

# ANNUAL REPORT 2012

## OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



THE OFFICE FOR  
CATHOLIC  
SOCIAL  
JUSTICE  
MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese  
of Hartford

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a year of change and growth, as OCSJM welcomed a new Executive Director and added Sarah Watson Hillier as our new Parish Social Ministry Coordinator.

In 2012, with our current strategic plan ending, the Office engaged in a new strategic planning process for 2013-2014. The new plan responds to the trend of a growing Hispanic population in the Catholic Church and calls us to broaden our outreach to engage a more diverse constituency and to tap into the ideas and energy of young adults in the mission of OCSJM. We will work more collaboratively with the other Archdiocesan Offices so that social ministry is more easily integrated into parish life.

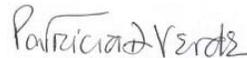
Our vision remains the same – that social justice ministry will be integral in the life of every Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

By the end of 2012, we had already taken steps to implement our new plan. Our Board of Directors grew to 15 members to represent more of the diversity in the Archdiocese. We also worked closely with the Office of Religious Education to bring Catholic Relief Services programming to the youth.

OCSJM staff presented at national meetings hosted by Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Campaign for Human Development Diocesan Directors. Our work in these areas has become a model for other dioceses. All of this good work could not be accomplished without the support and encouragement we receive from Archbishop Mansell, the *Associates for Justice*, our loyal advocates, and our many volunteers.

We give thanks for your support and partnership, and ask for your continued prayers and participation.

 Executive Director

 President, Board of Directors

### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

**P**arish Social Ministry is the heart of our work. Through our programs and training opportunities, OCSJM offers assistance to parishes to support the work of social justice and to make it an integral part of every Catholic community.

In 2012, following passage of the Connecticut **In-State Tuition** law (#6390) for undocumented students, and the announcement of the executive **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** policy, OCSJM worked with Yale Law Students, CT Students for a DREAM, and parish leaders from across the Archdiocese to raise awareness of these opportunities in our migrant communities, and to build structures to support the dreams of these young people. Parish teams mobilized to develop scholarship assistance programs, and to help eligible candidates navigate the complex process of application and documentation.

**Secure Communities** legislation, under which ICE (the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency) can ask local law enforcement to detain people for investigation for immigration violations when they are picked up on unrelated charges, was another issue of concern in 2012, and OCSJM worked effectively with parishes to raise awareness of the rights of individuals in such cases.

OCSJM also invested in leadership development within its own structures in 2012. With the help of CRS representative, Maria Barboza, OCSJM offered a **Leadership Day of Reflection** for members of the staff, Board of Directors, and the six OCSJM Ministry Leadership Teams. Twenty people attended the full-day program of discussion, exploration and reflection on the mission and goals of OCSJM, and the assets needed to carry out its important work. Networking and common visioning will strengthen our shared ministry as we move forward.

**First Friday Lunches** continued through 2012, offering an opportunity for informal luncheon gatherings focused on topics and local agencies that contribute to the work of social justice. The broad range of speakers included a representative from Norwich's Outreach to Haiti, St. Ann's Soup Kitchen and Pantry in Hamden, and CT Students for a DREAM.

The 3rd annual **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference** in June, "Rooted in Faith: Working for Justice," gathered over 200 participants. The Conference included over 25 diverse workshop topics, a keynote address by Dr. Jude Marie Banatte (Head of Programming for Catholic Relief Services in southern Haiti), exhibitors, lively discussion, networking and learning. Over 86 parishes and organizations were represented.



## OUR MISSION:

*The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford advances Catholic social teaching by educating and preparing parishes to work for social justice.*

## ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS

One of the highlights of our year is the Annual Dinner and Awards evening, which takes place in October. In 2012 OCSJM celebrated its 44th year, gathering 300 friends and colleagues for dinner and an inspirational presentation by Dr. Meghan Clark, "Charity Embraces Justice: Benedict XVI and St. Vincent de Paul."

The evening also offers an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of an individual and an organization who exemplify, through their work, the principles of social justice that define our mission. Archbishop Henry Mansell presented the **Most Rev. Joseph F. Donnelly Award** for significant contributions to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice to **Migdalia Almedina**, from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Hartford, for her work with young people to explore and act on the social dimension of their faith. Archbishop Mansell also recognized the **HomeFront Program**, which mobilizes volunteers to provide free home repairs to low-income and disabled homeowners. A special Donnelly award was also presented to the **CT Network to Abolish the Death Penalty** for persistent efforts that led to its repeal in 2012.

The **Charlie Schlegel Award** for an outstanding Cooperative Parish Sharing project was presented to **St. Ann's Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry**, Hamden, for their commitment to providing daily hot meals and supplementary groceries to those who are in need.

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy efforts in 2012 were a prominent focus of our work, particularly in the Hispanic community. New initiatives to offer educational access for undocumented students through in-state tuition rates for higher education, and the federal decision to provide the option of "deferred action" from deportation for childhood arrivals, both created opportunities for parish mobilization and education. Working with parish leaders, parish social ministry committees and local professionals, OCSJM was able to offer help and encouragement to young people and their families as they made their way through the complicated process of local and federal eligibility requirements. Leadership development, empowerment, and networking were among the positive outcomes of this work, and are valuable assets for these communities now and for the future.

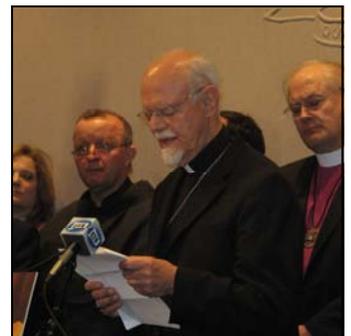
This year also saw the culmination of many years of work when the CT legislature successfully passed a bill to repeal the death penalty in our state. Visits with legislators, public hearings, phone calls and emails were all tools used to raise the voices of the many who worked tirelessly for this final outcome in April, 2012.

