

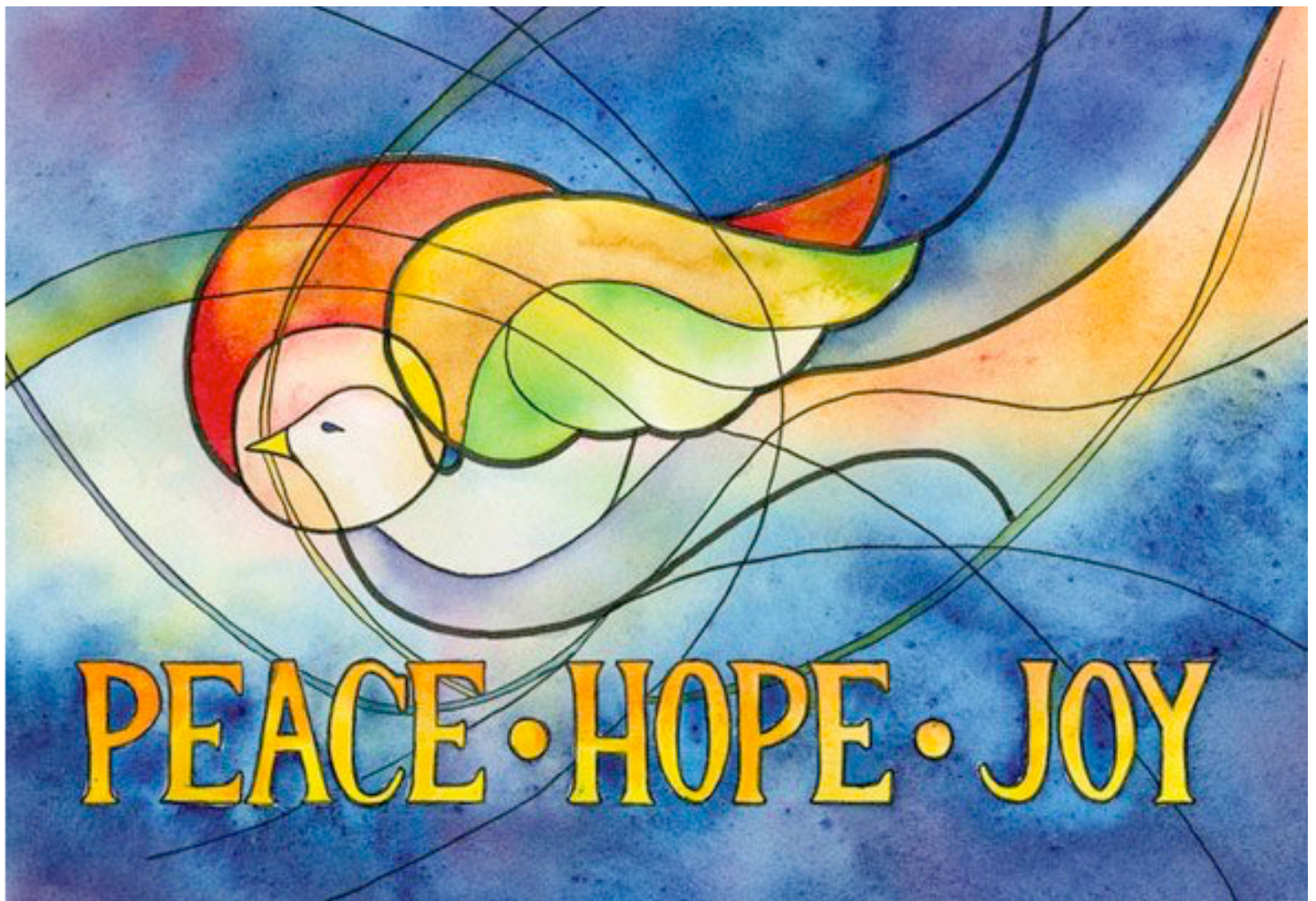


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*I have come that you may have life to the full.* John 10:10



## Care of Creation

[Pope Francis: Companies can become places of holiness](#) - Independent Catholic News

Pope Francis addressed 7000 members of the Union of Italian Christian Business Executives in the Paul VI hall this morning (Saturday), and told them that companies can become places of holiness.

