

Dear Friends,

The **Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM)** has a long history of illuminating the causes and effects of poverty and injustice, while sharing the tools to promote action in parishes and communities. As Executive Director, I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to further the mission of OCSJM. I am passionate about parish life, and want to help parishes embrace social ministry, to better carry out the social teachings of the Church.



Imagine if social justice ministry were integral in the life of every Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Think of the compassion, justice, and love that would come to our broken world.

This is the vision of the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry.

I invite you to join us in that vision and to be part of our community, to work together for the full coming of God's kingdom; to invest yourself and the resources God has given you, your energy, prayers, and treasure, in this work to which God has called all of us as Catholics.

Inspired by Archbishop Oscar Romero's words that God's kingdom always lies beyond us, we plant seeds in our parishes with hope and confidence, and we water the seeds already planted. We need your help to provide the seeds which can yield a great harvest.

In gratitude for your partnership and support,

Lynn Campbell, Executive Director

"He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield".
2 Cor. 9:10.

"Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church's life and mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our cornerstone."

Pope Francis, June 26, 2013



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What is the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry?

The **Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford** 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 inequality in our communities and in the world.

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

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

OCSJM also oversees 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 annual **Associates Appeal** assures our ability to reach out to parishes, to develop new educational initiatives, and to provide support and advocacy for worthy social justice projects in communities throughout the Archdiocese.



“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

Luke 12: 34

How can I become an Associate for Justice?

Becoming an Associate for Justice is easy! Simply complete the enclosed response form, and mail it in 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, by partnering with parish communities committed to the principles that guide us as faithful Catholics to promote life and human dignity.

What can I expect?

OCSJM acknowledges the Associates for Justice at our *Annual Dinner*, and invites their nominations for recipients of the *Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly Memorial Awards*.

Associates for Justice are participants in the mission of OCSJM to make social justice and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching integral elements in the life of every parish community. Their generosity enables our efforts to raise awareness of social issues, and to address critical needs through action, education, empowerment and advocacy.