

## Info Alert 197

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...the poorest among us are crying out. Exposed to the climate crisis, the poor feel even more gravely the impact of the drought, flooding, hurricanes and heat waves that are becoming ever more intense and frequent. Likewise, our brothers and sisters of the native peoples are crying out. As a result of predatory economic interests, their ancestral lands are being invaded and devastated on all sides... Finally, there is the plea of our children...today's young people are crying out, anxiously asking us adults to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems. *Pope Francis excerpt from Message on World Day of Prayer for Opening of the Season of Creation 2022*

### Update Your Voter Registration

With the primaries behind us, there is no better time to make sure your voter registration is up to date! Update your voter registration information so you can vote in the approaching gubernatorial and mid-term elections on November 8<sup>th</sup>, especially if you have moved recently. [https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/?gclid=CjwKCAiAgvKQBhBbEiwAaPQw3L1Ude8SDJnF2VNR844o2eksmjX2kuEmiyzpzX\\_KhwotdOqs9vAlhoC\\_VZ0](https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/?gclid=CjwKCAiAgvKQBhBbEiwAaPQw3L1Ude8SDJnF2VNR844o2eksmjX2kuEmiyzpzX_KhwotdOqs9vAlhoC_VZ0) **Voting is the most direct way to make your voice heard!**

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

September 25 is designated the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme Pope Francis has chosen for this year is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." Consider a donation to our Literacy Centers or to our intercommunity project in McAllen, Texas serving refugees at our southern border. Visit the Vincentian website at the shrine of the Miraculous Medal and pray with and for our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. <https://miraculousmedal.org/beyond-sunday/migrationdayprayer/>

### Death Penalty

Pope Francis' intention for the month of September is to pray for the global abolition of the Death Penalty. Organizations like Amnesty International have been tracking the use of the death penalty in countries around the world since 1990. While the facts tell us 108 countries worldwide have abolished the death penalty as of 2021, we know the U.S. still supports it as a punishment and as a deterrent. As Catholics who believe all life is sacred, the death penalty can become a thorny issue. Visit the following website to learn more about this issue. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/death-penalty/>

### Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord, make us instruments of your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen. *Excerpt from Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022*

### Action

1. Learn about these issues.
2. Prepare for the mid-term election and plan to VOTE!