

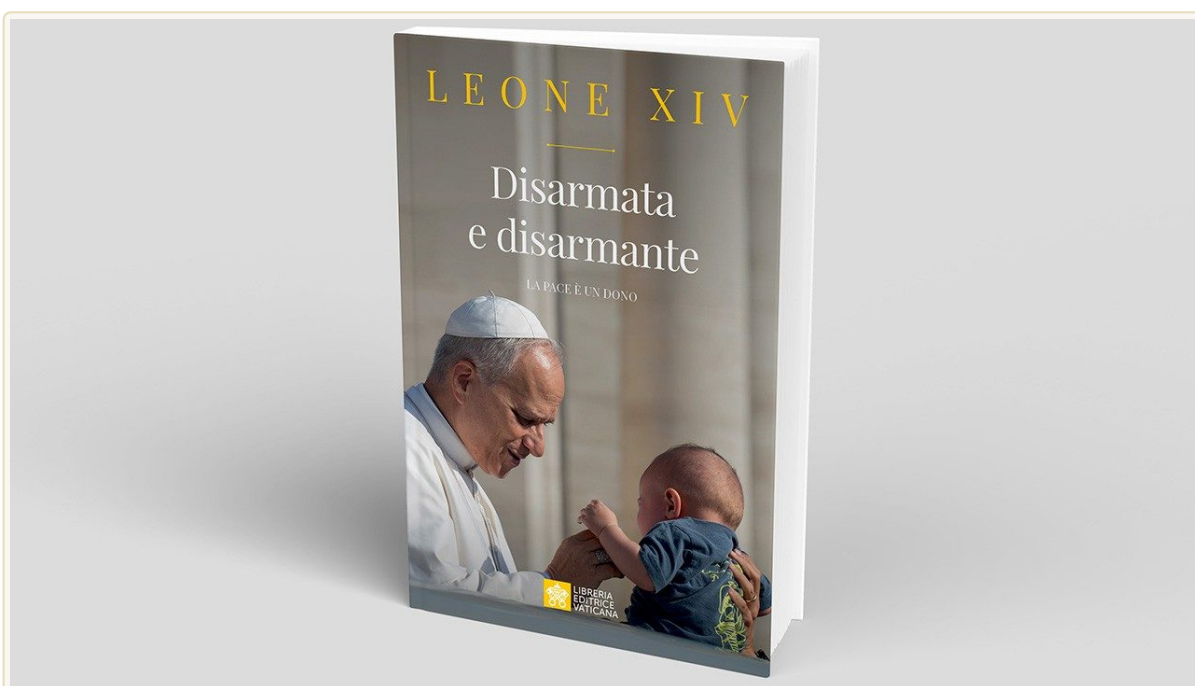
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LEAD STORY

Curator of Pope's book on peace: The Pope can inspire moral mobilization

Pope Leo XIV, elected on May 8, 2025, made peace the central theme of his papacy, addressing it in speeches, homilies and greetings as conflicts and tensions persist worldwide. The Vatican Publishing House has now released his book “Disarmed and Disarming: Peace Is a Gift,” collecting his teachings on peace in Italian, with an English edition forthcoming and a new introduction by the Pope. Alessandro Banfi, the book’s curator, told Vatican Radio that the Pope’s message draws its strength from the Gospel and offers hope amid global turbulence. The volume organizes the Pope’s key addresses, from diplomatic encounters to World Day of Peace messages and youth dialogues, into thematic chapters, showing how his call for dialogue and bridge-building transcends different situations. Banfi reflected that while the Pope lacks military power, his moral authority can inspire what he called “moral mobilization,” a force feared by world leaders. In his introduction, Pope Leo stresses that peace begins with each person’s conscience and responsibility. [Read more →](#)



US Bishops: Racial profiling violates God-given dignity and inflicts profound harm (Photo: Vatican News)

On July 20, 2026, US Bishops Daniel E. Garcia and Brendan J. Cahill issued a pastoral reflection condemning racial profiling in immigration enforcement after recent encounters resulted in deaths. They affirmed the role of civil authorities but insisted law enforcement must uphold human dignity and moral limits. The bishops called for reforms to address systemic injustices, warning that profiling violates dignity and fosters fear. They prayed for victims, families, and leaders while urging an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and prejudice. **Read more** →



'Man and Nature: Fragile Balances' exhibit debuts in Borgo Laudato si' (Photo: Vatican News)

The photography exhibition "Man and Nature: Fragile Balances," showcasing winning entries from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Environmental Photography Award, opened on 3 July at Borgo Laudato si' in the Pontifical Gardens of Castel Gandolfo. Organized by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Italian branch and the John Paul II Youth Foundation, the exhibit runs until 30 July, highlighting humanity's connection to Creation and the need to protect ecosystems. Ahead of the opening, the conference "Caring for Creation: Knowing in Order to Act" gathered Church leaders, scientists, and experts to discuss integral ecology and shared responsibility for safeguarding the environment. The event, hosted by Cardinal Fabio Baggio, included a tour of Borgo Laudato si' and featured speakers like Professor Danilo Mollicone of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. [Read more →](#)

Regional Activities

Europe



Europe Looking Back On The Joint Session (Photo: OMI World)

From 15 to 21 June in Romania, Oblates gathered for a week of shared discernment on Europe's missionary future, engaging in dialogue, prayer, and Conversation in the Spirit. The session fostered deep communion and openness, with discussions on uniting the Belgium-Netherlands and France-Benelux Units as a hopeful step forward. Prayer and visits to local communities anchored the gathering, while the Superior General closed by urging continued passion in discernment and mission renewal. Participants described the experience as overwhelmingly positive, though some noted slower progress on administrative and formation decisions. [Read more →](#)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- **20 July**, St. Apollinaris
- **22 July**, St. Mary Magdalene
- **23 July**, St. Bridget
- **24 July**, Sts. Sharbel Makhluf
- **25 July**, St. James
- **26 July**, Sts. Joachim and Anne

OBLATE VALUE OF THE WEEK

Bishops, from the Dictionary of Oblate Values.

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