

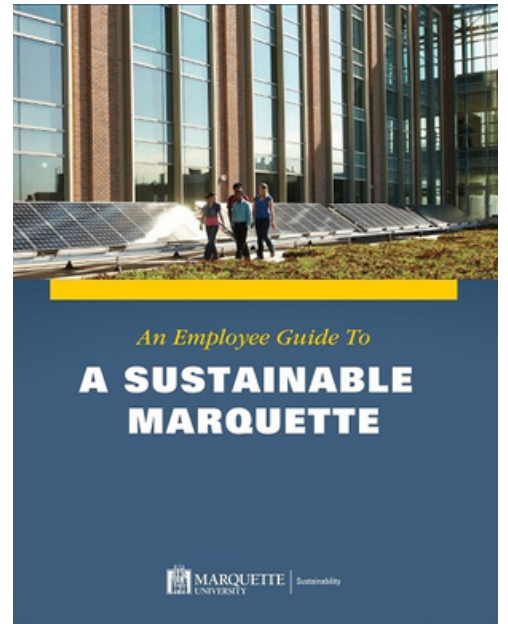
# Sustainable Marquette ERG

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## NEW EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GUIDE

The Sustainable Marquette ERG in collaboration with Marquette Sustainability, is excited to announce a new resource for employees. 'An Employee Guide to a Sustainable Marquette' lays the foundation for ways that employees can reduce their environmental impact in their person lives and while working on campus. Most importantly, we hope it will inspire others to get involved in the ERG and investigate the ways they can Be the Difference at Marquette through action. This resource guide lives on the Marquette sustainability website and will be shared with new employees. We also encourage all of our members to share this resource within their offices and departments.

This would have not been possible without the input of many ERG members, support of Wendy Butler in Human Resources, layout by Chelsea Malacara (ERG co-chair), and fantastic design touch-ups by Elisa Coghlan (ERG co-chair).



## GET A FREE ENERGY-SAVING PACK & HELP MARQUETTE

### ENERGY SAVINGS PACKS



**All Marquette employees and students (living on or off campus) are eligible for a free energy-saving pack from Focus On Energy.**

Help Marquette win \$5,000 toward our next energy-efficiency project & reduce your own carbon emissions! Focus on Energy, a statewide energy efficiency program, is giving away free packs of energy-efficient lighting, bathroom fixtures, power strips, and more.

Order your free pack online or call 800-762-7077. Please use the promo code HE-MRQ to help Marquette earn points toward the \$5,000 award. Also, please have your electric and gas (if applicable) utility account numbers handy. Limit one pack per household.

**PROMO CODE: HE-MRQ**

**HELP MU WIN THE HIGHER ED CHALLENGE!**

## SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL MCNULTY



**T. MICHAEL MCNULTY, SJ, PHD**

Scholar in Residence, Center for Peacemaking

### Tell us about your background and the source of your passion for environmental protection.

I have been a Jesuit for 58 years, a majority of them spent teaching at Marquette. After 30 years, I retired from Marquette's Philosophy Department in 2004 to do advocacy work in Washington, DC, first at the Center of Concern, then as Justice and Peace Director for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men. During my time in Washington, DC, I worked especially with the Franciscans and Columbans on a variety of environmental issues, including water and extractive industries. I was also in on the launching of the [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) and the [St. Francis Pledge](#). I found my way back to Marquette at the Center for Peacemaking in 2015, where I am Scholar in Residence.

My environmental concern came into focus in conversation with Dr. Jame Schaefer of Marquette's Theology Department when she introduced theological and ethical reflection on the environment to Marquette's academic life in the '90's (I still have the "Environmental Ethics" t-shirt she gave me). The other great influence on me was Dr. Kristin Shrader-Frechette of Notre Dame, a dear friend of many years who did work on environmental racism.

### From a Jesuit Catholic lens, why is it imperative that human beings prioritize environmental protection and ecological flourishing?

Jesuits came late to the environmental table, although there were always Jesuits involved.

General Congregation 34 [1995]\* represents the first mention of ecology in an official document, and GC 35 [2008] committed fully to ecological concern. In 2010 the Jesuit Task Force on Ecology produced a report, "Healing a Broken World." But it was Pope Francis' Laudato Sí encyclical that really galvanized us. The encyclical called us to reconciliation with creation as fundamental to the Christian message. It is the poor who bear the most onerous burdens of ecological degradation, and the Jesuit commitment to justice will not let us ignore this fact. In 2019 Father Arturo Sosa, SJ, superior general of the Society, promulgated four Apostolic Preferences to guide the decision-making of Jesuit institutions for the next ten years. Three of them are closely linked to environmental concern:

- Walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice.
- Accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.
- Collaborate, with Gospel depth, for the protection and renewal of God's Creation.
- The obligations of Jesuits to the poor, to youth, and to creation are clear, and these three cannot be separated.

\*General Congregations are periodic meetings of worldwide Jesuits and are the supreme governing institution of the Society of Jesus.

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### YOUR INPUT SOUGHT: SUSTAINABLE MARQUETTE MEMBER SURVEY

The Sustainable Marquette co-chairs want to know what you'd like from the ERG in the coming year and beyond. If you haven't already, **please share your thoughts in this quick survey!**

## Imagine Marquette 10 years from now. What would you want it look like, sound like, feel like?

1. Environmental issues are a prominent part of the core curriculum
2. Orientation of all students, faculty and staff includes ways to reduce their environment footprint
3. Large areas of campus are given over to natural vegetation
4. Single-use plastic is banned and there is aggressive recycling and food waste diversion
5. Green roofs on university buildings
6. Student-managed community gardens
7. Elimination of fossil fuel use
8. Closure of Wisconsin Avenue to all but public transportation
9. Noise reduction policies throughout campus related to machinery and power tools
10. Commitment of university resources to ecological improvement of the neighborhood

Given these ten policies (and probably many others I haven't thought of), Marquette would be quieter, healthier, more welcoming, more humane, and most importantly, able to teach by example what is possible.

## EXPLORE & DOCUMENT CAMPUS NATURE

If you need a nudge to get outside while the weather is still warm, even just a few minutes strolling around campus offers opportunities to observe, learn about, and document the abundance of living things. Several mobile apps make it simple to identify what you see using your mobile camera and to keep track of your observations.

One recommended app is [iNaturalist](#), which applies AI to your photos to identify insects, birds, plants, amphibians, and more. You can interact with and share your observations with other citizen and professional scientists. What's more, you can join the official [Marquette University project](#) to easily add your campus observations--or just browse what's been observed.

**"Paying attention is a form of reciprocity with the living world, receiving the gifts with open eyes and open heart."**

Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sustainability & Sips

- September 21, 9 am, AMU 448

### Fall Member Meeting

- October 14, 12-1 pm, location TBD

## BEYOND MARQUETTE

### Podcasts to Live by

- Jane Goodall: The Hopecast

### Books to Read

- "How to be a Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery
- "Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest" by Suzanne Simard

### Curriculum Inspiration

- "[Climate Change & Colonialism](#)" [syllabus](#), Dr. Matthew S. Henry, University of Wyoming

### News Around Town

- [Marquette partners with MMSD on two green infrastructure projects](#)
- [Milwaukee Freecycle Network](#)

## TIP: UNPLUG IT!

Plugged-in electronics that aren't in use still use energy. Unplug devices you're not using, or plug them into a power strip and switch it off. At work, try unplugging your computer and electronics at the end of the day, and/or and turning off power strips.



Pollinator-friendly landscaping is proliferating around campus.