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Today . . . we must realize that a true ecological approach “always” becomes a social approach. It must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, to hear both the “cry of the earth” and the “cry of the poor.” LS 49

ICE Reopens Berks

The **Shut Down Berks Coalition** has confirmed the January reopening of the Berks County Detention Center as a holding center for immigrant women. This family prison closed in February 2021 when all its detainees were released. In September 2021, Berks Co. and ICE agreed to repurpose and reopen the facility to detain women as young as 18. Today Berks is incarcerating as many as 65 immigrant women and girls. Read more about it here: <https://why.org/articles/berks-co-immigrant-detention-center-reopens-as-women-only-facility/>

Title 42

Title 42 or the Remain in Mexico Policy carried over from President Trump’s era is set to expire in May. There is bipartisan legislation in Congress to extend Title 42 because of the rising number of Ukrainian Refugees at our Southern border as well as new asylum seekers who are coming to us from Central America. There is a genuine fear of our borders being overwhelmed by those trying to come into our country but for thousands of asylum seekers who have been waiting for over two years on the Mexican side of the border, justice demands they be allowed to present themselves. We need to find a process that recognizes the dignity of those who sacrificed all they had to find a better life. If you can, sign this petition asking President Biden to end Title 42. The petition is sponsored by the ACLU. <https://action.aclu.org/petition/tell-biden-end-trumps-illegal-and-inhumane-immigration-policies>

Haiti Project

Dr. Paul Farmer, global humanitarian leader, dies at 62

Paul Farmer, October 26, 1959-February 21, 2022, physician, anthropologist, and visionary leader of the American non-profit organization Partners in Health (PIH) led its work in 12 countries, the first of which was Haiti. A passionate believer in social justice and building local capacity, Farmer’s ambition to found PIH was sparked while living in Haiti. While a medical student Farmer met a religious, Sister Julianna, who was working with Haitians employed in the tobacco plantations and he became interested in Haiti’s history. Haiti captivated Farmer and propelled him toward a career in public health. The first PIH clinic in Haiti, at first a single room, grew over the years to a network of 16 medical centers in the country, with a local staff of almost 7,000.

Prayer:

Carry Us Through The Night

John Clossick – **Prayer Without Borders**

Almighty Creator, help us see that your plan is not established until all are allowed to contribute their unique talents.

Help us realize that none of us can move forward as long as one of us is left behind.

Help us work not in competition for our own gain or purpose, but rather in cooperation towards fulfillment of your plan for all of us.

We pray “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.”

And we work towards that. Amen

Action

1. Continue to support and pray for the people of Ukraine.
2. Support immigrants throughout the world by contributing to CRS and specifically Operation RiceBowl.
3. Prepare to Vote in the May Primary. Become familiar with the issues and candidates.