



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



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“Love for others, and in the first place, love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice.”

—St. John Paul II

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Care of Creation



Wildlife crossings connect practical ecology needs, Catholic creation care

(Earthbeat, 6/4/2024)

""Wildlife corridors are a meaningful and important way to protect the animals with whom we share our common home," said Holtz. "Corridors not only protect animals as a whole — promoting the survival of species — but also individual animals who suffer painful, frightening, and sometimes prolonged deaths when they're struck by cars." Holtz emphasized that wildlife crossings aren't simply an altruistic endeavor, but rather an ethical concern."

Debt payments by countries most vulnerable to climate crisis soar

(The Guardian, 6/3/2024)

"The Debt Justice charity said countries at the highest risk of being affected by global heating were paying 15.5% of government revenues to external creditors – up from less than 8% before Covid-19 and 4% at their lowest recent point in 2010. Using data from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the charity said its new report showed the urgent need for comprehensive debt relief so that poor countries could invest in measures to tackle the climate crisis."

How to reduce health care's climate impact? Increase telehealth

(NPR, 6/6/2024)

"By moving online all oncology visits that need not be done in person and by allowing patients to have blood drawn and other tests and procedures performed at clinics closer to their homes, researchers estimated they could reduce nationwide carbon-dioxide emissions generated as a result of cancer care by 33%, the study published Monday in JAMA Oncology found."

Events

- June 15, 6:45 pm-
Leavenworth, KS:
Juneteenth Twilight
Parade and Festival @
Haymarket Square!
- Jun 20, 12:00 pm (CST)-
Center for Migration
Studies- Assessing the US
Refugee Admissions
Program: Looking Back
and Moving Forward

Human Trafficking

'Human Trafficking happens in plain sight'

(Vatican News, 5/20/2024)

"More than 70% who migrate to US are trafficked"

Sr. Ann replied to Vatican News' question asking what she perceives to be the most dangerous phenomenon when it comes to human trafficking in the United States.

"Right now, one of the most dangerous phenomena," she said, "is the forced migration of peoples who are coming into the United States."

"What our State Department has found is that between 72 and 77% of people who migrate into the United States are trafficked there. We have a problem with work authorizations. When people come in, they have to wait 180 days to file a work authorization, making them so vulnerable to human traffickers because they need to work to survive," she said."





Life on the border: An account of a march for migrants' dignity

(Global Sisters Report, 5/8/2024)

"The ministry of migrant hospitality becomes meaningful by welcoming strangers and providing them with shelter and food. This allows those who are now our brothers and sisters to continue their journey in search of better opportunities for themselves and their families, or at least to get a temporary job to help those who stayed behind in their country of origin."

'Don't want to get stuck:' Migrants at Juárez border feel pressure of asylum changes

(Houston Landing, 6/5/2024)

"The Biden administration has emphasized the need to streamline the asylum process to deter immigration and cut down an immigration court backlog, which has reached more than 3 million cases nationwide. But human rights groups and lawyers criticize the decision as politically motivated."

Biden signs executive order temporarily shutting down asylum requests

(NPR, 6/5/2024)

"The order would temporarily shut down asylum requests once the seven-day average number of daily encounters with noncitizens between official ports of entry is over 2,500. Asylum requests would be reopened once daily encounters dropped below 1,500 – something that has not taken place since July 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The order, however, excludes "unaccompanied children ... from non-contiguous countries" in calculating the number of encounters."

Seeking Racial Justice

MLB recognizes Negro Leagues legends by adding their stats to official records

(PBS News, 5/29/2024)

“Those stats are now changing in a big way. Major League Baseball announced today it will officially incorporate statistics from the Negro Leagues into its record books. That means some of the greatest players from those leagues will now move into the top 10 ranks in the record books. The legendary hitter Josh Gibson, for example, will move to the top of several record lists.”



Threats and Opportunities: Are Social Movements Ready for Black Women in Power?

(Non-Profit Quarterly, 6/6/2024)

“Over and over, I return to the same question: Are social movements truly ready to engage with Black women in power? In this essay, I explore the deep challenges Black women face in our leadership, the ways in which a desire to destroy power is holding us back from the transformative changes we want to create in our society, and how we can be in relationship with power differently.”

White nationalist, anti-LGBTQ activity on the rise, annual hate report shows

(KS Reflector, 6/4/2024)

“Emboldened by the mainstreaming of hard-right politics ahead of a presidential election cycle, white nationalist and anti-LGBTQ+ groups increased to record levels in the United States last year, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center’s latest annual report on hate and extremism released Tuesday. The Southern Poverty Law Center, which has published the annual report since 1990, documented 835 active anti-government groups, up 133 from 2022’s count, and 595 hate groups, an increase of 72 over the previous year’s figure. Accounting for a large portion of the increase was a 50% surge in white supremacy hate groups in 2023, the highest jump ever recorded by the SPLC, growing to 165 over 109 in 2022. White power and neo-Nazi rallies across the U.S. totaled 143 in 2023, down from 191 in 2022.”

Advocacy & Action



Sisters of the Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center:
Urge Congress to combat human trafficking in the U.S.

"I am a constituent alarmed about the nexus between human trafficking and forced migration. All of us committed to ending human trafficking recognize the need to better protect immigrants who constitute over 70% of those trafficked in the United States.

I urge you to support three legislative solutions pending in the 118th Congress to help break this terrible link:

- *Senate passage of the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2023.*
- *Please pass these critical pieces of legislation that provide support and protections for immigrants to keep them safer from the threat of human trafficking.*
- *Rapid Work Authorizations for asylum seekers (H.R. 1325).*

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