[Climate change bites Kenyan tea farmers](#) - InterPress Service

You wouldn't typically expect heavy rainfall and frost in East Africa. But the Earth's climate is changing – and this is affecting one of the world's largest tea-producing regions, in central Kenya.

[Forget Paris?](#) - New Internationalist

The Paris climate talks are looming. What – if anything – can we hope for? Jess Worth and Danny Chivers investigate.

[Reflecting on Columban Mission to Paris Climate Talks](#) - Independent Catholic News

In the Catholic forums Fr Sean McDonagh has called for a three-year Synod on Creation, developing the 'Care for Creation' ministry of the Catholic Church and building on Laudato Si'. It is absolutely clear that new 'Creation Care' structures are needed throughout international and national Church structures to work with hierarchy on environmental issues.

[Pope prays for Paris climate conference](#) - Independent Catholic News

"What kind of world do we want to pass on to those who come after us, to the children who are growing up? For the sake of the common home we share and for future generations, every effort should be made, in Paris to mitigate the impact of climate change and, at the same time, to tackle poverty and to let human dignity flourish."

## WHAT DOES THE **#PARISAGREEMENT** DO FOR **JUSTICE**?

ESTABLISHES THE PRINCIPLE THAT **NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND** THROUGH:

- Goal to **limit warming** to 1.5°C
- Support towards **most vulnerable** communities
- Addresses **loss and damage**

PROVIDES A **MORAL PLATFORM** FOR CALLING ON COUNTRIES WITH CAPACITY TO **STEP UP AND DO MORE**



## **Economy**

### [Exxon Mobil Investigated for Possible Climate Change Lies by New York Attorney General](#) -

New York Times

The New York attorney general has begun an investigation of Exxon Mobil to determine whether the company lied to the public about the risks of climate change or to investors about how such risks might hurt the oil business.

### [Hidden Hunger, Hidden Danger](#) - InterPress Service

Access to generic vitamin and mineral supplements in developing countries is constrained by trade rules.

## **Peace**

### [We survived Shabaab attack by the grace of God, says Mandera bus driver](#) - Daily Nation

The driver of the bus that was attacked by Al-Shabaab militants in Mandera [Kenya] on Monday has said that it was by “God’s miracle” he and his passengers survived in the ambush that left two people dead. Mr Shukri Farah also confirmed that Muslims who were in the bus gave clothes to non-Muslims in the bus to disguise them as Muslims preventing what could have been a massacre similar to last year’s when 28 passengers were killed.

### [Amidst the debris: Environmental impact of conflict in Syria could be disastrous](#) - Pax Christi USA

The ongoing conflict in Syria is likely to have a disastrous impact on the environment and public health, according to a new study published by PAX.

### [Depriving Isis of a home is key to victory, but the West must avoid humiliating Muslims in defeat](#) - The Tablet

A Muslim friend once told me that it was impossible to understand how people like him felt about the West unless one took into account their deep sense of humiliation. Partly this was the legacy of colonialism – in the last century or two, few places in the Muslim world had escaped being ruled as part of someone else’s empire. But it was also profoundly theological.

## **Migration / Immigration**

### [Urgently Needed: Studies Linking Land Degradation, Migration, Conflict and](#)



[Political Instability](#) - InterPress Service

Some 135 million people could be displaced by 2045 as a result of land desertification, according to a recent UK ministry of defence report. This figure could rise to 200 million who are displaced by other climate change impacts like natural disasters by 2050, said British environment refugee specialist Norman Myers.

## Trafficking

[TPP Ignores Workers' Needs and Fails to Address Weaknesses from Past Trade Agreements](#) - Huffington Post

"They buy and sell us like cattle." -- 25-year-old Bangladeshi worker, who was trafficked among three contractors for six months without receiving any pay on Malaysian palm oil plantations.

