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Waves of Change: Transitioning to Post-Pandemic Times

A wave of change is coming!
We changed our **clocks**, moving forward.
We have changed our “**garments**” from Lenten penance to Easter rejoicing.
We are changing our **mindsets** from the pandemic to post-pandemic times.

The declaration on this shift from the U.S. government goes into effect on May 11, 2023. Since March 2020, we have done things in certain ways, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects. We are in a new era now ... as we will be changing practices and procedures that we have come to regard as the norm.



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We give you the currently-known changes that a post-pandemic way of life bring, which include:

- How vaccines/shots/insurance coverage/telehealth conferences will be affected
- How immigration procedures at the U.S. Mexico border will be impacted
- How Medicaid enrollment practices will change
- How student loan payments will resume
- How SNAP/food benefits will be decreased

These changes will impact our lives, our families' lives and our ministries.

We highlight Earth Day on April 22nd and the many ways that our members are working to impact the one planet where we live. Benedictine stewardship is a daily requirement, not just once a year. There are many ways that each person, each group can influence what happens in our many spheres of influence. The ripples go outward and encourage others to take up the mantle of the “Rs” – reduce, reuse, recycle, remove, refuse and rally.

This newsletter highlights our 2023 resolution filings. We have remained steadfast during the pandemic, continuing to raise the issues of our time with the corporations where we own stocks. We challenge the corporations to look at how their practices are affecting the environment now (and, in the future) and their employees' pay and benefits. Our national group, the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) has been raising questions around environmental, social justice and governance issues for 52 years.

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We thank you for your continued support. We are making a difference – through education, through action and through changing hearts and minds.



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Paris-Aligned Climate Lobbying

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ICCR/SEC Update

SEC Lawsuit Update

In June 2021, ICCR, As You Sow and James McRitchie filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn changes to Rule 14a-8, passed in the late days of the prior administration, which limit the ability of shareholders to file resolutions. (See the full timeline of events here: <https://www.iccr.org/our-work/shareholder-engagement-and-proxy-process/shareholder-rights-and-sec-rule-changes-14a-8>).

The court has postponed a scheduled status hearing several times. Most recently, the status hearing that was scheduled for February 23, 2023 was postponed to May 30, 2023, meaning that we are not likely to get a decision from the court before that time.



ICCR: Key Trends This Year

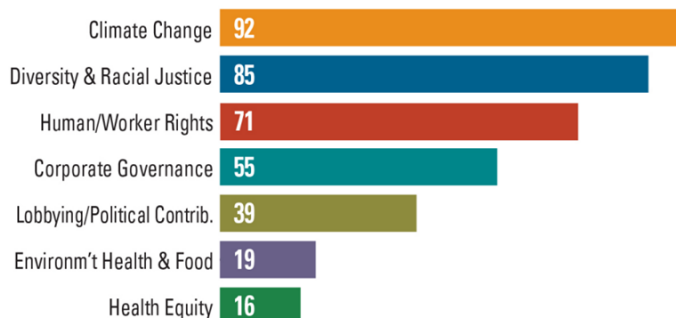
- 377 proposals filed at 227 companies
- The climate crisis and racial justice continue to dominate investor concerns.
- A continuing focus on worker rights
- An emerging focus on conflict-affected high-risk areas (CAHRA), including Uyghur-forced labor and the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Corporate political activities remain under heightened scrutiny
- A focus on patent protection strategies

2023 Proxy Resolutions and Voting Guide, ICCR, 2/17/23

2023 Proxy Season Overview

In spite of the restrictive changes to rule 14a-8, ICCR members have filed a 377 resolutions in 2023. Resolutions addressing the climate crisis and racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) were the most numerous, with 92 and 85 proposals respectively. The largest group of these proposals (28) called for companies to develop climate transition plans with GHG reduction goals. ICCR-member DEI and racial justice filings stand at 85 this year. The largest group of these (26 proposals) called for greater disclosure of material corporate DEI data. The second largest group called for racial equity audits (25). This year members filed a diverse group of 71 resolutions covering numerous human rights and worker rights risks. The largest group of these (nine proposals) focused on worker rights, and called for companies to implement paid sick leave policies as a standard employee benefit

Resolutions by Issue



2023 Proxy Resolutions and Voting Guide, ICCR, 2/16/23

In Memoriam

Sister Patricia Daly, OP

Sister Patricia Daly, OP, a member of the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, entered into eternal life on December 9, 2023.

Sr. Pat worked in corporate responsibility and socially responsible investing for 45 years. Over the years Sr. Pat successfully negotiated with companies on issues of human rights, labor, ecological concerns, militarism, equality, health and tobacco and international debt and capital flows. Sr. Pat played a role in forcing General Electric to pay for the clean-up of the Hudson River.

Sr. Pat helped to integrate global warming and the impacts of climate change into the priorities of corporate America, and along with Fr. Mike Crosby, was a founder of Campaign ExxonMobil, calling this oil giant to task on matters related to climate change.

Throughout her years of ministry, Sr. Pat served on various boards and committees including: Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility Governing Board; Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment Executive Committee; Archdiocese of Newark Justice and Peace Commission; JVC East Board Chair and Member; Oikocredit Ecumenical Development Cooperative Society Board of Directors; Ozone Action Board of Directors; Mustard Seed Communities USA Board of Directors; Columbia University Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory Advisory Board; Jana Partners Board and the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Portfolio Advisory Board.

*Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility*



Sister Patricia Daly at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility conference in 2015. "She didn't come in throwing thunderbolts," one chief executive said. "She came from a position of love." Image credit via Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility

A Prayer to Start the Day

Today God remind us of the value of time ... time spent with you, time spent with our families and friends, time that offers us life and meaning.

Our lives and our circumstances can quickly change so help us today, to honor each moment. Allow us to understand the importance of not wasting a single opportunity to be kind, to offer help, to engage in conversation, to listen and seek to understand, to share our own feelings, hopes and dreams with our friends and in turn listen to what is important to them. Help us to accept goodness from others ... and offer it in return. Help us to appreciate the meaning of being in relationship with those around us.

Help us to say the things that are important, to express our thoughts that should not wait until tomorrow, and to allow ourselves the freedom to be open, available to all we meet today.

Remind us of the importance of learning from our yesterdays and using the energy that hope and new understandings bring for tomorrow.

Our moments pass before us so quickly, so once again God we ask: Remind us of the value of time spent with you and with those around us. Help us to honor our moments of this life.

Amen.

The Catholic Health Association of the United States



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Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB

Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, a founding mother of Emmaus Soup Kitchen, died on January 6, 2023, the Feast of the Epiphany, at the age of 81. A Benedictine Sister of Erie for more than 60 years, Mary Lou understood herself, first and foremost, as a monk: a contemplative person in community with others, devoted to celebrating life and beauty.

As a young girl, she witnessed the church bells ringing and people rejoicing in the streets when the news broke that World War II was over. The wonder and hope of that experience carried her through her lifelong efforts to build a joyful society that believed peace was possible. This dream was the foundation of her many ministries.

In 1972, Mary Lou established the Pax Center, an intentional living community of Benedictine Sisters and lay members, committed to radical Christian nonviolence. In 1974, the group founded the Emmaus Soup Kitchen, and she regularly served there for many years.

Mary Lou was as concerned about suffering on the global scale as she was about the suffering of her hungry neighbors in Erie. She became heavily involved in local and national peace and justice causes, often participating in civil disobedience actions protesting war and the nuclear arms race. In 1980, she worked with Benedictines across the country to establish Benedictines For Peace, and served as National Coordinator from 1980-1985. She became National Coordinator for Pax Christi USA, a position she held until 1991.

She understood that peace is only possible when people's souls are fed, and so in 1992, she founded Benetvision, which promotes the writing of Sister Joan Chittister and aims to make contemporary feminist spirituality widely accessible. A teacher by nature, she strove to offer the same kind of hope and beauty to children. In 1995, she opened the Neighborhood Art House, which continues to offer free lessons in art, music, dance and writing to impoverished children in Erie—giving them a chance to express themselves and see themselves as artists and creators.

Many of Mary Lou's ministries continue to live on, but more importantly, she is survived by innumerable loved ones who have been shaped by their relationships with her. This includes the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, her family, her many, many friends and those who looked to her as a mentor and prophet. Her vision of a world lit up and dancing for joy, a world celebrating the end of violence, is still a source of hope and a reminder of what could be.

*Emmaus Ministries, The Companion Special Tribute Issue to
Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB*



Benedictine Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki speaks at a signing for her book Between Two Souls: Conversations With Ryokan in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 2004. Image courtesy of Benedictine Sisters of Erie

Gun Violence

Gun Control Laws Passed in U.S. in 2022

- On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed the **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act** to address gun violence since the expired 10-year assault weapons ban of 1994.
- **California Gov. Gavin Newsom** in July signed a package of five bills on gun safety after they were passed by the California State Senate. On July 1, Newsom signed AB 2571, which prohibits the gun industry from marketing firearm-related products to minors, as well as AB 1621, which further restricts ghost guns, including the parts used to build them.
- **Colorado Gov. Jared Polis** signed House Bill 22-1086, or The Vote Without Fear Act, on March 30. The law prohibits a person from openly carrying a firearm within any polling location or central count facility.
- **Delaware Gov. John Carney** signed a package of gun safety bills on June 30 including legislation to prohibit assault weapons, regulate high-capacity magazines and strengthen background checks.
- **Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker** signed two bills to address secure storage of firearms and regulating ghost guns.
- **Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan** announced on April 8 he would allow Senate Bill 387, which bans the sale or possession of ghost guns, to become law.
- **New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy** on July 5 signed seven gun safety bills, six of which were part of his Gun Safety 3.0 package. The package includes legislation which would allow the state's attorney general to sue members of the firearm industry for violations stemming from the sale or marketing of firearms. On December 22, Murphy signed another gun safety bill strengthening the state's firearm licensing laws and established a list of 'sensitive places' where concealed carry is prohibited.
- **New York Gov. Kathy Hochul** signed a gun safety package on June 6, which includes bills requiring microstamping on handguns, strengthen the state's extreme risk and firearm purchase permit law, raise the minimum age to purchase semi-automatic rifles to 21 and enhance information sharing between state, local and federal agencies when guns are used in crimes.
- In the November 2022 U.S. midterm elections, **Oregon** voters enacted a gun safety ballot measure, Measure 114, which strengthens background checks and prohibits the sale and transfer of ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds.
- **Rhode Island Gov. Daniel McKee** signed three gun safety bills on June 21. They prohibit high-capacity magazines, ban the open carry of rifles and shotguns in public places and raise the legal age to purchase firearms or ammunition from 18 to 21, with specific exceptions for law enforcement officers.
- **Vermont Gov. Phil Scott** signed into law a gun safety package on March 25 banning all firearms from hospitals and prohibits the transfer of firearms between unlicensed people.
- **Washington Gov. Jay Inslee** signed three gun safety bills into law on March 23. HB 1705 prohibits the manufacture, sale, purchase or possession of ghost guns, while HB 1630 prohibits the open carry of firearms at local government meetings and restricts them at school board meetings and election-related locations. The third bill, SB 5078, prohibits high-capacity magazines, defined as an "ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than 17 rounds of ammunition," the bill states.

