

Dear Life, Justice and Peace Contacts,

**Urge U.S. Senators to Curb Gun Violence** - USCCB has issued an action alert for Catholics to call or email their Senators today and tell them to support provisions that will help defend human life by strengthening regulation of firearms. Tell them to support policies that:

- \* Require universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- \* Limit civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines; and,
- \* Make gun trafficking a federal crime.

To respond to this action alert, please visit the [USCCB Action Center](#).

**Care for God's Creation Events** - St. James Cathedral is offering a series of opportunities, starting on April 22, to learn more about what Catholic Social Teaching says about the environment (please see the attached flyer). The main highlight will be a [day-long workshop on Saturday, May 11](#), which will be presented by Fr. Joe Mitchell, CP, Executive Director of the Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The workshop will examine the shift that is taking place in our understanding of the world, the opportunities it presents to the human community, and the implications it has for people of faith. The above link will take you to a [flyer](#) about the workshop - registration is required.

In Christ's peace,  
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Pope Francis  
March 17, 2013"