[British couple jailed for keeping Nigerian as slave for 24 years](#) - Reuters

A British couple have been jailed for six years each for keeping a Nigerian immigrant as a slave for more than two decades, a London court clerk said.

[ICE, Peruvian authorities rescue 36 sex trafficking victims, including 11 minors](#) - ICE

An international law enforcement operation culminated Saturday with the arrests of six individuals involved in sex trafficking and the rescue of 36 sex trafficking victims, including 11 minors.

## Racism

[Catholics urges to address 'Sin of Racism'](#) - America Magazine

A seismic shift in demographics in both society and the U.S. Catholic Church in the coming decades will create a church that is far less white, Father Bryan Massingale told a New Orleans audience Nov. 6.

[Channeling Nation's Ugliness, Trump More American Than You Think](#) - Common Dreams

The real challenge, then, is to confront not the mouthpiece, but the underlying message.

"Racism, bigotry and xenophobia are a core part of America's national character," DeVega warned in Salon. "We cannot defeat Donald Trump until we acknowledge that fact and own its legacy."

## Extractive Industries

[President Obama rejects Keystone XL pipeline](#) - National Catholic Reporter  
President Barack Obama rejected Friday the construction of the Keystone XL transnational pipeline, in part on grounds that approving the politically contentious project would have undercut U.S. leadership on the world stage in addressing climate change.

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## Church

[With rare unity, Catholic leaders urge 'transformational' climate deal](#) - Christian Science Monitor

An international group of Catholic leaders has appealed to the United Nations to forge a strong climate agreement that is fair to poorer nations.

[Protecting the right of the environment and putting an end to social exclusion are inseparable, Pope Francis](#) - Eco-Jesuit

After having published the encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis is showing that his concerns for the "common home" are not isolated thoughts, but a main stream in his pontificate, placing the environment at the same level as that of poverty in the "moral agenda" of the Catholic Church.

[My 17-hour 'spiritual' flight with the humble Pope Francis](#) - Nation

It was a normal commercial flight, an Airbus A330 operated by Alitalia — Italy's national airline. Hardly a version of a papal one, for Pope Francis does not own a personal aircraft. Neither does the Vatican.

## FAITH IN ACTION

[During Advent and Christmas, send messages of peace and hope to Bethlehem](#) - Pax Christi International

### **Petition: Tell Congress to Reject the TPP!**

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a pro-corporate trade deal, the largest in history, negotiated in secret by countries and hundreds of

"advisers" from some of the world's most powerful corporations while Congress and the public have been shut out. [Take action here.](#)

## COUNTRY UPDATES

### Brazil

[1.4 million Brazilians sign zero deforestation bill](#) - The Awakening  
For the past three years, Greenpeace Brazil has been collecting signatures in support of a bill to establish a zero deforestation law in the country. As a result, the group were able to present draft legislation to the Brazilian congress.

[Another trail of destruction and death in the history of mining and Vale S.A.](#)  
- International Articulation of People Affected by Vale S.A.  
On November 5, 2015, yet another shocking and terrible report involving a large mining company and Vale S.A. Two dams of the Samarco mining company Minera SA, a joint venture of Vale SA (50%) and BHP Billiton Brazil Ltda (50%), and also a recipient of waste from other mines of Vale SA in the region, including the Alegria mine, ruptured in the state of Minas Gerais, in Bento Rodrigues district, between the cities of Mariana and Ouro Preto. The District is completely buried under toxic sludge, now the only possible access to the site is by helicopter. There are countless homeless families, and so far there are at least 16 dead, 45 missing and countless buried.

[Soy, an Exotic Fruit in Brazil's Amazon Jungle](#) - InterPress Service  
In the northern Brazilian state of Pará, the construction of a port terminal for shipping soy out of the Amazon region has displaced thousands of small farmers from their land, which is now dedicated to monoculture.

