



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



*"In God's eyes our words have only
the value of our actions."*

- St. Ignatius Loyola

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Election 2024



**Here's how to register
and vote in Kansas**
(The Beacon)



Sisters of Saint Francis
Franciscan Peace Center:

Movies That Matter: Informing Your Vote
Virtual Screening - "The First Step" Documentary and Talkback Session

"This event is a virtual screening and talkback session for the documentary The First Step. **Upon registration, you will receive an email confirmation of your registration, along with the Zoom link for the talkback session that will follow the virtual screening of the film that you have registered for.** On July 16, 2024, you will receive an email with the link to stream the film. If the email with the streaming link doesn't appear in your email on July 16, please check your SPAM/Junk folder to see if the email with the streaming link was delivered to that folder instead. Our film streaming platform is Good Docs. Through this platform, the Franciscan Peace Center is able to provide a private link for you to view this documentary, at your convenience, between the dates of July 16, 2024 and July 30, 2024. Please do not share this link. If you know someone who would like to participate in this virtual programming please refer them to this registration form.



Thank you for your interest!"

Don't forget to register!

Care of Creation

To save the bees, a Kansas scientist is building an app to identify thousands of species
(KCUR, 7/8/2024)

"Yet bees remain as mysterious as they are important. Scientists are still figuring out how many species of them exist. Estimates vary, but they commonly range around 20,000 worldwide and 4,000 in North America. That staggering biodiversity is typical of invertebrates. For comparison, North America has fewer than 500 mammal species. But what scientists know so far skews toward bigger species that are easier to observe and identify. Thousands of small bee species remain poorly understood. Case in point: About 40% of the bee species assessed so far by the International Union for Conservation of Nature are bumblebees. This is despite the fact that bumblebees constitute a tiny sliver of the bee universe."



Can humanity address climate change without believing it?
Medical history suggests it is possible
(Earthbeat, 7/11/2024)

"The same could be said for global warming: Changing behaviors is more important than changing beliefs. Case in point, there is a large and growing environmentalist movement among evangelical Christians. Organizations such as Green Faith and the Creation Care Task Force cite Biblical scripture to promote environmental stewardship as a sacred duty. While many of these groups acknowledge human-based climate change, some of their core beliefs contradict the evolutionary theories that my colleagues and I employ as scientists. But we need not agree about fossils to wean the world off fossil fuels."

Human Trafficking

Events

- August 28, 9:00 - 11:00 am (CST) via Zoom-Sisters of Charity Federation Virtual Celebration of Elizabeth Ann Seton's 250th Birthday
- Sisters of Charity Federation UN Orientation



July, 2024 Monthly Reflection

Faith and Action in Ending Human Trafficking

(Alliance Against Human Trafficking, July 2024)

"There is so much we can do all do individually and collectively. A Sister contacted me in late May who is a close friend of Sister Margaret Nacke, one of the founders of the Alliance to End Human Trafficking, who died on Holy Saturday. She is praying daily to end human trafficking. You could designate a day like the eighth day of every month, in honor of St. Josephine Bakhita's feast day on February 8, to pray to end human trafficking and to support survivors through prayers and/or a donation. You could join a local coalition that provides education and awareness on the signs of human trafficking and ways to prevent human trafficking. Local coalitions often are addressing the demand side of both sex and labor trafficking through local policy and legislative changes. You could accompany a victim of human trafficking by writing letters or volunteering with an organization. Volunteers are often needed by organizations providing trauma informed care and evidence-based interventions. Volunteers are needed to provide education in art, meditation, nutrition, reflective writing, and yoga with the women or to cook a meals, join an activity planning team, property cleaning and beautification, organize and sort donations or hosting a collection drive (pantry items, feminine products, cleaning supplies, etc.)."



