



Love thy Neighbor

DIGNITY of the HUMAN PERSON | SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY | ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

To have hope is to begin again as many times as necessary.

— Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN DIRECTOR

ELECTIONS ... AGAIN?



Rob Shelledy

This year is an election year, and one can be forgiven for asking, "again?"

We do have a lot of elections in Wisconsin. Although they may be aggravating and seemingly unending, we are fortunate to have them. The Church praises countries in

which "procedures ... allow the largest possible number of citizens to participate in public affairs with genuine freedom," and these freedoms do not exist for 37% of people in the world. Let us be grateful for our opportunity to select our leaders.

As our elected leaders, they deserve our respect, but not our deference. Our dignity as human persons requires all of us to pursue the common good and create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life. Of course, what these institutions look like and how they function is what we should be debating in our political discussions. Too often we are distracted by who is winning and who is losing. We often consider the electoral ramifications of a particular policy instead of considering its effects on our society and, in particular, those with little or no voice.

Let's use the freedoms we have to find out who our leaders are and what policies they support. Let's use the freedoms we have to vote. Let's use the freedoms we have to hold our elected leaders accountable once they start to govern.

public POLICY

2018 ELECTIONS

August 14 – Partisan Primary

November 6 – Fall General Election

Offices on the ballot include:

- Governor
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Odd-numbered Wisconsin State Senate seats
- All Wisconsin Assembly seats

<https://www.archmil.org/offices/social-justice/Public-Policy-Legislative-Action.htm>

Is your parish community interested in holding a formation session over the summer or in fall? We're happy to coordinate plans with you to present "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

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*"Whoever listens to you,
listens to Me." - LUKE 10:16*

TOOLKITS DESIGNED TO HELP BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

The USCCB produces new materials each year as tools to help parish leaders build a culture of life. The materials are meant to supplement existing methods of sharing the faith and to help integrate the joyful message of our God-given dignity across the breadth of Catholic life, work and ministry. Images, prayers, homily notes, and petitions are available in printed and digital resources, in both English and Spanish. Materials will assist each of these ministries:

- Respect Life | Human Concerns
- Bulletin Editors
- Priests and Deacons
- Parishes
- Catholic Education
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult
- Faith Formation

In early June, our office will order one new Respect Life Kit for every parish within the archdiocese, plus provide 100 kits for our active deacons. Kits include a poster, sample brochures, and other resources to help a parish prepare for various activities and Respect Life Masses. Materials usually ship in early or mid-August.

Note: We address the packet to the Pastor or Parish Director of record.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Designate a Respect Life or Human Concerns member to obtain the kit from your pastor
- Display the poster in your parish
- Feature images and an inspirational message from the kit in your parish bulletin anytime in the year
- Use the resources to help your parish host a "Holy Hours for Life" service in October

HUMAN CONCERNS SUMMIT

Plan to attend a morning of formation and networking to unite the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in Catholic Social Teaching and its commitment to serve our neighbors, especially those living in need, April 6, 2019, 9 a.m. to noon.

Join Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi as we learn to live out the call to charity and social justice as individual believers and as members of larger communities. Who should attend? Commission | Committee leaders and volunteers of:

- Human Concerns
- Respect Life
- Social Justice
- St. Vincent de Paul Conference
- Others interested in this Gospel ministry

More information will be communicated soon.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

What is the "Common Good"?

The "common good" refers to the social and community dimension of the moral good. Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life.

"When we live out a spirituality drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts."

POPE FRANCIS, THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, §272

AMBASSADORS OF HOPE — TO THE PARISH, TO THE WORLD

Catholics across the country are hungering for new ways to live their faith — to encounter and respond to suffering people around the world. These disciples of Christ seek to put into practice the teachings of the Church by breaking through what Pope Francis calls the “globalization of indifference.” And they want to inspire their parish communities to act on our faith by caring for people in need.

Sound like you? Then you might be called to join the Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corps. CRS Parish Ambassadors are active parishioners with a passion for global solidarity who, with the blessing of their pastor, help strengthen the parish’s outreach ministry by organizing global discipleship activities in their parish.