Emma Tucker, **CNN**, 12/31/22

Biden issues executive order aimed at reducing gun violence: "It's common sense"

On March 14, President Biden issued an executive order that aims to increase the number of background checks to buy guns, promote better and more secure firearms storage and ensure U.S. law enforcement agencies are getting the most out of a gun control law enacted last summer.

The executive order directs the U.S. Attorney General to increase background checks by cracking down on gun sellers who don't perform them when required, with the goal of "moving us as close as we can to universal background checks without new legislation," as Mr. Biden put it. The order also directs federal agencies to improve public awareness and promote the use of "red-flag" laws, and instructs the Attorney General to release more information about federally licensed firearms dealers who violate the law. The directive further instructs the Pentagon to "develop and implement principles to further firearm and public safety practices through the Department of Defense's acquisition of firearms."

The bill passed last year, known as the Safer Communities Act, is viewed by gun control advocates as a good start but one that doesn't go far enough. After the law was signed, there were 11 other mass shootings, according to a database of mass killings since 2006 maintained by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

CBS News, 3/14/23

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Gun violence is the top killer of U.S. kids—the pandemic made it worse

In the years before the pandemic—from 2015 to early 2020—Black children in four major US cities were 27 times more likely to be shot than white children. But, from 2020 to the end of 2021, Black children were 100 times more likely to be shot than white children, according to a new study in JAMA Network Open. The study examined firearm assault data from New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

The study also found that Hispanic children were about 26 times more likely to be shot than white children during the pandemic, up from a relative risk of 8.6-fold prior to the health emergency. And Asian children were about four times more likely to be shot than white children.

"Our results are broadly consistent with research identifying sharper pandemic-associated violence increases in neighborhoods with less racial and economic privilege," the researchers wrote. "Possible explanations include COVID-19's exacerbation of inequities in access to health, employment, and educational resources."

Beth Mole, **ARS Technica**, 3/9/23

Shooting at Nashville Christian school leaves at least 3 children and 3 adults dead, officials say

Three children and three staff members were gunned down at a private Christian school in Nashville on March 27, before the shooter, a heavily armed 28-year-old woman, was killed by police, authorities said. The shooting unfolded at The Covenant School on Burton Hills Boulevard where officers "engaged" the attacker, described by Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake as a woman who appears to be a former student at the school.

David K. Li and Natalie Obregon, **NBC News**, 3/27/23

May 11th—Ending of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)

On April 10, 2023, President Biden signed House Joint Resolution 7 which immediately ended the Covid-19 national emergency. The House Joint Resolution does not affect the public health emergency, which is still set to expire in May 11, 2023. This brings the end of numerous pandemic-era flexibilities in Medicaid, Medicare and CHIP programs, as well as private health insurance. It also suggests an additional extension of the pause on student loan payments is unlikely. Below are some of the most significant changes as the emergency declarations end.

COVID-19 VACCINES, TESTING AND TREATMENTS

Medicare

- **Vaccines:** People with coverage will continue to have access to COVID-19 vaccinations without cost sharing after the end of the PHE.
- **Testing:** People can continue to receive COVID-19 PCR and antigen tests with no cost sharing when ordered by a physician/health care providers and performed by a laboratory. People enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) can continue to receive PCR and antigen tests when the test is covered, but their cost-sharing may change when the PHE ends. By law, Medicare does not generally cover over-the-counter services and tests. Current access to free over-the-counter tests will end on May 11th, however, some MA plans may continue to provide coverage.
- **Treatments:** No change in coverage of treatments for those exposed to COVID-19 once the PHE ends.

Medicaid and CHIP

- **Vaccines, Testing, and Treatment:** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) says states must provide Medicaid and CHIP coverage without cost sharing for vaccinations, testing and treatments through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the PHE (if PHE ends May 11, 2023, coverage requirement will end September 30, 2024). After that date, many Medicaid and CHIP enrollees will continue to have coverage for COVID-19 vaccinations. Eighteen states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah and Washington) have opted to provide Medicaid coverage to uninsured individuals for vaccinations, testing, and treatment. Under federal law, Medicaid coverage of vaccinations, testing and treatment will end when the PHE ends.
- **Enrollment:** At the beginning of the pandemic, the federal government prohibited states from kicking people off Medicaid, even if they were no longer eligible. Before the pandemic, people would regularly lose their Medicaid coverage if they started making too much money to qualify for the program, gained health care coverage through their employer or moved into a new state. Over the next year, states will be required to start checking the eligibility again of every person who is on Medicaid. People will have to fill out forms to verify their personal information every 12 months to renew coverage.

