



Pope Francis, center, poses with representatives of indigenous peoples attending a UN agricultural meeting in Rome, at the Vatican, Wednesday.

# Pope Francis: Native people have rights over their lands

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis insisted Wednesday that indigenous groups must give prior consent to any economic activity affecting their ancestral lands, a view that conflicts with the Trump administration, which is pushing to build a \$3.8 billion oil pipeline over opposition from American Indians.

Francis met with representatives of indigenous peoples attending a U.N. agricultural meeting and said the key issue facing them is how to reconcile the right to economic development with protecting their cultures and territories.

“In this regard, the right to prior and informed consent should always prevail,” he said. “Only then is it possible to guarantee peaceful cooperation between governing authorities and indigenous peoples, overcoming confrontation and conflict.”

The Cheyenne River and the Standing Rock Sioux tribes have sued to stop construction on the final stretch of the Dakota Access pipeline, which would bring oil from North Dakota’s rich Bakken fields across four states to a shipping point in Illinois.

The tribes say the pipeline threatens their drinking water, cultural sites and ability to practice their religion, which depends on pure water. The last piece of the pipeline is to pass under a reservoir on the Missouri River, which



A woman wearing a traditional dress holds Pope Francis’ head on the occasion of his meeting with representatives of indigenous peoples attending a UN agricultural meeting in Rome at the Vatican, Wednesday.

marks the eastern border of both tribes’ reservations.

The company building the pipeline, Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, has insisted the water supply will be safe.

Francis didn’t cite the Dakota pipeline dispute by name and the Vatican press office said he was not making a direct reference

to it. But history’s first Latin American pope has been a consistent backer of indigenous rights and has frequently spoken out about the plight of Indians in resisting economic development that threatens their lands.

“For governments, this means recognizing that indigenous communities

are a part of the population to be appreciated and consulted, and whose full participation should be promoted at the local and national level,” Francis told the indigenous leaders Wednesday.

In the waning days of the Obama administration, amid protests over construction that led to some 700 arrests, federal agencies that have authority over the reservoir said they would not give permission for pipe to be laid until an environmental study was done.

U.S. President Donald Trump reversed course and last month instructed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with building the pipeline.

Francis’ reference to prior consent is enshrined in the U.N. Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 2007 over the opposition of the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Francis’ strong backing for indigenous groups and refugees, his climate change concerns and criticism of the global economy’s profit-at-all-cost mentality highlight the policy differences with the Trump administration that may come out if the U.S. president meets with Francis while in Italy for a G-7 summit in May. There has been no confirmation of any meeting to date, however.

## LIMEY PASTOR

# Marriage and the milestones

It was our 31st wedding anniversary this Valentine’s day. Saint Valentine’s Day is the best day for weddings, because there is no chance that you’ll be caught flat-footed by the time creeping up on you. All commerce is pink and heart-shaped. Restaurants are galvanized into romance and rows and rows of pink cards are there for the taking, even weeks ahead.



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But a 31st anniversary has a different feeling. While last year we felt the milepost, the recognition that we were solid as time and concrete, this year feels like a lap of victory. Now we are allowed to make light of the challenges and difficulties, as well as the fun of growing together. We can offer advice to younger married couples. Romance has become the love of a quiet growing together, of age personified, of experience lightly worn.

It is a serious business, and we recognize that this fiefdom of marriage is a building block of society, and worthy of defense. It is a state far beyond romance, it is a kind of wisdom.

I will be calling up friends of mine tonight who have had some outside interference in their marriage by people who came to make a poor decision. Marriage is a status set aside by God, and no human being is permitted to sunder such connections.

As a married couple with seniority we look forward to advising others. When we were younger in our marriage our differences spoke louder than now. We found ourselves lost, in a dark place. We

found a wonderful, Christ-based organization called Retrouvaille, a French word for renewal. Just like a 12-step

program, it provides older sponsor couples to guide the other couples to healthier modes of behavior, and also to seek guidance in prayer. Quite an amazing organization and one which I hope takes root in Eastern Oregon, if it hasn’t already.

In the program they identify four stages of marriage: Romance, Disillusionment (which is the disappearance of romance), Misery and Awakening. Even though they look like a landslide of the heart, it is really a revealing of those traps that blind us. The program provides sets of attitudes, skills and tools that help us deal with these subtle traps. Yes, there really are tools that lead to a happy marriage.

I think most of us naturally gravitate to couples who have acquired these understandings, and are at the hearts of churches because their qualities are slowly observed, copied and experienced by others.

A failure to address each of these stages in turn can cause a marriage to tip sideways, and the same unsolved issues will surface in new marriages or relationships.

I wish that you succeed to reap the good fruit of your own relationship and receive the blessings that flower from it. In Christ’s name rejoice!

Colin Brown is the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Locust Road in Boardman.

## PENDLETON

# Church offers climate workshop

East Oregonian

A climate workshop offered by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will explore climate legislation as it pertains to the faith community. The workshop will be held Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St.

The Rev. John Pitney, a retired Methodist minister and lifelong food and climate activist, will lead a discussion on the impacts of climate change and why they matter from a faith perspective,

and present upcoming climate legislation in Salem in 2017. Also, Advocacy 101 will offer guidance and opportunities to help advance the legislation.

The workshop is free, but registration is requested at [tinyurl.com/zymtd9r](http://tinyurl.com/zymtd9r). Interested parties can also sign up to volunteer and request or offer to provide transportation or carpool help.

For more information, contact Britt Conroy at [bcconroy@emoregon.org](mailto:bcconroy@emoregon.org) or call 541-602-2050.

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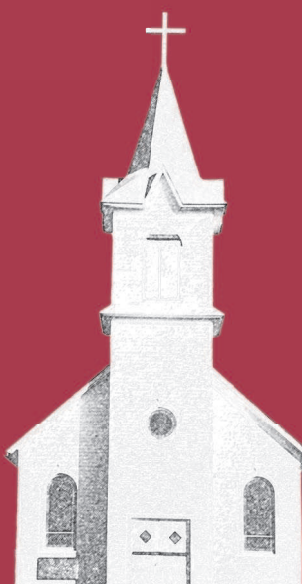
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