The Regional Origins of America’s First Comprehensive Federal Immigration Law

(TIME, 7/9/2024)

"Johnson’s influence reached its apex with the 1924 law, which he justified in 1927 as a “bulwark” against “alien blood.” He was voted out of the House in 1932, when Democrats swept the elections. But virulent strains of xenophobia, anti-Asian sentiment, and antisemitism persisted. Washington became the only state in the union to put a pro-Nazi candidate on the 1936 presidential ballot: William Dudley Pelley, leader of the fascist Silver Shirts who ran on the Christian Party ticket and set up his lodge in Redmond, a Seattle suburb.

When President Roosevelt issued executive order 9066 in 1942 following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and other U.S. colonial possessions in the Pacific, the process of incarcerating 120,000 Japanese Americans began on Bainbridge Island, also in Washington."

Federal judge temporarily blocks Iowa's 'illegal reentry' immigration law

(Austin American-Statesman, 7/10/2024)

"Home is where you feel secure, appreciated and valued. It is usually where you grew up. We realized that we identified our first home with where “mom” was. But of course there are thousands of people who lived in a house with family members, including mom, but never felt at home.

Someone at our table said home to her is the town she grew up in – not a specific house there. A pastor in the group pointed out that his first home was church. Another of those around our table felt he lost his home since he’s become estranged from his family and had a divorce. He was looking forward to finding a home again with a new relationship.

So is home a place? Is it a place at a time in our history? A place with specific people in it? Is it a feeling we have about where we grew up? Does everyone find it again as an adult?"

Seeking Racial Justice

They took part in Apache ceremonies. Their schools expelled them for satanic activities

(The Guardian, 6/24/2024)

“Maria and her family no longer attend church. Though they are still devoted Christians, they’re not comfortable in that space. “Rather than giving a lecture about the Bible, the preachers bring it back to culture – ‘You’re not supposed to be doing this. You’re not supposed to be doing that,’” she explained. Even the programs handed out at the beginning of the service have an unwelcome message written on the front: it states that if you have participated in a Sunrise Dance, you cannot take communion.”



Nicodemus descendants preserve history of former slaves’ quest for freedom in Kansas

(KS Reflector, 7/11/2024)

“The people who made a home in Nicodemus included formerly enslaved residents of the central bluegrass region of Kentucky, which included Lexington and Georgetown. The objective was to gain ownership of land in Kansas and put distance between themselves and aggressively enforced Jim Crow laws stalling the ability of Black Americans to broaden their personal experience with freedom, Bates said.”

Indigenous vocations flourish in Guatemala's remote highlands

(Global Sisters Report, 7/8/2024)

“Once a year, however, the sisters celebrate a day of culture, when each one can wear, instead of the congregation's dress, the Indigenous traje that identifies her with her ancestral community. They also share their typical food, and the customs and traditions they grew up with. “Most people look up to us,” Yach said. “But there are also some who don't. Madre Tonia gave value to our culture.” Conveying to others the value of Indigenous people has taken time, Yach said. Orland arrived in Guatemala in a propitious moment in the Guatemalan church, which was then seeking to increase vocations among Indigenous communities that had been largely marginalized.”

Advocacy & Action



The Voter Network:

Voter Registration Deadline is Tuesday, July 16.

“We’re jumping into your inbox with some deadlines and resources that might be helpful:

- The voter registration deadline for the primary is this Tuesday, July 16 and folks can register (or update/check their registration) in just a couple minutes at [KSVotes.org](https://ksvotes.org).
- Folks can also apply for a mail-in ballot at the same time on [KSVotes.org](https://ksvotes.org), the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is July 30.
- Early voting in-person starts in many counties on July 17 and we’ll have tools live soon to help you find those locations and times, so be on the lookout for another email!

Only 30% of registered voters came out to vote in the 2020 Primary election which means that way too few people are deciding which candidates make it to the General election. This is your chance to make an impact, and while you’re voting yourself, don’t forget to remind your friends and family to vote as well 😊

Happy election season!”