## ACTION

Action for Justice takes many forms, and the variety of activities is limited only by the imagination and commitment of those who embrace social justice and work to eliminate poverty and inequity.

In 2012 HomeFront Day engaged teams from 22 parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford to repair over 25 homes for homeowners who, because of financial or medical difficulties, were unable to accomplish the repairs needed for safe and secure shelter. HomeFront also offers its volunteers opportunities for meaningful service, enabling them to put their faith into action in a concrete and life-changing way.

Other parish justice efforts included parish gardens, cardboard cities to raise awareness of homelessness, serving those in need through projects like Abraham's Tent, advocacy around local immigration issues and many others.



*I am grateful to the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, its staff and volunteers, for their efforts to carry forward Catholic social teaching and the Church's social justice perspective in our lives.*

*Archbishop Henry J. Mansell*

## COOPERATIVE PARISH SHARING

Cooperative Parish Sharing promotes solidarity and shared mission among the parishes of the Archdiocese by providing grants to fund social ministry projects in low-income parishes, allowing them to address identified needs in their own communities. The funds for CPS come from voluntary donations made by parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

In 2012, for the first time in several years, CPS exceeded its funding goal and we were able to fulfill our grant promises to 34 special projects without drawing on emergency reserves. Parish pledges, all representing a commitment to empower low-income communities and to respond to their needs, ranged in size from \$50 to \$8000.

The CPS Committee and OCSJM staff offered on-going assistance to parishes to help focus grant proposals on actions related to social justice and empowerment. Grant projects included educational enrichment, summer camps and after-school programming, elderly meals, immigration support and services, youth ministry, parish social ministry development and training, and partial support for participation in the annual HomeFront Day program.

### 2012 Statement of Activities

Pledges Received:  
131 Parish pledges

Grants Approved:  
34 grant projects in 25 parish communities

Visit [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org) for a complete listing of parish grants and contributions.



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian relief agency of the U.S. Catholic community. In addition to educating parish communities about the work of CRS, OCSJM promotes the annual CRS collection and CRS parish programs like CRS Rice Bowl.

With help from a 3-year capacity-building grant from CRS, OCSJM has been able to expand its educational efforts around global solidarity issues. In collaboration with the Office of Religious Education, OCSJM offered several training opportunities in 2012 for parishes and schools focused on CRS Rice Bowl. We invited CRS regional representative, Maria Barboza, to provide leadership training for our Board and Ministry Team members, and welcomed Dr. Jude-Marie Banatte, Head of Programming for CRS in Haiti, as the keynote speaker at our annual conference.

In addition, several OCSJM staff members broadened their own knowledge and experience through immersion trips to Haiti and El Salvador, and assisted parishes in their efforts to promote Fair Trade coffee and crafts within their communities.

### CRS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2012!

CRS Collection Total: \$307,783

CRS Rice Bowl Total: \$ 44,476

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Bishops, works to address the root causes of poverty by promoting and supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations, and through education. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, this program is managed by OCSJM, and 25% of the money collected here funds efforts to educate parish communities about poverty, and to support local groups that are working to end poverty and its causes. OCSJM works with local groups throughout the year to support and evaluate their efforts.

Through the generosity of our parishes and their members, the November, 2011 annual CCHD collection totaled \$341,401, 75% of which was sent to the National CCHD Office in Washington DC to fund national grants. OCSJM works closely with the National Office to oversee the two nationally-funded programs which work within our Archdiocese.

**2012 National Grant Awardees**  
Teach Our Children, New Haven  
CT Coalition for Environmental Justice

**2012 Local Grant Awardees**  
Naugatuck Valley Housing Development  
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Haven  
United Action Connecticut  
United CT Action for Neighborhoods

# THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY— STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL REVENUE AND EXPENSE 2012

*Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012*

### REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$ 107,755
Archdiocesan Support	\$ 174,850
Program Income	\$ 48,580
Other	\$ <u>10,475</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 341,660

### EXPENSE

Salaries & Related Expense	\$ 202,472
Program/Admin Expense	\$ <u>100,697</u>
Total Expense	\$ 303,169
Excess/Deficiency of revenue over expense	\$ 38,491

## OCSJM VOLUNTEERS

In 2012, OCSJM Team and Committee Members logged over **2600 hours** of volunteer service.

We are grateful for their generous gifts of time, energy and creativity, and for their faithful commitment to the work of social justice.

## OCSJM MINISTRY TEAMS & COMMITTEES

Bishop Peter Rosazza Conference Committee  
Board of Directors  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Team  
Cooperative Parish Sharing Committee  
Environmental Justice Team  
Global Solidarity Team  
JustFAITH Leadership Team

## ASSOCIATES FOR JUSTICE

OCSJM is grateful to our **Associates for Justice** who supported our work and mission in 2012 with donations totaling over **\$72,000**.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012

Ms. Patricia Verde — *President*  
Mr. Charles Herbert — *Vice President*  
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Rev. Stephen Sledesky

## OCSJM STAFF 2012

Lynn Campbell — *Executive Director*  
Sarah Watson Hillier — *Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*  
Stephanie Holden — *Office Manager*  
Arturo Iriarte — *Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*  
Linda Roberto — *Finance, Development, Communications*

## Staff Who Donate Their Time

Jeanie Graustein — *Environmental Justice Coordinator*  
Nancy Kiely — *Cooperative Parish Sharing*  
Mary O'Brien — *Global Solidarity Coordinator*  
John Ryan — *JustFAITH Coordinator*  
Graziella Zinn — *Peace Ministry Coordinator*

## SPECIAL THANKS

### TO THOSE WHO PROVIDE VITAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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