[Brazil's Amazon River Ports Give Rise to Dreams and Nightmares](#) - InterPress Service  
River port terminals in the northern Brazilian city of Santarém are considered strategic by the government. But what some see as an opportunity for development is for others an irreversible change in what was previously a well-preserved part of the Amazon rainforest.

### Congo

[DRC police fire teargas at protesting students](#) - Reuters

Police in the capital of Democratic Republic of Congo fired teargas on Wednesday to disperse stone-throwing students whose protest against a feared increase in school fees is the latest sign of unrest ahead of a tense election season.

[How cash is carried across Congo](#) - Economist

Imagine if, to collect your salary each month, you had to walk to the nearest town—perhaps tens of miles away—to congregate in a school or a football pitch or a church. There, you and your colleagues wait for a man to arrive from the capital—perhaps a thousand miles away—with a suitcase of cash. Most of the time, you do not receive as much money as you should. Sometimes the man does not arrive at all.

[Congo mulls guarantees to persuade Kabila to quit power](#) - Reuters

The parliament of Democratic Republic of Congo is considering offering additional protection from prosecution to former leaders, a move aimed at encouraging President Joseph Kabila not to try to stay in power when his final term ends next year.

## Japan

[Martin Scorsese film recalls martyrdom of Japan's hidden Christians](#) - The Guardian

Ban on Christianity in early 1600s, the focus of film called Silence, forced converts to practise in secret, leading to a localised form of the religion still practised by a few dozen people today

## Kenya

[Kenyan Youths Renounce Crime to Protect Forests](#) - All Africa

Groups of reformed youths who once sold drugs and stole from their neighbours are helping protect trees in rural central Kenya from illegal loggers.

[Climate change bites Kenyan tea farmers](#) - InterPress Service

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[How ruthless coffee Mafia enslaves Kenya](#) - Daily Nation

British charity Oxfam says the price of raw coffee exported from producer countries accounts for less than seven per cent of the eventual cost of

coffee to Western consumers. When Nyeri Governor Nderitu Gachagua tried to organise the industry in Nyeri and bypass the cartels at NCE in the hope of selling coffee through direct sales, the cartels fought back viciously. They have no negotiating power, no knowledge and no responsibility over their crop.

[Kenya's human rights groups still in the crosshairs](#) - Pambazuka News

There is a serious concern that Uhuru Kenyatta's administration is targeting human rights groups, especially those that called for accountability for Kenya's 2007-2008 post-election violence and those documenting security forces abuses.

[Solar Kiosks Help Light up Rural Kenya](#) - InterPress Service

This market centre in the arid Lake Magadi region, Kajiado of Southern Kenya is with no grid electricity. The area is inhabited by the pastoralist Maasai community. With climate change affecting their pastoral way of life, the community is increasingly adopting a more sedentary life but without amenities.

## Nicaragua

[Nicaragua's Interoceanic Canal, a Nightmare for Environmentalists](#) -

InterPress Service

The international scientific community's fears about the damage that will be caused by Nicaragua's future interoceanic canal have been reinforced by the environmental impact assessment, which warns of serious environmental threats posed by the megaproject.

## Nigeria

[Twenty years on, Ken Saro-Wiwa's legacy echoes from the grassroots to the United Nations](#) - Common Dreams

The man who led a popular revolt against Big Oil's destruction in Nigeria remains a figure lionized by activists all over the world.

[Letter from Africa: Cutting Nigeria's 'big men' down to size](#) - BBC

President Muhammadu Buhari promises to tackle corruption in Africa's largest economy.

Novelist and writer Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani looks at the impact of new economising measures in Nigeria.



## Peru

[Peruvian Women Install Solar Panels and Light Up their Communities](#) - InterPress Service

Five women from Candarave Province, located in Tacna (Peru), travelled to India to be trained and to learn how to install solar panels. The training has enabled 272 families to have electricity and improve their quality of life. Solar panels mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases and allow to address climate change.