Private Health Insurance

- **Vaccines:** Most private health insurance must continue to cover COVID-19 vaccines furnished by an in-network health care provider without cost sharing. People with private health insurance may need to pay part of the cost if an out-of-network provider vaccinates them.
- **Testing:** When PHE ends, mandatory coverage for over-the-counter and laboratory-based COVID-19 PCR and antigen tests will end, though coverage will vary depending on the health plan. If private insurance chooses to cover these, there may be cost sharing and prior authorization.
- **Treatments:** Coverage for treatments will not change and in cases where cost sharing and deductibles apply now, they will continue to apply.

ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Medicare and Telehealth

- During the PHE, individuals with Medicare had broad access to telehealth services, including in their homes, without the geographic or location limits that usually apply as a result of waivers issued by the Health and Human Services Secretary, facilitated by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. "Telehealth" includes services provided through telecommunications systems (for example, computers and phones) and allows health care providers to give care to patients remotely in place of an in-person office visit.
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, extended many telehealth flexibilities through December 31, 2024, such as:
 - People with Medicare can access telehealth services in any geographic area in the United States, rather than only those in rural areas.
 - People with Medicare can stay in their homes for telehealth visits that Medicare pays for rather than traveling to a health care facility.
 - Certain telehealth visits can be delivered audio-only (such as a telephone) if someone is unable to use both audio and video, such as a smartphone or computer.
- Medicare Advantage plans may offer additional telehealth benefits. Individuals in a Medicare Advantage plan should check with their plan about coverage for telehealth services. Additionally, after December 31, 2024 when these flexibilities expire, some Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) may offer telehealth services that allow primary care doctors to care for patients without an in-person visit, no matter where they live.

Medicaid, CHIP, and Telehealth

- For Medicaid and CHIP, telehealth flexibilities are not tied to the end of the PHE and have been offered by many state Medicaid programs long before the pandemic. Coverage will ultimately vary by state.

Private Health Insurance and Telehealth

- As is currently the case during the PHE, coverage for telehealth and other remote care services will vary by private insurance plan after the end of the PHE. For additional information on your insurer's approach to telehealth, contact your insurer's customer service number located on the back of your



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COVID-19 PHE (Cont'd) and Immigration

SNAP BENEFITS

- Food stamps, which were temporarily increased since 2020, will return to their normal levels in March. A number of states have already stopped providing the emergency allotments. SNAP beneficiaries, who also receive Social Security benefits, may see a decrease in their SNAP benefits because of cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increases to Social Security that went into effect in January. Other pandemic SNAP waivers will remain in effect until the end of the emergency.

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

- The U.S. Department of Education has used the public health emergency declaration to extend the student loan repayment pause in effect since March 2020. The department, under both the current and previous administrations, extended the pause under a 2003 law that allows the education secretary to modify or waive provisions in the loan program during national emergencies. In November, the department announced a final extension of the loan pause; payments will resume 60 days after litigation over the Biden administration's debt forgiveness plan is resolved. While other final extensions had been announced, the end of the public health emergency suggests another extension is unlikely under previously used authority.

Kelly Garrity, *Politico*, 4/10/23

CMS.gov, 2/27/23

Amanda Seitz, *Associated Press*, 2/26/23

Lauren Kallins and Austin Reid, *National Conference of State Legislatures*, 2/22/23

Sara Rosenbaum, Rebecca Morris and Maria Casoni

The Commonwealth Fund, 8/27/21

David J. Bier and Alex Nowrasteh, *Daily Beast*, 2/19/23

Adam Isacson, *Washington Office on Latin America*, 2/23/23

Colleen Long and Elliot Spagat, *Associated Press*, 3/7/23

Benjamin Wermund and Elizabeth Trovati, *Houston Chronicle*, 2/27/23

Priscilla Alvarez, *CNN*, 2/9/23

DATA ON MIGRANT APPREHENSIONS

FY 2022 Migrant Apprehensions by Month at Southwest Border				
Month	Family Units	Single Adults	Unaccompanied Children	Total
October	41,556	104,932	12,625	159,113
November	43,279	109,991	13,745	167,015
December	49,437	109,461	11,704	170,602
January	30,419	108,851	8,607	147,877
February	25,165	122,226	11,779	159,063
March	34,052	163,237	13,892	211,181
April	37,082	154,565	11,857	203,504
May	51,166	158,784	14,420	224,370
June	44,071	133,399	14,929	192,399
July	42,851	125,980	13,003	181,834
August	39,305	131,476	10,993	181,774
September	44,579	151,479	11,539	207,597
Total	482,962	1,574,381	149,093	2,206,436

FY 2023 Migrant Apprehensions by Month at Southwest Border				
Month	Family Units	Single Adults	Unaccompanied Children	Total
October	46,666	146,568	11,651	204,885
November	49,696	144,970	12,782	207,448
December	60,677	149,203	11,830	221,710
January	25,516	94,384	9,036	128,936
February	25,350	94,248	10,426	130,024
March	32,915	117,531	11,871	162,317
Total	240,820	746,904	67,596	1,055,320

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, data current as of 4/26/23

