



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



2022 Legislative Updates

Kansas Supreme Court affirms constitutionality of congressional redistricting map

(KS Reflector, 5/18/2022)

"The Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling Wednesday declaring the congressional redistricting map approved by the Republican-led Legislature to be in compliance with the Kansas Constitution."

Breaking down the primary results and what they mean for midterm elections

(PBS News, 5/18/2022)

"On Tuesday, the busiest primary day so far of the 2022 midterm elections, there were mixed results for Republican candidates endorsed by former President Trump. And for Democrats, several races provided the first true test of what the party's message will be."

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Care of Creation

Goodbye to grass? More Americans embracing 'eco-friendly' lawns and gardens

(PBS News, 5/6/2022)

"Some people are experimenting with more "eco-friendly" lawns, seed mixes you can buy with native grasses that aren't as thirsty or finicky.

Others are mowing less and tolerating old foes like dandelions and clover. Still others are trying to replace lawns, entirely or bit by bit, with garden beds including pollinator-friendly and edible plants."



Eliminating fossil fuel air pollution would save about 50,000 lives, study finds

(NPR, 5/17/2022)

"Using data from the Environmental Protection Agency, researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison estimate that about 50,000 premature deaths would be avoided every year if microscopic air pollutants called particulates were eliminated in the U.S."

Vatican's major sustainability campaign the main focus of Laudato Si' Week 2022

(EarthBeat, 5/19/2022)

"Along with the official schedule, organizers anticipate hundreds more ancillary celebrations across the globe. Carrying the theme "Listening and Journeying Together," the week is expected to feature a world ecological tour of liturgies, actions and discussions, from Manila to Brazil to Assisi, and will also offer a sneak peek at a forthcoming Laudato Si' documentary."

Human Trafficking

Events

- [May 22-29 - Laudato Si' Week](#)
- [May 24, 12:00 pm \(CST\)- Catholic Climate Covenant: Be inspired! A Spotlight on Diocesan Laudato Si' Efforts \(Part 1\)](#)
- [June 11, 5:30 pm \(CST\)- The Sisters of St. Joseph and Duquesne University invite you for an evening with the author of: Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle](#)

Poverty driving children into forced labor must be tackled, pope says

(NCR, 5/17/2022)

"Pope Francis' message was addressed to Guy Ryder, director-general of the International Labor Organization, on the occasion of the fifth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor being held May 15-20 in Durban, South Africa. Archbishop Peter B. Wells, apostolic nuncio of South Africa, read the pope's message to the assembly May 16."

Xinjiang cotton found in Adidas, Puma and Hugo Boss tops, researchers say

(The Guardian, 5/5/2022)

"Recent reports have suggested more than half a million people from minority ethnic groups such as the Uyghurs have been coerced into picking cotton in Xinjiang, which provides more than 80% of China's and a fifth of the global production of cotton."





Frontera: Compassion has no boundaries at the US-Mexico border

(Global Sisters Report, 5/16/2022)

"Betto Ramos, coordinator of the migrant center, says that, with the collaboration and funding assistance from Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian binational border ministry, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the center is able to help 18,000-20,000 deported migrants each year."

Court rules against detained immigrants, says they have fewer rights

(The Washington Post, 5/14/2022)

"Unlike in criminal court, where the government has to prove that a person is a danger or a flight risk to keep them detained pending the adjudication of their legal case, the burden is on immigration detainees to convince a judge that they are neither. They also must make their case without a right to counsel, unlike defendants in criminal proceedings."

Border agents once again release migrants in Downtown El Paso

(El Paso Matters, 5/15/2022)

"The release, which left migrants to fend for themselves in finding food or to get plane or bus tickets out of El Paso, is a warning to local governments that El Paso is not prepared for a potential humanitarian crisis in the coming weeks, said Ruben Garcia, the founder of Annunciation House, which has been providing care for migrants and refugees for more than 40 years."

Seeking Racial Justice

What is 'great replacement' theory and how did its racist lies spread in the US?

(The Guardian, 5/17/2022)

"At its heart, the theory claims falsely that white people are being stripped of their power through the demographic rise of communities of color, driven by immigration. The lie has been integral to many of the most horrifying recent acts of white supremacist violence in the US."



How America can respond to white nationalist violence

(PBS News, 5/16/2022)

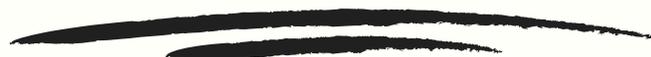
"We have to push back against this antisemitism. But we have to make real our opposition to this white nationalist terror that is taking place around the country. We need government to step in. We need business leaders to step up. And we need community organizations to be trained and prepared to how to deal and manage with political violence."

The Justice Department is releasing new guidelines, grants to fight hate crimes

(NPR, 5/20/2022)

"The FBI reported a disturbing rise in hate crimes against Black and Asian Americans in 2020, the most recent year for which data is available. The Justice Department has convicted more than 30 defendants on federal hate crime charges since January 2021, but experts said the vast majority of bias crimes go unreported to authorities. The Biden administration's new action is intended to reach out to people who don't speak English and people who have limited access to the Internet."

Advocacy & Action



Message from Annunciation House on 5/15/2022:

Early morning, May 15, nearly 120 refugees were released to the streets of El Paso.

Our hospitality sites are at capacity, and it is likely that this will continue to occur and expand to other populations, such as families and children.

Volunteers are sorely needed to assist in providing hospitality, and ensuring that we have the capacity to offer welcome to the refugees in our community. We are deeply grateful for all of the ways you support our work; it is because of you that this is possible.

Annunciation House Volunteer Information