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The Butterfly Effect

In the early 1960s mathematician and meteorologist Edward Lorenz worked with forecasting the weather. Lorenz typed weather data into a computer and tested the results. At first, Lorenz assumed that leaving out one small decimal point from the initial number would have no effect on calculating the weather. He assumed that this would reflect some small, inconsequential change in air currents, like something caused by the fluttering of a butterfly's wings. Lorenz discovered though that even negligible changes in the data produced entirely different weather. A flap of a butterfly's wings half a world away could create a tornado a few weeks later on the other side of the world. This phenomenon is now known as the butterfly effect.



Our [readings this Sunday](#) call attention to seemingly inconsequential things in life resulting in tremendous consequences. In the first reading, Ezekiel states that God will “tear off a tender shoot” (Ez. 17:22) and plant it on the mountain heights where it will “put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.” (Ez. 17:23) In this week's Gospel, Saint Mark compares the kingdom of God to the mustard seed, a speck of a seed, which grows to become “the largest of plants.” (Lk. 13:19)

There is also a human butterfly effect. In the first parable of the Gospel, Saint Mark reminds us that the reign of God grows each day by our often unnoticeable and seemingly inconsequential actions. Our every thought, word and action, promoting Gospel peace and upholding the dignity of all human beings made in God's image, may serve to “transform ...policy related to peace making, care for creation, poverty, and human rights.” (FAN Mission Statement) Pope Francis states in the long letter he recently wrote to each one of us (Gaudete et Exsultate): “The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things... Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details... A community that cherishes the little details of love is a place where the risen Lord is present...” (143, 144)

We are all butterflies, and we have all been created by God to make a difference. The effect our wings have is up to us.

Sr. Maryann Mueller, CSSF
FAN Board Member

Suggested Action:

Take one small, seemingly inconsequential action today to make life better for someone else.

Suggested Petitions:

Jesus, please help us pay attention to details as we live our life today, we pray...

God, please help us not be complacent and give us the courage to take a stand that will enable another person live with dignity, we pray...

Collect Prayer

**O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen

Packing the Streets with the Poor People's Campaign

A month ago, we helped launch the most expansive wave of nonviolent civil disobedience in U.S. history with the [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#).

For weeks, members of the campaign have risked arrest with poor people, clergy and advocates demanding policies that lift up the poor in this country. We know our actions are getting elected leaders' attention because every week, scores of people committing nonviolent civil disobedience with the campaign get arrested in state capitals from coast to coast.

Our leaders are trying to keep us quiet because they don't want anything to change.

But they can't keep us quiet anymore. [On Saturday June 23, people are busing into Washington, D.C. for a massive rally on the National Mall, and we want you to be there.](#)

We need you to show up and let politicians know there are consequences to undermining access to the ballot box, destroying healthcare and the social safety net, and slashing wages. [RSVP on Facebook](#) or send an email to [let us know](#) if you'll be there.

Poor People's Campaign
A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

CALL TO ACTION RALLY

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018 • 10:00 a.m. EDT
Washington, DC • US Capitol National Mall

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II
President of the Bread for the World Institute
Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival Co-Chair

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
National Center Co-Director
Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival Co-Chair

The Nuns, the Priests, and the Bombs Screens in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi, The Thomas Merton Center and Veterans for Peace collaborated in bringing the new documentary film [The Nuns, the Priests, and the Bombs](#) by Helen Young to Pittsburgh the weekend of June 1-3, 2018. In various settings including a Catholic parish and a Catholic university, audiences learned about the plowshares movement for nuclear disarmament.



(Caption: L to R: Sr. Megan Rice with event organizers, Walt Kochirka, Molly Rush and Dee Kochirka)

Since 1980 there have been over 100 actions in this country and around the world to remind the public of the critical need for the abolition of these weapons of mass destruction. The film focuses on a 2009 action near Seattle, Washington and a 2012 action in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where clergy, religious and lay people put their lives on the line by breaking into very “secure” nuclear facilities. The film also talks about the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and efforts at the United Nations that culminated in the passing of a new treaty in July 2017 that makes it illegal to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. The nine current nuclear weapons states, including the United States, did not participate in the negotiations leading up to this new treaty.