We’re in the early stages of planning the pilot launch for CRS Ambassadors in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Sometime in late 2018, we’ll host a “Come and See” event. Attendees will learn more about CRS engagement tools, gain insight into various global solidarity initiatives, and



Photo by Lauren Carroll/CRS

build awareness of the training provided from the archdiocese and online webinars.

Have a passion for global solidarity?

Ask us to add your name and contact information to our Ambassador list. We’ll notify you when we have the details for the “Come and See” event!

LIFTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES OUT OF POVERTY

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

This Lent, more than 80 parishes and schools in our archdiocese did something amazing. They practiced prayer, fasting and almsgiving using the CRS Rice Bowl program to deepen their faith and serve those in need.

Some schools and parishes were fortunate to participate in the CRS Solidarity Tour with Mictor Chaola (Malawi) during Catholic Schools Week. “Beyond this box are real people,” Mictor said, holding up a CRS Rice Bowl. “You might be changing the lives of another family across the world.”

Changing lives, indeed! Everyone who participates in CRS Rice Bowl is lifting families and communities out of poverty and putting them on a path toward resilience, prosperity and stability.

As Catholic Relief Services celebrates their 75th Anniversary, we invite you to learn more about their story. Why? Because their story is your story. You bring CRS to life. You are a vital part of their past, present and future, and they couldn’t do their work without you.



Visit 75.crs.org/stories to read highlights of the successes you made possible!

We encourage parishes and schools to send their alms to our office before July 30, along with the 25% Designation Form, located on our department’s online resource page.

2018 SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER INSTITUTE

Social justice ministry is dedicated to serving those individuals on the margins of society and within our Church, yet the way in which we minister must evolve. How can social action directors fully embrace the Holy Father's call to missionary discipleship in order to advance God's kingdom of peace and justice? What creative, new methods, new visions can be utilized? The 2018 Social Action Summer Institute (SASI) will provide fresh ideas and strategies for social ministers to bring back to their parish community.

SASI is a five-day program that offers first-time participants grounding in Catholic social teaching, biblical theology, and the spirituality of social justice. Returning attendees take part in an advanced program focused on particular areas of social action ministry. SASI is planned jointly with national collaborators from the



Featured speaker: Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS
A gifted storyteller who has furthered his art education in the context of social justice and finding beauty in the margins.

USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, and national partners at Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA.

This year's theme was inspired by a Tweet from Pope Francis: "Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of."

"Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministry"

July 15 -19, 2018

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY,
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Registration is Open

Why Attend SASI?

Benefit from spiritual formation, professional development, advocacy training, and participation in a forum to explore social issues in the light of scripture, Church teaching and theology.

Who Should Attend?

- Parish social action ministers
- Lay leaders
- Clergy and seminarians

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 10 | Milwaukee Mayor Barrett's Annual Ceasefire Sabbath Kick-Off Breakfast *Parklawn Assembly of God, Milwaukee, 8:30 a.m.*

MAY 17 | [Working With Our Neighbors, SE Wisconsin Reentry Employment Expo](#) *Cousins Center, Milwaukee, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

MAY 17, 18 & 22 | Preconference Gatherings for Amazing Parishes

JULY 4 | [Religious Freedom Mass](#) with Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki *St. Dominic Parish, Brookfield, 8 a.m.*

AUGUST 24 & 25 | "Accompanying God's People with Joy" [Catechetical Conference](#) *Cousins Center, Milwaukee*

SEPTEMBER 1 | **Pre-applications** open for [CCHD National Grant Applications](#)
Prospective applicants may submit pre-applications to CCHD national office

OCTOBER is [Respect Life Month](#)

Watch for a schedule of Holy Hours for Life and parish held Respect Life Masses

OCTOBER 5 | Catholic Educator's Convention *Wisconsin Convention Center*

OCTOBER 12 - 13 | [Bridges of Hope, National Catholic Prison Ministry Conference](#) *Cousins Center, Milwaukee*

OCTOBER 17-19 | [Amazing Parish Conference](#) *Wisconsin Convention Center*

NOVEMBER 3 - 4 | *Gema di Dios* *Cousins Center, Milwaukee*

2019 DATES

JANUARY 9 | Deadline for CCHD Local Grant Applications

APRIL 6 | Archdiocesan Human Concerns Summit *Cousins Center, Milwaukee, 9 a.m. to noon*

SPRING | Catholics at the Capitol

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