## South Africa

[South Africa in midst of 'epic drought'](#) - Mail & Guardian

South Africa is facing its worst drought since 1982, with more than 2.7-million households facing water shortages across the country.

[South Africa needs a new source of water](#) - All Africa News

As a crippling drought tightens its grip on the country, South Africa may soon have to turn to alternative water sources, including making acid mine water and sea water drinkable.

[South Africa: Jesuit statement on removal of finance minister](#) - Independent Catholic News

The Jesuit Institute South Africa has joined a chorus of voices from all sectors of South African society expressing serious concern over the removal of Nhlanhla Nene as the country's Minister of Finance. The institute says: "This move, announced by President Jacob Zuma, spells disaster for the stability of an embattled economy and raises questions about his ability to lead.

## Zimbabwe

[Grace has replaced Robert Mugabe, Tsvangirai claims](#) - Mail&Guardian

Opposition leader states that president's wife has taken over in a "palace coup" and no one in government does anything about the country's crisis.

## USA

[Red Tape Slows U.S. Help for Children Fleeing Central America](#) - New York Times

But not a single child has entered the United States through the Central

American Minors program since its establishment in December, in large part because of a slow-moving American bureaucracy that has infuriated advocates for the young children and their families.

[Appeals court upholds delay of Obama's Executive Action on Immigration](#) - The Huffington Post

The ruling continues to block the DAPA program, aimed at helping parents of children born in the U.S. and permanent residents.

[Just 158 families have provided nearly half of the early money for efforts to capture the White House.](#) - New York Times

They are overwhelmingly white, rich, older and male, in a nation that is being remade by the young, by women, and by black and brown voters. Across a sprawling country, they reside in an archipelago of wealth, exclusive neighborhoods dotting a handful of cities and towns. And in an economy that has minted billionaires in a dizzying array of industries, most made their fortunes in just two: finance and energy.

[\(Gov.\) Pence won't block state aid to Syrian refugee family in Indianapolis](#) - IndyStar

Gov. Mike Pence said Tuesday he will not block a Syrian refugee family from receiving state aid such as food stamps and health care, even as he continues to oppose its relocation to Indiana.

Pence's comments at an airport news conference came one day after the Archdiocese of Indianapolis settled a Syrian refugee family in the city despite the governor's recent announcement that, due to security concerns, he was halting state support for such relocation efforts.

## RESOURCES

[Wake Up to Pope's first music CD](#) - Independent Catholic News

There's a new contender for the Christmas music charts this year. *Wake Up! with His Words and Prayers* is an upcoming Christian rock album by Pope Francis set for release on 27 November 2015 on Believe Digital.

[Film: He Named Me Malala](#)

This is a film which should be compulsory viewing for anyone who loves - or hates - school and education. We all think we know the story of Malala, the teenager in the Swat Valley in Pakistan; we know she defied the Taliban restrictions of girls' education and we may remember that she was shot, brought to the UK, recovered and last year was the recipient of the Nobel

Peace Prize. That is indeed a harrowing story. But there is so much more to her story. [Watch trailer](#)

[Issue Statement: Land Grab and Just Governance in Africa](#) - AFJN [French](#)

A new scramble for Africa akin to the frenzy that followed the Berlin conference of 1885 and the partitioning and colonization of Africa is on; farmlands and minerals are the biggest attraction. The increasing discourse of land scarcity, the rising cost of food and the growing demand for biofuel and mineral resources have enticed multinational corporations to engage in shady land deals in developing countries. The finance industry now turns to farmlands for high returns on their investments. There seems to be a systematic takeover of natural resources from developing countries as part of global restructuring to ensure continuous supply of goods and raw materials needed in the developed countries. [continue reading](#)

## Multi Media



[Time to Change](#)



[Kenya: Eastleighwood liven up an unpopular district](#)



[Pope Francis visit to US Congress](#)

**Action on behalf of justice is a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the gospel.**

**Justice in the World** - 1971 Synod of Bishops