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Adorers of the Blood of Christ: A Call to Action!

We, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, invite members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious—as well as women and men of goodwill from all faith traditions—to join us in prayerful vigil at our Chapel in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where we openly oppose the construction of a fracked gas pipeline through our land, a project we regard as a profound violation of our deeply held religious convictions.

Background

As an international community of women religious, the Adorers take seriously our commitment to “honor the sacredness of all creation” and “reverence Earth as a sanctuary where all life is protected.” For three years, we have resisted the plans of Transco/Williams to install a massive, fracked gas export pipeline through our farmland in Columbia, Pennsylvania. The pipeline would greatly expand destructive fracking operations in the state, extend our earth-destroying reliance on toxic fossil fuels, threaten hundreds of water bodies and wetlands, fragment scores of interior forests, and put thousands of families at risk who live within its explosive corridor.

As such, this pipeline is a violation of the sanctity of creation, compelling us to challenge its installation through peaceful, prayerful resistance.

Earlier this year, local friends and allies built a community chapel on the very land that Transco/Williams intends to desecrate here in the Adorers’ fields, on the very edge of the pipeline easement. The chapel stands as a symbol of our commitment to safeguard the Earth’s wellbeing. Over the past three months, the chapel has become an active site of prayer, celebration, and resistance, capturing the attention of media across the country, and even around the world.

Despite our opposition, Williams was recently granted permission to seize our land through eminent domain and could begin construction on our property at any time.

Legal Update

We recently filed a federal Civil Rights complaint challenging a corporation’s “right” to force us into using our own land in direct violation of deep religious convictions. As we await resolution, we remain steadfast in active resistance to Williams’ plans.

The Vigil

Ours is a peaceful, prayerful resistance to protect “the Holy in all of life.” If you are able and willing, we welcome you to join us in this sacred struggle.

Our call is to come and hold Vigil at our outdoor Chapel. We are *not* calling for an encampment on the site. Rather, we are seeking friends of all faiths who are willing to participate in a powerful, prayerful Vigil for the Earth in 6, 12, or 24-hour shifts.

Those who are compelled by conscience to enter the pipeline easement must understand that they risk arrest by US Marshals—and that they do so as a matter of profound personal conviction and courage, rather than at the invitation of the Adorers.

Chapel address: 3939 Laurel Run, Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512

Accommodations Assistance

The Adorers are able to provide short-term accommodations for other women religious who journey to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to join us in this work for peace and justice. Please call DeMattias Residence at (717) 285-4536 to make those arrangements.

Together, may we all find the courage to “participate in God’s dream for Earth!”

