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The dignity of every human person must be respected today, not tomorrow, and the extreme poverty of all those to whom this dignity is denied should constantly weigh upon our consciences. Dilexi Te, Pope Leo XI

Response from Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to acknowledge and thank our sisters who responded to the Survey concerning the Info Alert. The Committee decided it may be worthwhile to reaffirm our commitment to Gospel values and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. As educators, we never stop learning, so we will continue to use education, prayer, and action as the framework of this communication.

USSCB Statement on Immigration

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently attended a Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, MD. They released the following statement concerning the treatment of immigrants in our country and the U.S. policy on immigration as a whole. You can read it here:

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore> A special note of gratitude is extended to our sisters and friends working with immigrants at the Texas border, in Literacy Centers, and in countless unseen ways in our schools and parishes.

Gun Violence

We may have passed laws to promote gun safety and protect our community, but attitudes towards guns and gun ownership also need to change. Spend time reading about how the Brady Center is trying to change hearts and minds on this issue. Visit this site:

<https://www.bradyunited.org/our-approach/culture-change>

Feeding America

We have heard more about hunger in America because of the SNAP crisis. Follow this website and see how you can help. <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america>

Haiti Update

Hurricane Melissa could affect immigration policy in the United States. World Relief has called on the Trump administration to delay its plans to end temporary protective status for about 300,000 Haitians currently living in the U.S., given the hurricane and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Haiti. "Particularly in light of the devastation that Hurricane Melissa is unleashing on a country already facing profound humanitarian crises, it would be inhumane to deport Haitians right now, and we urge the administration to refrain from terminating temporary protected status for Haitians currently present in the United States," Myal Greene, president and CEO of World Relief.

Source: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/faith-based-disaster-relief-groups-mobilize-respond-hurricane-melissa>

Prayer: Advent with Refugees

Consider accompanying refugees this Advent using this tool:

<https://www.jrsusa.org/resource/advent-with-refugees-2025/>

Another option for Advent Prayer comes from the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns: Walking with God

<https://maryknollogc.org/resources/advent-reflection-guide-2025-walking-with-god/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a06182ca-6310-432e-8990-4ef3dee785a5>

If you choose to pray with Creation, here is a third option: Creation Awaits with Eager Expectation. https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/creation-awaits-with-eager-expectation_advent-2025-resource-2.pdf

Action

1. Let us consider how we personally use food. Can we be more careful and conscious of those who have less?