



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

— *Pope Francis*

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Care of Creation

Humans need to value nature as well as profits to survive, UN report finds

(The Guardian, 7/11/2022)

"The report builds on the Dasgupta review, which found the planet is being put at "extreme risk" by the failure of economics to take account of the true value of nature.

Incorporating diverse worldviews and knowledge systems will be key to leading to a more sustainable future, the report says."



5 big questions about the new Biden plan for offshore oil and gas leases

(KS Reflector, 7/10/2022)

"The proposal would clear the way for up to 10 new oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf and one in federal waters of Cook Inlet – a significant decrease from the 47 lease sales proposed under a 2018 Trump administration draft plan.

But it's still not enough of a reduction to satisfy climate hawks who say that no amount of new oil and gas development is safe."

African youth deliver environmental demands to bishops at Laudato Si' meeting

(EarthBeat, 7/14/2022)

"The Catholic youth said that climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution are major issues facing the planet but also disproportionately impact children and young people. According to UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index, as many as 1 billion children worldwide – or half of all children – are at "extremely high risk" of the impacts of climate change, a risk especially concentrated on the African continent."

Events

- All Sisters and Associates are welcome and encouraged to sign up to take part in a contemplative dialogue via Zoom on the National Catholic Reporter article, **“Wise abortion public policy should deal with realities as well as moralities”** written by Sister Christine Schenk. The dialogue will be hosted by the SCL JPIC Office. You can sign up via online form **HERE** or by contacting Rebecca Metz at rmetz@scls.org or calling 913-758-6584. The number of participants signed up, as well as availability, will determine the final meeting dates and times.

Human Trafficking

Stop Trafficking Newsletter

July 2022: Armed Conflict

(US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking)

"Focus: This month's issue highlights the exploitation of children as soldiers in armed conflict."

Congress Should Launch a Global Fight Against Human Smuggling

(Center for Immigration Studies, 7/12/2022)

"Border-security proponents who want to energize Washington's international efforts to fight human smuggling should consider following the same strategy that launched the U.S. diplomatic campaign against human trafficking (also known as trafficking in persons or "TIP"). More than 20 years ago, a small group of activists mobilized key members of Congress to pass anti-TIP legislation directing the U.S. Department of State to take on what was then an obscure issue."





Biden immigration enforcement memo prioritizes family unity, replaces Trump guidance

(Reuters, 7/14/2022)

"U.S. law enforcement officers will ask, when detaining immigrants in the country illegally, whether they are parents or guardians to avoid separating families under a Biden administration policy launched on Thursday.

The directive, an effort by President Joe Biden to reverse former President Donald Trump's more restrictive policies, also allows for previously deported parents or guardians to return to the United States temporarily for child custody hearings."



Federal court rules immigration law violates First Amendment, in a win for Kansas workers

(KCUR, 7/13/2022)

"Two employees of a Lawrence, Kansas, business were convicted of conspiring to "encourage or induce" undocumented immigrants to reside in the U.S. But the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that the federal statute "criminalizes a substantial amount of constitutionally protected speech."

Immigration opponents are far more passionate than supporters

(The Washington Post, 7/14/2022)

"Some polls have recently reported that Americans have grown friendlier to immigration over the past decades. For the first time since Gallup started polling on the issue almost 60 years ago, more people say immigration should be increased rather than decreased."

Seeking Racial Justice

UK data watchdog investigates whether AI systems show racial bias

(The Guardian, 7/14/2022)

"Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation, which is enforced by the ICO, people have a right to non-discrimination under the processing of their data. The ICO has warned in the past that AI-driven systems could produce outcomes that disadvantage certain groups if they are not represented accurately or fairly in the data set that the algorithm is trained and tested on."



The U.S. student population is more diverse, but schools are still highly

segregated

(NPR, 7/14/2022)

"The GAO analysis also found school segregation across all school types, including traditional public schools, charter schools and magnet schools. Across all charter schools, which are publicly funded but privately run, more than a third were predominantly same-race/ethnicity, serving mostly Black and Hispanic students."

What Óscar Romero can teach us about Black Lives Matter

(NCR, 7/15/2022)

"Amidst all the uproar, the American Catholic Church, like Romero initially did, took the route of neutrality. For many, Black Lives Matter was a political matter rather than an affirmation of human dignity. The hesitancy to fully embrace this phrase comes from the successful culture wars waged by right-wing politicians linking social justice initiatives to destruction of American society."

Advocacy & Action



NETWORK:

Email Congress and let them know: budget reconciliation must close the Medicaid coverage gap

"Over 2 million low-income adults living near the poverty line in 12 states don't have health insurance. They earn less than \$12,880 per year - too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid, but not enough for Affordable Care Act subsidies. Congress needs to finish the ACA and close the Medicaid Coverage gap in budget reconciliation so that people with limited financial resources can live healthier lives."

UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - Kansas Primary Elections

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Midterm Elections
(October 18, 2022- last day to register to vote in the Midterm elections)

Check your registration status [here](#)

Online voter registration [here](#)

Request a mail-in ballot [here](#)

Your vote is your voice!