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"As people of faith, we know the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor' are one," she said, citing a passage from Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. "By dismantling these protections, the United States abdicates its duty to the most vulnerable. We must return to science-based policy to protect our common home." *Susan Gunn, director of Maryknoll Office of Global Affairs*

Elimination of the “Endangerment Finding”

On February 12, the Trump administration made a consequential decision that will have long-term and far-reaching effects on our poor and on our planet. The “endangerment finding,” which was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2009, determined scientifically that the burning of fossil fuels releases six greenhouse gases that pose a danger to human health and welfare. The endangerment findings have been the bedrock of nearly all federal climate-related regulations and policies in the past 16 years, including limits on emissions from vehicles, coal-fired power plants, and other polluting industrial sources. Catholic Climate Covenant and the Laudato Si Movement have made a joint statement. You can read it here: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/press-releases/statement-from-catholic-climate-covenant-and-laudato-si-movement-on-the-epas-rescission-of-the-endangerment-finding/>

Black History Month

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, Catholic Climate Covenant presents this perspective. Read about it here: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/blogs/honoring-black-history-defending-dignity-healing-creation-and-choosing-life-together/>

Immigration Advocacy Pilgrimage

On March 5, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is joining the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the United States Bishops’ Conference in Washington, D.C. to advocate on Capitol Hill for immigration reform. A few of our sisters who are presently working with our immigrant brothers and sisters will be joining them. We are asking every sister to pray on March 5 for a successful outcome to their advocacy. If you can, please call your senators and representatives and ask for total immigration reform in solidarity with this day of advocacy by our Catholic Church.

Debunking Myths about Guns

Everytown for Gun Safety has published a list of facts that refute some of the most common responses concerning gun advocacy you may hear in casual conversation. It is worth the read.

<https://www.everytown.org/debunking-gun-myths-at-the-dinner-table/>

Take action! Tell Congress to Oppose the Federal Concealed Carry Mandate

<https://act.everytown.org/sign/CCM->

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Nuns Against Gun Violence

You may want to learn more about an organization composed of Catholic religious women and their allies who are devoted to changing America's gun culture. You can learn about them here:

<https://nunsagainstgunviolence.org/>

Prayer: In Praise of the Gift of Diversity

We pray this day for the grace to tear down walls that divide us and build bridges of understanding and unity.

We praise you, God, for the gift of cultural diversity in our world.

Help us to learn to listen more deeply and connect with the "other,"

Who may have a different perspective and background.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our brother. Amen.

Sr. Barbara McMullen CDP

Action

1. Commit yourself to the actions Laudato Si has placed in your heart.
2. Pray daily for immigration reform in our country.
3. Support common-sense gun legislation.
4. Remember Operation Rice Bowl in your Lenten sacrifices.