

Achievements 2010-2011

Parish Social Ministry

- Planned and initiated the "Leadership Development Workshop Series" for 61 participants representing 25 parishes to equip parish leaders and volunteers with skills and strategies for developing effective parish social justice initiatives (on-going)
- Sponsored *JUSTFaith* orientation for 59 attendees from 13 parishes, featuring Jack Jezreel
- Hosted a Social Justice Retreat Day with Mary Cummins Wlodarski
- Planned and sponsored the Second Annual *Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference* for over 200 participants from 69 parishes, featuring a Keynote address by Dr. Stephen Colecchi, Office for International Peace and Justice, USCCB, and 20 workshop topics
- Strengthened relationships with six Hispanic parish communities across the Archdiocese, and supported advocacy for the In-state Tuition initiative for undocumented CT students
- Continued efforts to raise awareness and provide education around Environmental Justice issues by offering workshops for parishes and schools
- Continued advocacy work with organizations to support the Abolishment of the Death Penalty in CT

Cooperative Parish Sharing

- Received Pledges from 124 parishes in 2010, totaling over \$196,000
- Funded 41 projects in 32 parishes

Catholic Campaign for Human

Development

- Received parish donations of over \$370,000
- Provided support and assistance for four national and two local CCHD projects

Communications

- Sent monthly e-newsletter to over 1400 supporters
- Developed and launched a Facebook page to enhance timely communication with constituents
- Updated OCSJM website to provide news, online registration, resources and program information.

"As we contemplate
the vast amount
of work to be done,
we are sustained by our faith
that God is present alongside
those who come together
in His name
to work for justice."

Pope Benedict XVI



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Become an Associate for Justice

What is the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry?

The **Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry** is the office of the Archdiocese of Hartford that works with pastors, parish leaders and parish communities to promote and support social justice ministry, the work of caring for the poor and vulnerable in our midst, advocating for their rights, and addressing inequities in our communities and in our world.

The OCSJM staff offers workshops and resources, and provides consultation and training in Parish Social Ministry and on issues such as environmental justice, global solidarity, immigration, peace, poverty and advocacy.

On behalf of the Archdiocese, OCSJM administers the annual parish collections for Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and supports CCHD grants awarded within our Archdiocese.

OCSJM also manages the Cooperative Parish Sharing Program, a voluntary program of the Archdiocese of Hartford through which parishes contribute to a common fund which is used to support social justice projects created and managed by low-income parish communities to address local needs.

Who are the Associates for Justice?

Associates for Justice are important allies of OCSJM, providing financial and prayerful support for the ongoing work of the office, and offering encouragement and resources for the development of new initiatives and responses to pressing issues.

Through their generous annual gifts, our Associates allow us to continue the work of serving the poor and raising awareness of injustice in our own communities and beyond.

The money we raise through the Associates Campaign, grants and major gifts, provides over 45% of our operating costs, assuring our ability to reach out to parishes, develop new educational initiatives, and provide support and advocacy for worthy projects in communities across the Archdiocese.

Only with this assistance can we sustain a coordinated effort to raise awareness of the social issues that challenge us, and to address the needs of the most vulnerable, through action, education, empowerment and advocacy.

With budgets stretched to their limits, even the most modest of gifts takes on special importance. And while no one of us can afford what it would take to make all the changes necessary in our society, together we CAN make a difference for good.

How can I Become an Associate for Justice?

Becoming an Associate is easy! Simply respond by completing the enclosed form, and mailing it with your gift.

Once you have become an Associate, you can take pride in being part of a vibrant and effective community that is making a difference in the lives of many, by partnering with parish communities committed to the principles that guide us as faithful Catholics to care for the least among us.

What can I Expect?

OCSJM acknowledges the Associates for Justice each year at our Annual Dinner, invites them to nominate recipients for the Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly Memorial Awards, and sends an annual report with updates on programs and new initiatives.

But even more importantly, **Associates are active participants in the mission of OCSJM** to make social justice and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching integral to the life of every parish community in the Archdiocese. Their support enables coordinated efforts both to raise awareness of the social issues that challenge us, and to address the needs of the poor and vulnerable through action, education, empowerment and advocacy.