials and health, safety and environment with ARCO Alaska and its successor companies including ConocoPhillips.

Donajkowski serves on the board of Kid's Café and the Board of Trustees for Alaska Pacific University.

**Mr. Chris Rose**

Chris Rose is Executive Director of Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP). REAP is a coalition of urban and rural Alaska utilities, businesses, conservation groups, consumer groups, and Alaska Native organizations with an interest in developing Alaska's vast renewable energy resources. REAP's goal is to increase the production of renewable energy in Alaska through the support of viable energy projects, public policy changes, marketing, education and the promotion of energy efficiencies. REAP believes that the development of those resources will provide numerous important economic opportunities for the state.

REAP is led by a diverse board of directors and works with state and federal energy agencies to help bring the benefits of clean, economic and inexhaustible renewable power to the citizens of Alaska.

Chris studied environmental and natural resources law at the University of Oregon and moved to Alaska in 1990 after receiving his law degree. His private practice included representation of Native Alaskans from small Northwest Arctic villages for over 10 years, and mediation of a variety of disputes around the state. Mr. Rose has been very active in local community affairs, and has served on various statewide boards, including Alaska 2020. He writes a monthly opinion column for the Anchorage Daily News.

**Mr. Stanley Tom**

Stanley Tom is the Tribal Administrator for the Village of Newtok. The village was

featured recently in a New York Times story about the impact of climate change on several Alaskan villages. These towns are currently negotiating with state and federal officials about the costs and hardship of relocating entire villages. Mr. Tom has been at the forefront of these efforts reminding legislators that while villages such as these have contributed little to climate change, they are suffering some of its earliest and harshest consequences.

### **Ms. Deborah Williams**

Ms. Williams is President of Alaska Conservation Solutions, an organization that is devoted primarily to addressing global warming. She has been actively involved in conservation and sustainable community issues in Alaska for over 25 years, and is now focusing on global warming. She received her B.A. from Pomona College, and a law degree from Harvard where she was the principal founder of and co-editor-in-chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review.

Deborah served in the Department of Interior's Solicitors Honors Program in Washington D.C., represented the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska and became the Executive Director of the Alaska Consumer Advocacy Program and of the Alaska Lung Association, while serving on many boards and commissions in Alaska.

In 1994, Ms. Williams received a Presidential appointment advising the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska. For over six years, Ms. Williams served as the Executive Director of the Alaska Conservation Foundation. She has published numerous law review and other articles, has been featured on 60 Minutes, the New York Times and BBC, among others and has taught graduate level courses at both the University of Alaska and Alaska Pacific University.

### **Mr. John Shively**

John Shively is Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Holland America Line. His responsibilities include working on issues in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Washington State and Washington, DC.

John was the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources from 1995 through 2000. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and was a VISTA volunteer in 1965. He has held a variety of positions working with Alaska Native community including Executive Vice President of Alaska Federation of Natives and a number of senior positions for the Native Corporation NANA. In 1983 he was appointed Chief of Staff to Governor Bill Sheffield.

### **Mr. Mead Treadwell**

Mead Treadwell was appointed to the US Arctic Research Commission in 2001 and was designated chair by the President in 2006.

During his 30 years residency in Alaska, Mead Treadwell has played an active role in Arctic research and exploration. His focus has been on development of natural resources, protection of the Arctic environment and fostering international cooperation after the Cold War. In business, government and the academy, Treadwell has helped establish a broad range of research programs in technology, ecology, social science and policy.

Concurrently, in business, Mead Treadwell is Chairman and CEO of Venture Ad Astra, an Anchorage, Alaska based firm that invests in and develops new geospatial and imaging technologies. He also serves as Senior Fellow of the Institute of the North, founded by former Alaska Governor Walter J. Hickel. He is past president of the Alaska World Affairs Council, the Japan America Society of Alaska and the Visual Arts Center of Alaska. Treadwell is president of the Millennium Society, an international charity that raises scholarship funds and has established a series of scholarships in science education for young people in Alaska. A Rotarian, he is also member of the Board of Commonwealth North.