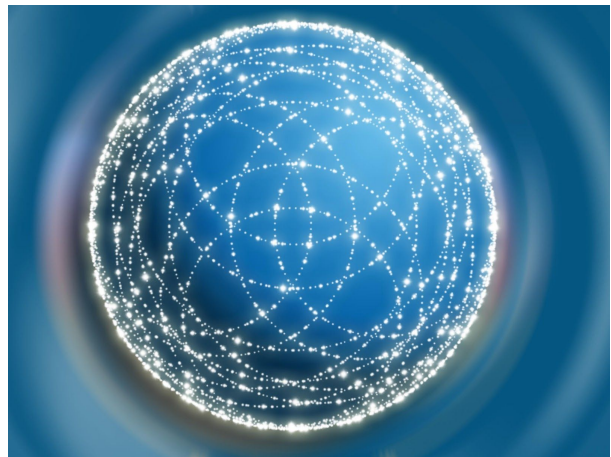


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Global Solidarity: A Web of Relationships

On [this Sunday](#) when we celebrate our Trinitarian God we are reminded that, as human beings made in the image and likeness of our God, we are interconnected with all of God's creation. Human beings are social in nature. The interpersonal relationship of the Trinitarian God reveals to us that all creation is interdependent on, and connected to, each other. Our news media is replete with examples of how an injustice to one part of God's creation affects us all.



In *Laudato Si* Pope Francis, referring to the teachings of the Franciscan Saint Bonaventure stated: “the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships. Creatures tend towards God, and in turn it is proper to every living being to tend towards other things, so that throughout the universe we can find any number of constant and secretly interwoven relationships.” *Laudato Si* 240

The Trinity teaches us about community and belonging. The Trinity challenges individualism and self-serving behavior. The Trinity challenges all walls and borders that divide us. We are not a collection of independent individuals. We need each other and paradoxically, the more we think in terms of “we” vs “me” the more truly we are who we are created to be as an individual.

Pope Francis again refers to St. Bonaventure when he states: our interconnectedness “leads us not only to marvel at the manifold connections existing among creatures, but also to discover a key to our own fulfilment. The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures.” *Laudato Si* 240

With Pope Francis, may we pray to “develop a spirituality of global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity”.

Sr. Maryann Mueller, CSSF
FAN Board Member

Suggested Action:

As we approach the anniversary of the release of [Laudato Si](#), we urge you to reread this timely and relevant resource.

Suggested Petitions:

May society “develop a spirituality of global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.” We pray...

May hearts be opened to connect to others in a deeply relational way. We pray...

Collect Prayer:

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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

Take Action: National Call-in for World Refugee Day June 20th

As a member and supporter of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN), we probably don't need to remind you: everything is connected.

This is never so true as when we see the strong link between forced migration and human trafficking. Recognizing this connection, the U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) have prepared a [comprehensive tool kit](#) for World Refugee Day that includes a backgrounder, prayers, stories, an action page and much more.



We, along with USCSAHT are inviting members and friends to honor the strength, courage, and resilience of refugees on **Thursday June 20th, World Refugee Day**. Join in the national Call-in day. Find the call-in number and a sample script [here](#).

Justice for Immigrants Webinar on HUD Proposed Rule

On May 10, 2019, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled "[Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status](#)." This proposed rule is deeply concerning as it seeks to prevent mixed status families from accessing federally subsidized housing programs. Comments on this rule are due by July 9, 2019.



Justice for Immigrants (JFI) will be hosting a **webinar on June 27, 2019 at 1pm Eastern / 10am Pacific** to discuss this rule in more detail. We urge all who are interested to join.

Webinar login: bit.ly/HUDRulemaking
Phone: (917) 338-1451
Password: 257772#

Join Us in DC: “Shine the Light’ Conference on Human Trafficking

With the success of last year’s inaugural Human Trafficking Conference, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center have opened registration for the 2019 “[Shine the Light](#)” Conference on Human Trafficking, to be held on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, June 26.



Space is limited and pre-registration is required, so please do not delay. Please register online at bit.ly/traffickingconf or by calling the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at (301) 622-6838. There is no fee for the conference and a boxed lunch is included. The morning will consist of an overview of human trafficking and panel presentations on both sex and labor trafficking perpetrated domestically and overseas. Legislative visits will be arranged for the afternoon of June 26 for those who express interest.

[Click here for more details on speakers and to register.](#)

Commemorate Gun Violence Prevention Month: Host a Screening

We hope many of you participated in [Wear Orange](#) day last Friday. As we continue to promote gun violence awareness through the month of June to commemorate Gun Violence Prevention Month, we offer another resource from our friends at Brave New Films.



[Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA](#) tells the stories of how guns — and the billions made off of them by the NRA and gun companies — affect the safety of everyday Americans and what can be done to put an end to this profit-driven crisis. Additionally, there are 5 other [short films on gun violence available here](#).

All of Brave New Films' are **free to screen** for your organization, community group or school. They also have discussion guides and other resources available to make your event a success. If you're interested in screening a series or film, please check out the [Host a Screening page](#) to sign up.

Victory: House Passes American Dream and Promise

Act of 2019

This past week, the House of Representatives [passed](#) H.R. 6, better known as the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019. The bill provides a pathway for DREAMers, TPS holders, and DED recipients to attain their green cards if they meet certain requirements and also cancels removal proceedings against them. This bipartisan legislation gives all immigrants hope in a time where their status is caught in a legal limbo in our immigration system.



The measure passed 237-187 on the strength of Democratic support with seven Republican ayes. Don Bacon, NE-2; Mario Diaz-Balart FL-25; Brian Fitzpatrick, PA-1; Will Hurd, TX-23; Dan Newhouse, WA-4; Christopher H. Smith, NJ-4; and Fred Upton, MI-6. Please [look up how your member voted here](#) and **if your member voted AYE, please call and say thanks.** The Franciscan Action Network [applauded](#) the move in this statement released June 5th.

We have refocused our energies on building support for the bill in the Senate, which will be a significant task. We can't do it without you.