

Info Alert 196

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“While encouraging the development of a better world, we cannot remain silent about the scandal of poverty in its various forms. Violence, exploitation, discrimination, marginalization, restrictive approaches to fundamental freedoms, whether of individuals or of groups: these are some of the chief elements of poverty which need to be overcome. Often these are precisely the elements which mark migratory movements, thus linking migration to poverty.” (Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 8/5/13)

Poverty

Due to inflation and the disruption of so many American lives through natural disasters, the need for food services like food banks is growing by leaps and bounds while contributions are shrinking. Please contact our members of Congress and ask for an expansion in the programs that already exist. Use the link provided:

https://secure.feedingamerica.org/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app20006b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=626&autologin=true&utm_med

Title 42

Right now, some members of Congress are trying to make the Title 42 border policy permanent by attaching it to spending bills that will soon be voted on. This would end asylum as we know it. Title 42 is the Trump-era border policy enacted during COVID-19 to block Black, Brown, and Indigenous migrants. New data shows more than two million expulsions of people seeking safety have happened under Title 42, the vast majority of which happened during the Biden administration. [See 5 facts about Title 42 that show why Congress should not codify Title 42.](#)

CRS Action Sheet

CRS is inviting us to reach out to some community minded people in our parishes, schools or workplaces who may be interested in forming a small action group. This group would support CRS through advocacy, projects and prayer. It may be a good fit for Laudato Si. Operation Rice Bowl always needs a coordinator(s). The Action Sheet is attached.

Prayer

God, you filled the fisherman's nets to bursting. Fill us to bursting. Fill us with compassion for our sisters and brothers. Fill us with the grace that pours forth from your loving heart... So many are hungry, and we are hungry too. In our weariness, our complacency, our cynicism, we have grown hungry for your compassionate spirit. Continue praying with the prayer, [Fill Us to Bursting](#).

<https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/fill-us-to-bursting.pdf>

Action

1. Please send a message to Congress advocating for the poor. Use the link provided.
2. See if there are any programs for the poor in your area where you can reach out to donate or give service.
3. Speak up on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters at the border. Tell Congress not to codify Title 42. It is included in the [5 Facts](#).