IMMIGRATION

- Federal Title 42 expulsions will end with the public health emergency May 11. Title 42 has been used since the outset of the pandemic to expel migrants who have unlawfully crossed into the United States.
- On January 5, the administration announced a plan called humanitarian parole, that allows 30,000 migrants from Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Haiti to legally come to the U.S. each month. To qualify for the program, migrants must have a U.S. sponsor and meet health and security standards. Once here, they receive a two-year residency permit—which could be extended—and they can apply for a work permit.
- Back on February 2023, CNN reported that the Biden administration is considering deporting non-Mexican migrants to Mexico in an unprecedented step to stem the flow of migration to the US southern border. The plan under consideration, would make use of a fast-track deportation process known as "expedited removal." Administration officials have repeatedly mentioned doubling down on the procedure in discussing post-Title 42 plans. While Mexico has been taking migrants under Title 42 and previously under a Trump-era border policy known as "Remain in Mexico," this would appear to mark the first time Mexico would take back non-Mexican deportees at a large scale. Negotiations between the US and Mexico are ongoing, the officials said.
- Recently, the administration introduced a draft rule that would deny the legal right to seek asylum to many migrants who passed through other countries on their way to the U.S./Mexico border and did not first seek asylum in those countries. This "transit ban" is part of asylum limitations and alternative pathways that the administration is building ahead of the end of Title 42.



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- The **CBP One** app is the main channel for initiating most asylum requests. Asylum seekers are required to use the app to schedule an appointment at a port of entry and if they crossed the border without doing so, or without having already sought asylum in another country, they would face harsh penalties. A CBP official said 200,000 profiles had been created on the app.
- The administration is considering detaining migrant families who cross into the U.S. illegally as it prepares to end COVID-19 restrictions at the U.S./Mexico border on May 11th. If families were detained, they would be held for short periods of time, and their cases expedited through immigration court. Under current policy, families who arrive at the U.S./Mexico border are released into the U.S. and told to appear in immigration court at a later date. The administration has the capacity to house roughly 3,000 people in two family detention centers in Texas (in Karnes City and in Dilley).

Immigration News and Monastery Updates

Latest Immigration News

- On March 24, two migrants were found dead in a shipping container on a train that the authorities stopped east of Uvalde, Texas. A total of 17 people were found on the train. On March 25, a migrant was found dead in a train car near Eagle Pass, Texas. Three individuals were hospitalized and eight were detained by the agents.
- Packers Sanitation Services Inc. LTD (PSSI), one of the nation's largest food safety sanitation services providers has paid \$1.5 million in civil money penalties after the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division found the company employed at least 102 children – from 13 to 17 years of age – in hazardous occupations at 13 meat processing facilities in eight states.
- As of April 5, the official death toll from the fire that occurred back on March 27 at a government-run migration facility in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, rose to 40 after one of the hospitalized victims died. Thirty nine people died and 29 others were seriously injured when the fire broke out. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the fire was started by migrants who were protesting after learning some of them would be deported. Five people have been arrested and will face charges of homicide.

Andi Babineau and Rebekah Riess, *CNN*, 3/27/23
U.S. Department Of Labor, 2/17/23
Lauren Villagran and Daniel Borunda, *El Paso Times*, 3/28/23
Suzanne Gamboa, *NBC News*, 4/4/23
The Associated Press, 3/31/23

My Volunteer Experience in Eagle Pass, TX

With support from my prioress, Sr. Esther Fangman, and the community of Mount St. Scholastica, I was able to volunteer in Eagle Pass, Texas, from January 9-19, 2023, with Sr. Siena Fisk, OSB, of St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. We stayed with Sr. Ursula Herrera, OSB, of the Benedictine Sisters of Boerne, Texas.

Many of the immigrants are coming from countries where they face political unrest, violence, gangs and threats that we cannot image here in the U.S. After a perilous journey where they continued to face threats and violence, they arrive at a border that has shipping containers as a physical barrier of entry, sending the message of "Keep Out!" And once they make it to where they are going, they are beholden to their sponsors for up to 2 years before they can work legally, which makes them susceptible to different forms of human trafficking when all across the country there are signs for "Help Wanted."

Our last day, we went to Piedras Negras and we visited the homes of three families that had family members with medical issues, including a member in a coma following a machete attack, and a young man that was paralyzed and bed bound. As a nurse, it was hard for me to see the conditions, knowing that if they had been in the U.S., families could have healthcare and support provided for them, and for the young man paralyzed, physical therapy to help him be independent in a wheelchair.

The experience of seeing the process that immigrants and refugees go through in person at the border really opened my eyes to the social justice work that is being done. It moved me to see the teaching of Jesus, the corporal works of mercy, lived out in person. I also saw that work still needs to be done in treating all who seek refuge as children of God and with the human dignity they all deserve. I hope that one day, our immigration and political systems will not treat those trying to make a better life for themselves and their families as criminals, but instead, provide them with the support they need to make new lives in a country where they can feel safe.

Novice Dorothy Herring
Mount St. Scholastica Monastery, Atchison, KS

A Reflection on My Border Experience at Eagle Pass, TX

The issues regarding refugees from different countries crossing the border from Mexico and the United States have been in the news for years now. Visiting and helping the migrants as well as better understanding their plight has long been my desire. The opportunity came in January 2023 when I, together with Novice Dorothy Herring of Mount St. Scholastica (Atchison, KS), were sent on mission with Caridad de Corazón, (Charity of the Heart) under the auspices of Sr. Ursula Herrera, OSB.

