



# THE WEEKLY REVIEW



“The Book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman entrusting them with the task of filling the earth and subduing it, which does not mean exploiting it, but nurturing and protecting it, caring for it through their work.”

— *Pope Francis*

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# Care of Creation

## US to plant 1 billion trees as climate change kills forests

*(AP News, 7/26/2022)*

"Living trees are a major "sink" for carbon dioxide that's driving climate change when it enters the atmosphere, Fargione said. That means replacing those that die is important to keep climate change from getting even worse."



## Monarch butterflies are in trouble; Here's how you can help

*(KMBC 9 News, 7/28/2022)*

"If everyone reading this planted one milkweed plant, the benefit would be palpable. Milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.) is the only plant monarch caterpillars eat, and it's where the adult butterflies lay their eggs. Without it, the species simply could not exist."

## African nations open climate talks ahead of major U.N. meeting

*(PBS News, 7/27/2022)*

"Officials are expected to decide whether to ask developing nations for reparations for environmental damage in Africa, known in climate circles as loss and damage. The U.N. estimates that African nations already spend between 2 percent and 9 percent of their national income on natural disasters linked to climate change."

# 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

## U.S. Chamber, United Way Worldwide Unveil Joint Report to Combat Human Trafficking

*(US Chamber of Commerce, 7/26/2022)*

"The report, Trust by Performance: Uniting Business and Philanthropy Against Trafficking, was presented during an event at the U.S. Chamber to commemorate World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, held each year on July 30. The event, which featured leaders from business, policy, and philanthropy, focused on how the public and private sector work collaboratively to combat human trafficking, including best practices and tools for businesses."

## Exclusive: Hyundai subsidiary has used child labor at Alabama factory

*(Reuters, 7/22/2022)*

"A subsidiary of Hyundai Motor Co has used child labor at a plant that supplies parts for the Korean carmaker's assembly line in nearby Montgomery, Alabama, according to area police, the family of three underage workers, and eight former and current employees of the factory."





**Here's why a border-free world would be better than hostile immigration policies**

*(The Guardian, 7/26/2022)*

"We want to apply this framework to borders. What we call border abolition is most concerned with expanding the freedom to move and to stay. This does not mean advocating for free movement in the world as it is now configured, but rather for transformation of the conditions to which borders are a response. Abolition is concerned with presence: the presence of life-sustaining goods, services and practices of care. And it is concerned with absence: of violent state practices such as detention and deportation. In a world like this, borders would become obsolete."



**Pope launches video campaign to highlight dialogue with migrants, refugees**

*(NCR, 7/28/2022)*

"The dicastery said the purpose of the communications campaign is to encourage support and prepare for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees through multimedia aids, informational material and theological reflections."

**Climate migration growing but not fully recognized by world**

*(AP News, 7/28/2022)*

"Most climate migrants move within the borders of their homelands, usually from rural areas to cities after losing their home or livelihood because of drought, rising seas or another weather calamity. Because cities also are facing their own climate-related problems, including soaring temperatures and water scarcity, people are increasingly being forced to flee across international borders to seek refuge."

# Seeking Racial Justice

## **A new dictionary will document the lexicon of African American English**

*(NPR, 7/27/2022)*

"Supported in part by grants from the Mellon and Wagner foundations, the project is one of the most well-funded efforts of its kind.

Researchers will pull from documents including flyers, books, and newspapers. They will also draw from music, oral histories, and most notably for Lanehart – social media."



## **WATCH: Pope apologizes for 'evil' school abuses committed against Indigenous peoples in Canada**

*(PBS News, 7/25/2022)*

"Pope Francis issued a historic apology Monday for the Catholic Church's cooperation with Canada's "catastrophic" policy of Indigenous residential schools, saying the forced assimilation of Native peoples into Christian society destroyed their cultures, severed families and marginalized generations in ways still being felt today."

## **Kansas cannot allow another death at the hand of authorities to go without notice and action**

*(KS Reflector, 7/4/2022)*

"Every community member deserves access to the full extent of the law to defend themselves against criminal or civil charges. Death must never preclude justice. As evidenced by the cited invocations of stand your ground, even community members who were quite literally fleeing their ground are legally executed without due process, leaving their survivors and advocates without a legal avenue to prosecute the deceased's killers."

# Advocacy & Action



## 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**

Catholic Labor Network:

### **Tell your Senators: Senate Cafeteria Workers Deserve Just Wages and Health Care**

"As Catholics we believe in the dignity of work, and that every worker deserves a living wage. Unfortunately, too many of the cooks, cashiers and dishwashers in the US Senate Cafeteria are paid the minimum wage, and fewer than one in five of these workers can afford the expensive premiums required to access the health care plan offered by their employer."