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"God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all of its members, without excluding or favoring anyone . . . development which did not respect and promote human rights would not be worthy of man." LS #93

Catholic Black History Month

November is **Catholic Black History** month. The video, Black Faith Matters, will present an insight into the history and struggle of the Black American Catholic who attempted to navigate in a predominately "white" Church. Let us become aware and inspired as we listen and learn. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAmzyXcKeg>.

Below is a link to a calendar of remarkable Catholics so we can better appreciate the gift of our black Catholic brothers and sisters. <https://csjla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FINAL-Electronic-Calendar-for-National-Black-Catholic-History-Month.pdf>

HR 40

HR 40 is a bill sitting in the House of Representatives that calls for the establishment of a commission to study and develop reparation proposals for treatment that the African American has endured from the time of slavery to the present day. Please read the information contained on this site and sign if you feel you can act.

<https://www.hrw.org/ReparationsNow#>

Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month

Since 1995, every President has set aside a time in November to honor the accomplishments, achievements, sacrifices, cultural and historical legacy of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States and their descendants: the American Indian and Alaska Native people. Today, November is known as Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month. Our Native Americans have a long history of broken promises on the part of our American government. We can support Native Americans today as they fight to keep lands sacred to their tribal ancestors. Learn a little more about their fight in the article: Out of spotlight, tribes keep fighting Dakota pipeline.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-south-dakota-native-americans/out-of-spotlight-tribes-keep-fighting-dakota-pipeline-idUSKBN1KN1HT>

Sign the Petition if you can: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/president-biden-shut-down-the-dakota-access-pipeline-now>

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Insecurity and hardship typify the journey of a refugee or asylum seeker. First, they make the painful choice to flee their homes to save their lives. Next, they must take an uncertain journey to find safety in a nearby country. While many countries will grant asylum to those fleeing from persecution and strife, not all countries will admit them as residents. The International Catholic Migration Commission is an organization committed to protecting and serving uprooted peoples throughout the world. Part of their mission is helping with refugee resettlement. Learn more about ICMC [refugee resettlement](#) initiatives by clicking on the underlined words.

Prayer for Refugees [Download 2008-05-16-Prayer-for-Refugees.pdf](#)

Amid Haiti's Challenges, Haitian Congregation Continues Serving Those Living In Poverty (Update)

Amid Haiti's challenges, the Little Sisters of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus continue serving those living in poverty. Sister Denise Desil, PSST, the Responsible General says, "We do something unique. We go to places where others don't go." "We have a very poor country, and we have a lot of challenges just to survive. We need to support people who count on us." One locale that counts on the Little Sisters of St. Thérèse is Baradères. The Little Sisters and other clinic personnel see about 100 patients a week in a 12-bed clinic and hospital. Among the constants in the area are malaria and typhoid, cholera, diarrhea, and water-borne diseases.

- Actions** – 1. Commit to learn about the groups highlighted in this Info Alert and sign petitions that will help them.
2. Pray for all Refugees and/or contribute to Catholic Charities USA, ICMC or Haiti (through Pat Mc Dermott)