Novice Dorothy and I helped at the migrant shelter, Mission Border Help, doing tasks like serving food to the refugees, sorting donated clothes and shoes as well as distributing them to those in need of better clothing and footwear.

Having had a firsthand experience as a volunteer, observing, and listening to the stories of some of the refugees from Sr. Ursula has affirmed that the asylum seekers come in search of safety from persecution, torture, and sometimes death in their homeland.

"So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt" (Matt 2:14), reminds us that Jesus, too, was a refugee. As a Benedictine I am to follow the Holy Rule of St. Benedict's RB 53:1, *"All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'"* (Matt 25:35). Furthermore, RB 53:15 states, *"Great care and concern are to be shown in receiving poor people and pilgrims because in them more particularly Christ is received."*

Aside from working at the shelter, we had the opportunity to experience the different border ministries that Sr. Ursula is involved in. Being housed in the Mission House allowed us to meet missionaries from other Christian denominations who help the poor on both sides of the border.

The photograph that I have taken at the Mexican border shows the US and Mexico clutching hands. As I reflect on the photo, it not only represents the relationship between two countries but the relationship Caridad de Corazón has with other non-profit Christian organizations. It was touching and refreshing to see how these different organizations work in union with one common goal of serving God by helping those who are marginalized and most in need. *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matt 25:40).

I truly admire the selfless dedication Sr. Ursula and the missionaries have for those they serve and the genuine love and concern they have for them. Their love is reciprocal and shown

especially on the smiling, happy faces of the orphans we visited in Mexico. Seeing this has shown me that there is hope in unity. They are an inspiration for true Christian discipleship and whom I strive to emulate.



Sr. Siena Fisk, OSB
St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith, AR

Monastery Updates

Ethical and Socially Responsible Investing

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago are committed to the practice of stewardship and honoring the sacredness of all creation. They dedicate themselves to ecological conversion and working with others to foster the earth's human and natural environment, and they devote themselves to work for the healing of our common home, the earth. Together they commit themselves to ecological education, to provide opportunities for everyone to learn about the severity of the climate crisis and opportunities to engage in action and advocacy for a sustainable future. Given this deep concern for our world, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, have made certain that even their investment strategy is helping to attain these goals.

In previous times, investing responsibly meant avoiding the purchase of stock in companies that did not produce wholesome products or treat their employees in an ethically responsible way. It also meant avoiding investing in companies that showed little regard for the earth, and its natural resources. Rather than choosing to passively deal with rogue companies, the Sisters, through Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS), decided to make a positive impact on the world and maintain a role through Active Ownership.

Believing first and foremost in human dignity, economic justice, and environmental stewardship, the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago, through their partnership with CBIS, stress that all humans are created in God's image and therefore sacred. They must be protected and treated with dignity. Through their investments with CBIS, they are involved in Active Ownership Programs. They have a direct stake in the success of these companies, which encourages ongoing communications with various corporations helping to influence the development of a wide range of responsible policies and programs.

Collectively, through Shareholder Resolutions and Proxy Voting with other like-minded investors with CBIS, they endeavor to influence companies to share Catholic values. Through the establishment of short and long-term goals, their investment strategy with CBIS is to create a process change that can directly impact people's lives for the better. Together their role is to work for change in corporate behavior that results in better alignment with Catholic beliefs. In keeping with Benedictine values, the goal is to not only change companies' behavior but to ultimately improve people's lives, and the earth. Just another way the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago continue in their mission.



Joanne Spata

St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, IL

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

*Unknown author of condensed version of Charles Osgood's
A Poem About Responsibility*

This poem was submitted by our BCRI member,
Sister Roberta Bailey, OSB
Holy Name Monastery, St. Leo, Florida

Harmony Hill Watertown is the legacy project of the Sisters of Mother of God Monastery

Harmony Hill is a community-focused development of the Benedictine Sisters of Mother of God Monastery. It is with this transformative project, the Sisters intend to leave a legacy for the community. Their property will become an asset for the entire region providing opportunities for housing, educational experiences and recreation, as well as tourism and commerce.



The Continuum of care model planned for The Hill will offer seniors a variety of housing options and levels of service. Residents will have options to right-size their residence, enjoy a variety of amenities, and remain active and engaged with peers. The Village, which is phase 1 of the continuum, offers independent and assisted living apartments, as well as memory care units and countless amenities.

There are a variety of housing options planned for The Hill to support the various needs of the community. Based on current plans, when fully developed there will be over 700 housing units. From affordable, student and veteran housing to twin homes, condominiums, single family and luxury homes, there will be something for everyone!

Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, SD

Benedictine Health Foundation Aids Cancer Patients

Did you know that it takes over a million years for a plastic bottle to decompose?

The Benedictine Health Foundation in Kingston, NY recycles plastic water and soda bottles to make a positive impact on the environment and to provide money for gas and grocery gift cards to be given directly to cancer patients needing extra funds while receiving treatments. Sr. Philomena Fleck, who is stationed in Ulster County, and her network of helpers collect plastic bottles to assist with this project.

As good as the project is, bagging bottles is a slow way to raise funds. So in addition, Benedictine Health Foundation conducts a bike race, a ski benefit, a Sip and Savor event and other fund-raising activities. The Foundation also partners with businesses, grant makers and individuals who share its desire to improve the lives of cancer patients. Since it was established in 2004, the Foundation's Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund has provided over \$1,000,000 to aid in the treatment, care and support of cancer patients in Ulster County and neighboring areas.