Sr. Megan Rice who is in the film and was arrested at the Oak Ridge action was present to talk about her experiences and answer questions. Organizers of the events in Pittsburgh encouraged viewers to send postcards of support to the most recent plowshares activists arrested April 4th in Kings Bay Georgia and to support the local Stop Banking the Bomb Campaign. Monies raised at the screenings through free will offerings will be split between efforts to [promote the film around the country](#), raise money for translations of the film, and the Stop Banking the Bomb Campaign.

World Refugee Day Inspires Events Planned Around the Country

On World Refugee Day, June 20, we take time to remember the strength, courage, and resilience of the millions forced to flee their homes by violence of every kind. Here are some more resources we have been made aware of to help you plan your event:

- This year [U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking](#) (USCSAHT) invites

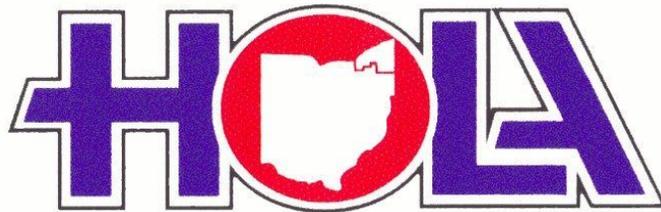


you to be particularly mindful of the link between forced migration and human trafficking. Check their [webpage](#) for resources.

- The Interfaith Immigration Coalition Holy Days & Holidays Team has developed this resource: "[Five Ways to Help Migrant Dads on Father's Day](#)".
- USCCB's "[Share the Journey](#)" campaign resources include Pope Francis' 2018 Message on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, parish organizing resources, a K-12 educational curriculum, and links to volunteer with local Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement programs.

Take Action: ICE Raids in Ohio Create Chaos and Separate Families

Last week over 200 federal agents, heavily armed with AR-15's and canine units [raided](#) two locations of Corso's nursery, one in Sandusky, Ohio the other in Castalia, Ohio. They apprehended over 100 mostly Mexican immigrant workers, and some U.S. citizens. This is as a new report was released from the Vera Institute of Justice titled "[Operation Streamline: No Evidence that Criminal Prosecution Deters Migration.](#)"



Members of a Latino advocacy group, [HOLA](#) sent an update that the small town of Norwalk, OH, where hundreds of Mexican families who work in agriculture have lived peacefully for many years is "like a ghost town." People have fled, leaving behind vehicles and all of their possessions in order to protect their families. Perhaps most disturbing is the way in which this raid occurred. HOLA was told, "a man came into Corso's dressed in civilian clothes carrying three boxes of donuts and announcing a company meeting. As people gathered to listen, dozens of agents moved in shouting orders for U.S. citizens to line up on one side, and those "not born in the U.S." to line up on the other."

We urge all members to call your members of Congress at (202) 224-3121. Here is a sample script:

Hello, My name is ____ and I am your constituent from [City/Town]. As a person of faith I am deeply disturbed by the ICE raids happening in Ohio. Separating families in the abrupt manner in which it happened last week is intolerable. It does not serve the common good, in fact it does more to harm entire communities. I urge the [Senator/Representative] to work to ensure that ICE halt these deportations and vote to pass immigration reform to heal our broken immigration system. Thank you.

HOLA is collecting [donations](#) to deposit into the jail accounts of detainees which will enable them to call their attorneys and families. What was done to this community of workers, who were planting flowers, is an abomination. Please call Congress today.

From Seattle to San Diego: Journey for Justice with

NAKASEC

FAN is proud to be a key partner of [NAKASEC](#) (the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium) since the Fast for Families in 2014. Last year, we helped bring awareness to their 22-day 24 hour-a-day [vigil in front of the White House](#). This year, we support NAKASEC in their plans for a [Journey for Justice](#) in August.



