



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



“Kinship—not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not ‘a man for others;’ he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.”

— *Father Gregory Boyle, SJ*

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CURRENT EVENTS

ACTION & ADVOCACY

Care of Creation

Climate change, habitat loss – local groups are helping birds survive these threats

(The KC Beacon, 7/14/2022)

"BirdSafeKC is one way local groups are protecting birds – it's a collaborative effort between the Missouri River Bird Observatory and the Burroughs Audubon Society. The group keeps track of bird collisions with windows. This data is brought to the attention of building owners in order to implement safer, less reflective windows."



Puerto Rico's archbishop calls for island to adopt green energy, in line with Laudato Si'

(EarthBeat, 7/18/2022)

"Alongside his urging of greater consumption of local goods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, González also reiterates a call for a Puerto Rican exemption to the Jones Act, a 1920 shipping regulation that requires goods shipped between U.S. ports to be transported on U.S. vessels, and also requires that foreign-originating goods meant for Puerto Rico first be shipped to Florida."

Extreme weather: What is it and how is it connected to climate change?

(BBC, 7/19/2022)

"Emissions caused by the burning of fossil fuels have been trapping heat in the atmosphere since the start of the industrial era. This extra heat isn't evenly distributed across the globe, and bursts out extreme weather events.

Unless global emissions are cut, this cycle will continue."

Events

- August 5-7, 2022- Pax Christi USA 50th Anniversary Conference: Seeing Through the Prism of Justice in Washington, D.C.
- October 22 - October 24, 2022- Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C.
- October 26 - 28, 2022- U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Conference: Weaving Community, Building Capacity, Effecting Change in St. Louis, MO

Human Trafficking

Kansas City business using fashion to transform lives of human trafficking survivors

(KTVZ, 7/20/2022)

"Tirza Design is an accessories store where pieces are made by survivors of trafficking. Since the business launched in 2020, at least six women have been able to have a source of income working for the store while getting back on their feet."

U.S. places Russia on human trafficking, child soldier lists

(Reuters, 7/19/2022)

"The United States on Tuesday placed Russia on lists of countries engaged in a "policy or pattern" of human trafficking and forced labor or whose security forces or government-backed armed groups recruit or use child soldiers."





Mayors ask Biden to help with influx of asylum-seekers

(AP News, 7/21/2022)

"Muriel Bowser of Washington and Eric Adams of New York have plunged deep into the national debate about how to deal with migrants appearing at the U.S. border with Mexico, seizing on bus trips paid for by the states of Texas and Arizona to send migrants to the nation's capital after their release by federal immigration authorities at the border."

U.S. Supreme Court declines to allow Biden's shift on immigration enforcement

(Reuters, 7/21/2022)

"The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday declined to reinstate President Joe Biden's policy shifting the focus of America's immigration enforcement toward public safety threats, handing a victory to Texas and Louisiana as they challenge a plan they call unlawful."

Trump aimed to erode immigrant representation with census citizenship question, documents show

(The Guardian, 7/20/2022)

"Kris Kobach, Kansas' former secretary of state who led Trump's failed voter fraud commission, advocated vigorously for the idea of adding a citizenship question to the census and excluding non-citizens from apportionment."

Seeking Racial Justice

Indigenous Canadians hope Pope Francis will do more than apologize

(National Catholic Reporter, 7/21/2022)

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission report includes 94 calls to action – steps to be followed in order to achieve "true reconciliation." No. 58 is a specific request for the pope to provide an apology in Canada "within one year of the issuing of this report." While it took seven years for a pope to come, the trip is "hugely significant," Bolen told NCR."



Vatican says they're gifts; Indigenous groups want them back

(AP News, 7/21/2022)

"The trip is aimed primarily at allowing the pope to apologize in person, on Canadian soil, for abuses Indigenous people and their ancestors suffered at the hands of Catholic missionaries in notorious residential schools. Caron said returning the missionary collection items would help heal the intergenerational trauma and enable Indigenous peoples to tell their own story."

US congregations face their complicity in trauma of Native boarding schools

(Global Sisters Report, 7/21/2022)

"McKenzie's congregation and a handful of others, as well as church officials and laypeople, are part of the Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project, which is working to address the role the Catholic Church played in the government's attempted cultural genocide. The group, known as the AHP, grew out of a grassroots group formed in the fall of 2020 known as Catholics for Boarding School Accountability, and another that formed in April 2021; the two merged a few months later."

Advocacy & Action



Interfaith Power & Light:

Tell the SEC that investors should know about climate risks

"Climate change is devastating Earth's life support systems, harming our communities, and putting future generations at risk. Climate-induced historic wildfires, flooding, and record-breaking extreme weather have also caused over \$145 billion worth of damage in the U.S. in the last year alone.

The SEC is proposing a rule to ensure investors are aware of how companies are impacted by the financial risks of climate change when making decisions about their portfolios. Tell the SEC that you support this rule."

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](#)

For ballot information:

League of Women Voters: Vote 411

Kansas City Star: What's all on your Kansas primary ballot? Here's your voter guide to the Aug. 2 election