For more information about the Foundation, see www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org.



Sr. Philomena Fleck loads plastic bottles to be hauled to the recycling center

Sister Marita Funke, OSB
St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ

Earth Day Challenges

Why do we celebrate Earth Day?

Every year Earth Day is celebrated on Apr. 22. While it is not a federally recognized holiday, people celebrate through the education, awareness and action toward the environment movement.

According to earthday.org, each Earth Day has the ability to "drive a year of energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to create a new plan of action for our planet."

Similar to last year, Earth Day 2023 focuses on the need to "invest in our planet." This can be done through many initiatives, such as planting trees, voting, participating in cleanups, ending plastic consumption, practicing climate literacy and consuming sustainable fashion.



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Olivia Munson, **USA TODAY**, 2/5/23

The 6 Rs of Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution can create big problems for human and ecosystem health. Everyday actions, however, can lessen the problem.

- ♦ **REDUCE:** Reduce your own plastic waste.
- ♦ **REUSE:** Always choose quality and durability over convenience. Single-use bags, cups, and other products usually cost you more in the long term — and definitely cost our planet.
- ♦ **RECYCLE:** Find the plastics you no longer need and dispose of them properly. If you can, replace them with long-lasting options.
- ♦ **REMOVE:** Pick up trash in your neighborhood and when visiting parks and beaches. Check local safety guidelines first, and always use gloves!
- ♦ **REFUSE:** This one's simple: Just make a habit of saying "No straw, please," and "I brought my own cup, thanks." It's a small step, but an easy way to see what you can live without.
- ♦ **RALLY:** Does your city or state have bans on single-use plastics? Send a letter or call your local elected leaders, urging them to ban plastic bags and other single-use plastic items.



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EarthDay.org, 3/28/23

Erie Benedictines Cool Congregations Runner Up

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie were one of three runners-up in the Interfaith Power & Light 2023 Cool Congregations Challenge, announced on February 28. The "Benedictine Sisters of Erie won a Sacred Grounds award for their woods management plan using goats to clear invasive plants, planting native trees and wildflowers. They've started a native plant nursery and inspired their neighbors to care for Creation," according to the Cool Congregations website.

Winners and runners-up were selected from 150 entries across six categories: Community Inspiration, Cool Planner, Electric Vehicle Leader, Energy Saver, Renewable Role Model, and Sacred Grounds Steward. Together they are preventing 1,300 tons of carbon emissions annually.

Ideas our Benedictine CRI members shared about stewardship and living out Earth Day resolutions:

- ♦ Request an "energy audit" from your local utility
- ♦ Keep a log about your plastics usage
- ♦ Install solar panels on monastery/various other buildings
- ♦ Keep a log of how much you save from implementing solar power
- ♦ Develop wind power on our land
- ♦ Use cloth napkins in the dining room
- ♦ Recycle/reuse/reduce (don't buy in the first place)
- ♦ Purchase laundry "sheets" for wash cycle (Earth Breeze and Blue Water companies) instead of buying the detergent in plastic containers
- ♦ Use compostable boxes for take-out food
- ♦ Replace older appliances with energy-efficient ones
- ♦ Track and reduce carbon dioxide emissions
- ♦ Design or re-purpose buildings with the environment in mind
- ♦ Purchase hybrid and electric vehicles

Cleaning Product Certifications

- ♦ **Beauty without Bunnies:** This PETA program indicates that the brand and its ingredient suppliers don't conduct, commission, pay for or allow any tests on animals for ingredients, formulations or finished products.
- ♦ **Cradle to Cradle:** Products are assessed for environmental and social performance across five sustainability categories: material health, material reuse, renewable energy/carbon management, water stewardship, and social fairness.
- ♦ **EcoLogo:** ECOLOGO Certifications indicate a product has undergone rigorous scientific testing, exhaustive auditing or both, to prove its compliance with metrics for a wide variety of criteria in some or all of the following categories: materials, energy, manufacturing and operations, health and environment, product performance and use, and product stewardship and innovation.
- ♦ **Fair Trade:** This certification means products meet standards related to safe working conditions, environmental protection, sustainable livelihoods and community development funds.
- ♦ **FSC (Forest Stewardship Council):** This certification indicates that products and their ingredients come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, societal and economic benefits.
- ♦ **Green Seal:** This certification means a general-purpose household cleaning product is safer for human health and the environment.
- ♦ **Rainforest Alliance:** The seal means that the certified product was produced using methods that support the three pillars of sustainability: social, economic, and environmental, focusing on forest, climate, human rights and livelihoods.
- ♦ **Safer Choice:** Every ingredient is reviewed for safety criteria for both human health and the environment before a product can carry the Safer Choice Label, regardless of percentage in the product.

American Cleaning Institute, 3/28/23



Impact of Climate Change

2022 U.S. billion-dollar weather and climate disasters in historical context

The NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) has released the final update to its 2022 billion-dollar disaster report, confirming another intense year of costly disasters and extremes throughout much of the country.

