

Info Alert 186

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A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. LS 91

In solidarity with the Laudato Si Action Platform which emanates from Pope Francis' Encyclical: "Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home," we choose the Catholic Social Teaching: Care for God's Creation as our focus for 2021-2022. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. It is through this lens that we will actively engage in works of justice in areas of racism, immigration and climate change.

Respect Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. The USCCB publishes ample materials for personal and parish use. Please see what is offered this year. <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

Death Penalty

The Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) offers a list of men and women who are scheduled for execution in prisons throughout the United States. First Friday Prayer Vigils are virtual and open to all. Petitions advocating for a stay in execution appear periodically. Learn more about how you can support this ministry. Visit: <https://catholicsmobilizing.org/>

Women Against Abuse

October is Domestic Violence Month. Philadelphia's very own **Women Against Abuse** organization provides services and advocates for women when they are most vulnerable. Please visit their site to learn more about them. At **Take Action** (on this site) read three pending bills and sign them if you can. <https://www.womenagainstabuse.org/> Perhaps, as a local community, make a donation to this organization.

Education for Justice (repeat)

Social Justice purchased a subscription to the website: [Education for Justice](#). Username: **ihmimmaculata** Password: **1845**. You will be on the Welcome page and see topics, materials or resource page. If you choose materials, scroll down to icons listed.

Immigration

The Biden administration has signed a contract with ICE to convert the Berks family prison (in Reading) into a prison for immigrant women. The expansion of immigrant prisons is being driven by the Biden administration as part of their overall immigration plan, despite campaign promises to the contrary. Take action today, [sign the petition](#) to tell Secretary Mayorkas to shut down the Berks immigrant prison once and for all!

Prayer (excerpt from USCCB "Every Life is Worth Living")

Give us love for all people,
especially the most vulnerable,
and help us bear witness to the
truth that every life is worth living.

Action

1. Rent and watch the movie: "Just Mercy."
2. Sign the Petition against Berks.
3. Take actions to pass Bills which advocate for victims of domestic violence
4. Pray entire prayer: Every Life is Worth Living <https://www.usccb.org/every-life-worth-living>