The “[Journey to Justice](#)” is a bike tour where riders will educate and engage diverse communities about their Citizenship for All campaign and offer the opportunity to seed cross-cultural alliances that are critical to building a movement towards justice for all. From August 1st - September 6th, riders will travel 2,265 miles starting in Seattle, WA and finishing up in San Diego, CA. We know we have many Franciscan communities and partners along their route. We are reaching out to you to support this journey.

There are multiple ways to participate and support our friends on the Journey for Justice. We urge all our west coast members and friends to learn more about the journey and get involved by filling out an [application](#). Franciscan partners and communities along the route can assist with lodging, resting space, or food for the riders. You can choose to contribute to the tour (for example, by sending bike riders, lawyers, medical support, donations, bike gear, etc) or sponsor an event on the tour at one of the stops along their route where the DREAM riders can meet with local community members.

For more information, visit the website www.godreamriders.org and/or contact Youngwoon Han at yhan@nakasec.org.

Apply to Join a Pilgrimage to Assisi in 2019

[Pace e Bene](#) is an organization built to foster a just and peaceful world through nonviolence education, community-building, and action. Deriving its name from the phrase St. Francis and St. Clare used as a greeting meaning "Peace and All Good", Pace e Bene is hosting a one-week pilgrimage of peace, prayer and nonviolence to Assisi, Italy June 23-30, 2019.



Pilgrims will help celebrate Pace e Bene’s 30th anniversary by joining this powerful pilgrimage led by Rev. John Dear and Dr. Ken Butigan. Join in this once-in-a-lifetime experience to study the life of St. Francis, pray for peace, build community, celebrate Pace e Bene, and deepen your commitment to Gospel nonviolence for the journey ahead and peace work to come.

[Click here to apply](#) and learn more details about the trip. **Applications are limited to 30 pilgrims and the deadline for applying is June 15th.**

Federal Register Notice for Honduras TPS

Announced

The [Catholic Legal Immigration Network](#) (CLINIC) has advised an update for TPS holders from Honduras. Last week, they shared that the Federal Register Notice announced the opening of the re-registration period (from June 5th through August 6, 2018) for Honduran Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders.



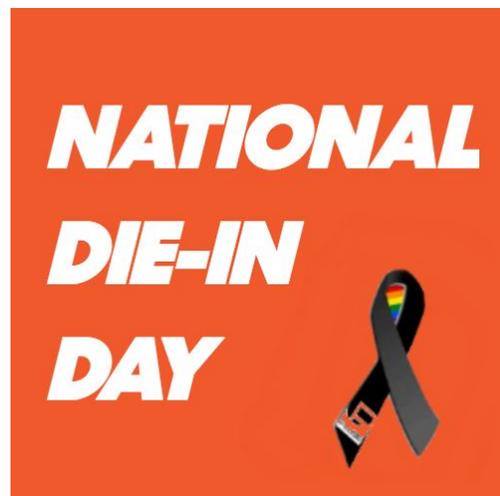
This page of [CLINIC's website](#) has key information for TPS holders including deadlines to re-register, information on work authorization and more. We urge all members and friends who work with Honduran people to read this important information.

Additionally, we offer this [article for Reveal](#), which details the numbers of immigrants whose lives have been completely upended by the termination of TPS. The numbers don't lie—hundreds of thousands of TPS holders' lives will be uprooted as a result of current immigration policies.

National Die-In Day to Protest Gun Violence

Student activists will be in Washington DC this week for a [National Die-In Day Protest](#). Held on June 12th, the second anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting, this protest to end gun violence acknowledges the death tolls before and since Pulse which have grown too high to remain silent.

Student activists and survivors of gun violence will come together to host the rally followed by a 12-minute die-in on the lawn of the Capitol in D.C. to call on politicians to support gun safety legislation. There are multiple [supporting events](#) hosted by students across the country. [Click here](#) to see if there is an event near you.



We continue to uplift and support our students in their tenacious efforts to pass common sense gun violence prevention legislation.