In 2022, the U.S. experienced 18 separate weather and climate disasters costing at least 1 billion dollars:

- 1 winter storm/cold wave event (across the central and eastern U.S.).
- 1 wildfire event (wildfires across the western U.S. including Alaska).
- 1 drought and heat wave event (across the western and central U.S.).
- 1 flooding event (in Missouri and Kentucky).
- 2 tornado outbreaks (across the southern and southeastern U.S.).
- 3 tropical cyclones (Fiona, Ian and Nicole).
- 9 severe weather/hail events (across many parts of the country, including a derecho in the central U.S.).

Damages from the 2022 disasters totaled \$165.1 billion. (All cost estimates are adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index, 2022). The costliest 2022 events were Hurricane Ian (\$112.9 B) and the Western and Central Drought (\$22.1 B).

Derek Arndt, Jake Crouch, Jessica Blunden (NOAA NCEI), and Rebecca Lindsey (contractor to NOAA CPO)
NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI), 1/10/23

Earth's oceans are showing early and surprising record warming

Earth's ocean temperatures have risen so fast in recent weeks that one indicator shows surface waters have already reached their highest temperatures on record — a worrisome sign ahead of a predicted El Niño climate pattern that could further accelerate planetary warming. Around mid-March, ocean-temperature monitoring data shows that average surface water temperatures surpassed 21 degrees Celsius (about 70 degrees Fahrenheit) around the globe, excluding polar waters, for the first time since at least 1981, when the data set originated.

Scott Dance, *Washington Post*, 3/21/23



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Record drought gripped much of the United States in 2022

The average annual temperature across the U.S. was 53.4 degrees F — 1.4 degrees above the 20th-century average — ranking in the warmest third of the 128-year record. Florida and Rhode Island both saw their fifth-warmest calendar year on record. Four additional states experienced a top-10 warmest year on record — California, Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire. Alaska saw its 16th-warmest year in the 98-year record for the state.

Annual precipitation across the U.S. totaled 28.35 inches (1.59 inches below average), which placed 2022 in the driest third of the climate record. Meanwhile, above-average precipitation caused Alaska to have its fourth-wettest year on record. Drought coverage across the U.S. remained significant for the second year in a row, with a minimum extent of 44% occurring on September 6 and a maximum coverage of 63% on October 25.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1/10/23

2023 Natural Hazards & Severe Weather Events

- **California Storms:** Starting in late December 2022, Californians suffered through historic levels of rain and snow that flooded roads and homes, forced evacuations and cut power to millions. Almost the entire state received 400% to 600% of its typical average rainfall between Christmas 2022 and mid-January 2023. Since late December 2022, California has endured 12 atmospheric river storms, corridors of air that can carry massive amounts of water over thousands of miles, producing cascading impacts including landslides, sinkholes and downed trees that damaged roads and homes.
- **Europe's Historic Winter Heatwave:** Polish capital Warsaw recorded temperatures of 18.9 degrees Celsius (66 degrees Fahrenheit) on January 1 — more than 5 degrees Celsius above the previous record set 30 years ago. Among the European countries that recorded their hottest days in history were the Netherlands, Denmark, Poland, Czech Republic, Belarus, Latvia and Lithuania. Regional records were also broken in France, Germany and Ukraine.
- **U.S. Tornadoes:** The 2023 tornado season is off to a windy start, with nearly 300 reports of tornadoes and more than 264 tornadoes already confirmed within the U.S. as of April 1. There were 126 in January, 53 in February and 84 confirmed in March. This total does not include all the tornadoes that hit over the March 31 weekend. Between March 31 and April 1, the National Weather Service received reports of at least 65 tornadoes in seven states from Alabama to Wisconsin — with the greatest number of reports concentrated in Arkansas, Illinois and Iowa. States affected to date include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.
- **Tropical Cyclone Freddy:** Record-breaking Tropical Cyclone Freddy formed on February 3, 2023, northwest of Australia before traveling across the entire Indian Ocean to become the first Category 5 storm of this Southwest Indian Ocean cyclone season. On March 7, Freddy became the longest-lived tropical cyclone ever recorded and is now officially Earth's most energetic storm.
- **Turkey-Syria Earthquake:** On February 6, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake occurred in southern Turkey near the northern border of Syria. This quake was followed approximately nine hours later by a magnitude 7.5 earthquake located around 59 miles to the southwest. As of March 1, more than 11,000 aftershocks occurred according to Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD).
- **New Zealand Floods and Cyclone Gabrielle:** An earthquake, described as ranging from 5.7 to 6.3 magnitude, struck off the coast of New Zealand in the early evening on February 15. This followed immediately on the heels of Cyclone Gabrielle, the worst storm to hit New Zealand this century, bringing 6 to 16 inches of rain to the island.

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy, 3/27/23

Matthew Cappucci and Jason Samenow, *Washington Post*, 4/1/23

Sam Meredith, *CNBC*, 1/4/23

Madison Richardson and CNN meteorologists Allison Chinchar and Monica Garrett, *CNN*, 3/29/23



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Our Mission

Recognizing the directive from the Rule of St. Benedict that distribution should be made to each according to need, the Benedictine Coalition for Responsible Investment works to build a world in which corporate policies and practices reflect just and equitable distribution of resources for the common good.

Meeting Dates

BCRI — Monthly ZOOM meetings for the Benedictine CRI will continue.

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) — Oct. 2-6, 2023 in New York City

Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI) — Sep. 26-29, 2023 in St. Louis

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