



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



IN THIS ISSUE:

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

CURRENT EVENTS

ACTION & ADVOCACY

*"[Neighbor is] not he whom I find in my path,
but rather he in whose path I place myself, he
whom I approach and actively seek."*

—Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP

*This weekly news aggregate is created by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity
of Creation for SCL Sisters & Associates along with any other interested audiences.
Questions/Comments/Concerns?
Email: JPIC@scls.org*

Care of Creation

**Rio de Janeiro bay
reforestation shows
mangroves’ power to
mitigate climate disasters**
(PBS News, 5/24/2024)

"Mangroves slow sea water’s advance into riverbeds during storm surges by soaking it up, and protects the land by stabilizing soil that otherwise could be washed away. They also act as a carbon sink. The reforestation in Rio’s bay improved the cleanliness of water that’s a breeding ground for marine species. Crabs have returned, providing extra income for the local crab pickers who helped plant the trees."



**Environmentalists dodge wetlands threat, but larger
floodplain development lurches ahead**
(KS Reflector, 5/30/2024)

"On Tuesday, the Baker University board of trustees agreed to retain ownership of the parcel north of their Discovery Center following "extensive data gathering and deliberation." Leaked details about the potential sale were met with campus protests in Baldwin City and pointed opposition from regents at Haskell Indian Nations University, which controls a wetlands area incorporated into its Lawrence campus. The larger environmental challenge associated with the Wakarusa valley, which ties into Baker Wetlands, remained the nearby 177-acre effort by owners of New Boston Crossing to build commercial properties and hundreds of residential units on agriculture land at the junction of the South Lawrence Trafficway and U.S. Highway 59."

**With strawberries and
goats, a 'farmastery'
reaches out to its neighbors**
(Earthbeat, 5/31/2024)

"Here kids can see that they can pick up a strawberry from the ground and eat it," Plewa said. "There are people who think that a fruit is only good if you buy it from a store." Those are the kinds of lessons Heath is happy for children to learn. Heath, whose main chore on the farm is caring for the goats, said that is the kind of learning that lies at the heart of Christianity, which she likes to practice more than to preach."

Events

- June 6, 12:00 pm
(CST)- Catholic
Climate Covenant-
Celebrate World
Environment Day and
Ecosystem
Restoration: An Inner
and Outer Journey in
UN Frameworks



Human Trafficking

Stop Trafficking Newsletter

May Issue: The Apparel Industry

(Alliance to end Human Trafficking, 05/2024)

"Focus: The focus of this month's newsletter is the role of child and forced labor in the apparel industry."

'Powerhouse' network of sisters launches 5-year plan to combat trafficking

(Global Sisters Report, 5/24/2024)

"Among the commitments included in the declaration:

- Adopting effective strategies to reduce the demand for human trafficking, including through education for boys and men and advocacy for regular migration pathways.
- Advocating for the prosecution of traffickers and for effective policy and legal changes for at-risk populations, including migrants, refugees, and displaced persons.
- Addressing the push and pull factors of migration and displacement, advocating for the protection and integration of people on the move.
- Exposing the risks of online trafficking and social media by sensitizing young people and their families and promoting cyber safety. ...
- Promoting safe and secure spaces/shelters, survivor-to-survivor peer support and survivor-led initiatives"



Border Vigilantes are Blurring the Lines of Law Enforcement

(Texas Observer, 5/23/2024)

"All along the border, a monthslong investigation by the Observer and Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting has found, organized vigilante groups are filming themselves conducting patrols, taking photos of themselves alongside law enforcement, and sharing footage online to solicit donations, promote their work, and recruit new members. These vigilantes wear camouflage and tactical gear, issue orders, and detain and even point guns at migrants. The vigilantes have forged relationships with local and federal law enforcement, particularly in several border counties in Arizona and Texas. These ties appear to elevate the risk of violence in already volatile areas, and such collaboration raises questions about the extent to which vigilantes are illegally attempting to do the work of law enforcement or violating other laws."

DACA recipients, facing long waits for renewal, risk losing their jobs

(Los Angeles Times, 5/30/2024)

"Filing fees recently increased by \$60 to \$555, and those who pay a lawyer to review their application can spend hundreds more. The immigration agency recommends that DACA recipients reapply between 120-150 days before their work permits expire. But there's a downside to applying too early. New permits kick in as soon as the agency approves them, meaning recipients lose any leftover time remaining under the old permit. That "pretty much turns it into a one year permit if you do it too early," Miguel said. Miguel said that growing up undocumented means he is used to dealing with the uncertainty of the immigration process. But the delays made him think about what will happen after the DACA case is taken up by the Supreme Court."

Seeking Racial Justice

The lasting legacy of Brown v. Board and ongoing education challenges

(PBS News, 5/16/2024)

"The school districts across the South were resisting Brown's mandate, had come up with a freedom of choice plan. And my parents decided to buck the tradition, because the expectation was that white parents would pick white schools and Black parents would pick Black schools.

My parents decided to do something different and sent me to Anderson Elementary School. And it was tough. I have to say, it was a tough year. I was there by myself. And it was – took a couple of years before the Supreme Court declared those freedom of choice plans unconstitutional. Then everybody had to change schools."



First-of-its-kind medical school in Cherokee Nation graduates inaugural class of doctors

(PBS News, 5/23/2024)

"The OSU-COM graduates include students from 14 different tribes, including Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee, Seminole, Chickasaw, Alaska Native, Caddo and Osage. Bray said OSU partnered with the Cherokee Nation to open the school in 2020 to help erase the shortage of Indigenous doctors nationwide. There are about 841,000 active physicians practicing in the United States. Of those, nearly 2,500 – or 0.3 percent – are Native American, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges."

'America at her best': For Negro Leagues museum president, stat recognition is bigger than baseball

(KS Reflector, 5/29/2024)

"Sometimes it takes these kinds of efforts that will hopefully open the minds, hearts and the imaginations of those who will eventually want to learn more about the history of the Negro Leagues," Kendrick said. Echoing Manfred, Kendrick said the impact of the statistics goes beyond batting average and slugging percentage. He hopes it will continue to open doors to teach people about a part of baseball history that has long been forgotten."

Advocacy & Action



Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns:
Tell the White House: Ceasefire Now

“Faith groups have been championing peace and a ceasefire for nearly eight months since the October 7 attacks. Last week, on May 21, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns joined over 160 peacebuilding organizations, as well as His Holiness Pope Francis himself, in a letter to the members of the G7 requesting the prioritization of peacebuilding to end the ongoing Israel/Palestine conflict.

Today, May 30, we join a Mourner’s Kaddish for Rafah in front of the White House organized by the Jewish group If Not Now. Help us amplify our message for a comprehensive ceasefire in Gaza, the release of hostages, and a halt to shipments of offensive weapons to Israel.

Send a message to the White House and Congress using the script below. Join the Catholic sign-on letter for a ceasefire, and add your name to the letter to the G7 leaders.”