



THE WEEKLY REVIEW



"When I fed the poor, they called me a saint.
When I asked why the poor had no food,
they called me a Communist."
— *Archbishop Dom Hélder Câmara*

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CURRENT EVENTS

ACTION & ADVOCACY

Care of Creation

How this California program is making it easier for those leaving prison to earn degrees

(PBS News, 8/9/2022)

"But education can help significantly reduce the likelihood that someone will re-enter the prison system. Nationwide, the odds of re-entering prison are 48 percent lower for those who enter post-secondary education programs, according to analysis from the RAND corporation."



What the reconciliation bill would do to boost clean energy and combat global warming

(PBS News, 8/8/2022)

"Several estimates have indicated the initiative may mean a 40 percent reduction in America's carbon emissions by 2030 from 2005 figures. Paul Bledsoe of the Progressive Policy Institute joins William Brangham to discuss."

Kansas, Nebraska researchers use plants to limit exposure to toxic lead in soil

(KS Reflector, 8/8/2022)

"Another plant-based solution for lead exposure being studied by researchers is biochar, a carbonized substance produced from plant materials with absorption abilities that could have applications for urban farming by reducing the amount of lead taken up by the lettuce planted in it, according to a 2020 experiment led by a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln."

Human Trafficking

Events

- 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

July, 2022 Monthly Reflection:

Land of the Brave? Yes. Home of the Free? Not really.

(US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking)

"In July, while we celebrate FREEDOM, most people don't realize that there are still many who have never known what this word means. Victims of trafficking, enslaved to the will of others, including those not being paid for hours of back-breaking work in a tomato field, those being forced to do more than massages in a massage parlor, and children used as objects of gratification—none of them know freedom."

Justice with Jessica: Human trafficking survivors have few places to turn to for legal help

(The Denver Channel, 8/8/2022)

"Covered Colorado helps survivors of trafficking through mentorship, life skills and financial education and employment. That organization told Brior about ALIGHT."





The Trump-era immigration policy

'Remain in Mexico' is ending

(NPR, 8/11/2022)

"In the short term, the Department of Homeland Security has said that for the roughly 4,000 to 5,000 people that were returned under the restarted program that began in December, those individuals will be allowed to reenter the country on the date of their next court hearings and seek asylum in safety from inside the United States, not in dangerous conditions in northern Mexico."

DHS Statement on U.S. District Court's Decision Regarding MPP

(Department of Homeland Security, 8/8/2022)

"We welcome the U.S. District Court's decision, which follows the U.S. Supreme Court's June 30th decision, to lift the injunction that required DHS to reimplement the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) in good faith. DHS is committed to ending the court-ordered implementation of MPP in a quick, and orderly, manner. "

From the archives: How immigration shapes America

(MPR News, 8/9/2022)

"It tells the dramatic and often overlooked story of the magonistas, the migrant rebels who sparked the 1910 Mexican Revolution from the United States, and how their escapades threatened to undo the rise of Anglo-American power, on both sides of the border, and created the world of fraught immigration we live in today."

Seeking Racial Justice

Racial Discrimination in the United States

(Human Rights Watch, 8/8/2022)

"President Biden has declared that racism, xenophobia, nativism, and other forms of intolerance are "global problems." [7] The ICERD is an important part of the solution and to confront these global problems effectively, the US should fulfill its obligations under the treaty. [8] This report and its detailed annex offer an initial roadmap for the US to do exactly that."



U.S. Delegation to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

(US Department of State, 8/9/2022)

"While in Geneva, the delegation will present the 2021 report on the implementation of U.S. obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The report outlines actions taken by the U.S. Government to promote racial equity and address systemic racism and discrimination."

Kansas law enforcement training about missing or murdered Indigenous people now available

(The Lawrence Times, 8/10/2022)

"The Kansas Attorney General's Office partnered with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center to develop the training, according to a news release from the attorney general's office. These three entities incorporated input from the four federally recognized American Indian tribes in Kansas and American Indian legislators who sponsored legislation to create the training module."

Advocacy & Action



US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking:

Tell US Government:

Make anti-slavery efforts a national priority.

Renew the Trafficking Victims Protection Act

"This week, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted to pass the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victim Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021 (TVPRA). The bill would reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, a crucial piece of legislation that provides the legal framework for the U.S. to combat, monitor, and prosecute human trafficking crimes and simultaneously addresses the way children who have experienced severe trauma are treated in the criminal legal system. "

Families Belong Together:

**SEND A THANKS FOR SWIFTLY ENDING REMAIN
IN MEXICO**

"Send an email thanking Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas for moving swiftly to end Remain in Mexico, and to let him know we're with him and watching him as he winds down the program. Use the form below – the more personalized the message, the more impact it will have!"