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## Welcome to NJCIR's Inaugural E-newsletter

### OUR MISSION:

The National Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility (NJCIR) advocates for corporate behavior consistent with Catholic social teaching, through dialogues with corporations, shareholder resolutions and proxy voting.

By Nick Napolitano, MAR, NEN, and NYK province NJCIR Representative and Chair

Greetings and welcome to NJCIR's first e-newsletter. As you may know, the work of NJCIR is to use the investments of the Jesuit provinces to urge companies to conduct their business in a manner consistent with Catholic social teaching. For the Jesuits, socially responsible investing (SRI), engaging companies through dialogue, shareholder resolutions, and proxy voting, is a way to find God in all things including the endowments that allow our institutions to exist.

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## 2013 Annual Report Online

In September of each year, NJCIR releases an annual report on the socially responsible investing work of the Jesuits. NJCIR's 2013 Annual Report is available in print and [online](#). It is a great introduction to the work of NJCIR and update on the status of Jesuit-led shareholder dialogues with five companies. If you would like to request a number of printed copies, please contact your [NJCIR committee representative](#).



## Get Involved in Socially Responsible Investing

Whether you are a part of a Jesuit institution or an individual investor, our faith calls us to advocate for and influence corporate behavior for the common good.

Parishes, high schools, and higher education institutions could discuss creating a shareholder advocacy committee that uses current institutional investments to engage in a faith-justice issue. Institutions can create a social investment portfolio that mirrors NJCIR's and use it as an educational tool in their community. Jesuit institutions are encouraged to participate in an NJCIR dialogue.

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## Jesuits Engage Private Prison Company on Human Rights Policy

By Mark Potter, California province NJCIR Representative

In 2012, members of NJCIR purchased stock in the GEO Group (NYSE: GEO), the second-largest operator of private, for-profit prisons and immigrant detention facilities in the US, with the goal of working with the company to adopt and implement a comprehensive human rights policy. Led by the California province of the Jesuits, our work with GEO flows directly out of the gospel call to prison ministry, as well as the Jesuit commitment to solidarity with migrants.

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## NJCIR Seeks New Dialogue with Aura Minerals

By John Sealey, WIS and CDT province NJCIR representative

The Jesuit Provincials of Wisconsin and English Canada have notified Aura Minerals that NJCIR will initiate a new shareholder dialogue with the company. Representatives from these provinces and other religious investors will engage the company in regard to human rights impacts of Aura operations, particularly for those communities affected by mining and mineral processing in host countries. NJCIR selected Aura Minerals for our next corporate engagement after consultation with Jesuits of the Central American province currently working in Honduras as well as the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.

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