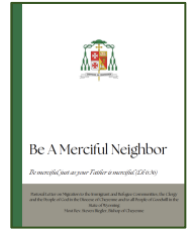


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Immigration: Answering the *Call to Franciscan Accompaniment*

On April 12, the Most Rev. Steven Biegler, Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming, issued the latest [Pastoral Letter on Migration](#). It is a teaching document, with reflection questions at the end of each section. It would be an excellent resource for ongoing formation. The USCCB has a page with [all the Bishops statements here](#). This page now has more than fifty entries. We have never had stronger ecclesial support for advocacy on immigration. [Start here](#).



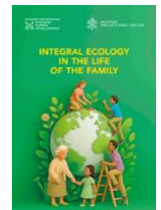
Consistent Ethic of Life

Our Church has always taught the value of human life, and Pope St. John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, called families in particular, to support a consistent culture of life “from conception to natural death.”¹ Pope Leo XIV recently addressed the death penalty in his [remote talk to a gathering at De Paul University](#), offering his support for all those working to end the death penalty in the US and around the world. There has never been stronger Church support for advocacy on eliminating the death penalty.



Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life released a document last week entitled [Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family](#), offering guidelines for families related to the care for creation and human life. It is a rich, current, and comprehensive teaching document. You could use it to construct a program of education or implementation at the fraternity or parish level.



Moving towards poverty

Our International Counselor, Mary Frances Charsky, recently sent out a [proposal](#) from the [Conference of the Franciscan Family](#), for the World Week of the Poor: “The goal is to address both visible and hidden forms of poverty by raising awareness among public opinion and institutions.” I underlined the following sentence because I think it presents a JPIC challenge for us: “This is not about organizing events, but about physically going out to the places where poverty dwells, day and night, in systematic and continuous manner throughout the entire week.” It coincides with the “Mission to the Poor” in Rome, November 9-15, 2026. [Link to the proposal](#).



H2O Project

Thank you to all who participated in the H2O project in recent weeks. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will change lives for many people this year. If you haven’t sent in your contribution, it’s never too late:

Make out checks to: **OFS-USA** Send to:
H2O Project,
c/o Steve Roszhart OFS
National Treasurer
20487 N 263rd Dr.
Buckeye, AZ 85396.



For more information about the H2O project, contact Joe Makley at the email address below.

¹ Pope St John Paul II, 1995: *Evangelium Vitae* ... on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life, P 93