



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Weekly Message from Fr. Leo to St. Andrew Parishioners - June 27, 2025

Hello St Andrew!

I hope you have been enjoying the summer months despite the heat and the rain. I hope you are finding some time to relax.

I have not been at church in the last few weeks as I have been recovering from a scheduled heart ablation. I return to my doctor's appointment on Tuesday and hopefully will have better information on when I will return to work. Your prayers for me and all those who are sick in our community are greatly appreciated. May we all trust in God.

Please take time to read this excerpt from *America Magazine*, a Jesuit publication, on "the big, beautiful bill" that's currently being debated in Washington.

"The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a budget reconciliation bill that is contrary to Catholic social teaching. It should be strongly opposed.

Moreover, the church and the bishops of the United States should lead the way in speaking against this bill and calling on Catholics to work for its defeat. Because of its overall effects on those who are most in need, passing this budget would be a moral failure for American society as a whole. Unless the church opposes it in the clearest possible terms, we will squander the credibility of our witness to the Gospel and Christ's command to care for the "least of these."

This bill violates several [principles](#) of Catholic social teaching. The first is the [preferential option for the poor](#), which teaches that the most vulnerable should claim the attention and assistance of the rest of the society. The second is the principle of [solidarity](#), in which all people are interconnected and the powerful should be advocates for the marginalized of society. And perhaps the most important principle is the advancement of the [common good](#), so that all members of society are given a chance to thrive and become full members of the community.

Contact your elected officials and petition for its defeat."

To contact our Florida Senators, please use the following information:

Rick Scott

<https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/contact/share-your-opinion>

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Peace,
Fr. Leo

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Hola San Andres!

Espero que esten disfrutando del verano a pesar del calor y la lluvia. Espero que tengan tiempo para relajarse.

No he ido a la iglesia en las ultimas semanas porque me he estado recuperando de una ablacion cardiaca programada. Regreso a mi cita medica el martes y espero tener mejor informacion sobre cuando podre volver al trabajo. Agradezco mucho sus oraciones por mi y por todos los enfermos de nuestra comunidad. Confiemos en Dios.

Lean este extracto de la revista *America*, una publicacion jesuita, sobre "el grande y hermoso proyecto de ley" que se esta debatiendo actualmente en Washington.

"La Camara de Representantes de Estados Unidos aprobo recientemente un proyecto de ley de reconciliacion presupuestaria contrario a la doctrina social catolica. Deberiamos oponernos firmemente a el.

Ademas, la Iglesia y los obispos de Estados Unidos deberian liderar la lucha contra este proyecto de ley y llamar a los catolicos a trabajar por su derrota. Debido a sus efectos generales sobre los mas necesitados, aprobar este presupuesto seria un fracaso moral para la sociedad estadounidense en su conjunto. A menos que la Iglesia se oponga con la mayor claridad posible, desperdiciaremos la credibilidad de nuestro testimonio del Evangelio y del mandato de Cristo de cuidar de los mas necesitados.

Este proyecto de ley viola varios principios de la doctrina social catolica. El primero es la opcion preferencial por los pobres, que ensena que los mas vulnerables deben reclamar la atencion y la asistencia del resto de la sociedad. El segundo es el principio de solidaridad, en el que todas las personas estan interconectadas y los poderosos deben defender a los marginados de la sociedad. Y quizas el principio mas importante es la promocion del bien comun, para que todos los miembros de la sociedad tengan la oportunidad de prosperar y convertirse en miembros de pleno derecho de la comunidad.

Comuniquese con sus funcionarios electos y solicite su rechazo."

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Paz,
Padre Leo