

**Advent Advocacy Calendar 2015**  
**Hope for Justice, Work for Justice, Look for Justice, Await the Dawn of Justice**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p align="center"><b>29</b></p> <p>Read "Laudato Si" Download it for free <a href="http://laudatosi.com">laudatosi.com</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>30</b></p> <p>Visit <a href="http://Pray-as-you-go.org">Pray-as-you-go.org</a> British Jesuits developed this as a daily 10 minute offering of prayer, music and reflection for peace or any other focus of good.</p>	<p align="center"><b>1</b></p> <p>Advocate for human rights via Amnesty International <a href="http://Amnestyusa.org">Amnestyusa.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>2</b></p> <p>International Abolition of Slavery Day 40,000 slaves currently live in the United States. Read <a href="#">The Slave Next Door</a> by Kevin Bales or learn more at <a href="http://Freetheslaves.net">Freetheslaves.net</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>3</b></p> <p>Donate food or be a server for a local shelter.</p>	<p align="center"><b>4</b></p> <p>Advocate for safe water "The world's most serious health problem are diseases caused by inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene." <a href="http://Wateraid.org">Wateraid.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>5</b></p> <p>Share a book with a teen or young adult. <a href="#">I Am Malala</a>, the story of a young Pakistani who stood up for education and changed the world, is truly inspiring. Malala was attacked by the Taliban, but never lost her will or courage.</p>
<p align="center"><b>6</b></p> <p>Take 1 hour to be silent, without the distraction of TV, radio, computers, and phones.</p>	<p align="center"><b>7</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration</a> in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander. View 'The House I Live In' on YouTube.</p>	<p align="center"><b>8</b></p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Advocate for child nutrition at <a href="http://Bread.org">Bread.org</a> Not every child is born free of original sin, as Mary was, but each child deserves our love and support.</p>	<p align="center"><b>9</b></p> <p>Contribute to Foodshare. Multiply your gift to feed the hungry: Foodshare can purchase up to \$5 worth of food for every dollar you give. <a href="http://Foodshare.org">Foodshare.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>10</b></p> <p>Read Fr. James Martin's "Top Ten Takeaways from 'Laudato Si'" in America Magazine.</p>	<p align="center"><b>11</b></p> <p>Support dignity of work Buy Christmas presents at <a href="#">10,000 Villages</a> in their CT stores or online.</p>	<p align="center"><b>12</b></p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Be part of the celebration at the Cathedral in Hartford at 7pm. The Spanish mass is enlivened by a Mariachi band, with trumpets and violins.</p>
<p align="center"><b>13</b></p> <p>Pray. Learn. Act against Poverty. Sign up for Catholics Confront Global Poverty: <a href="http://confrontglobalpoverty.org">confrontglobalpoverty.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>14</b></p> <p>Sign up to receive alerts supporting justice and peace from Catholic Relief Services via <a href="http://crs.org">crs.org</a> <i>Make known to me your way, Lord; teach me in the path to justice"(Ps. 25:4)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>15</b></p> <p>Make your words count. One personalized letter is 10 times more likely to influence your legislator than a form letter. Go to <a href="http://Bread.org">Bread.org</a> to support Bread for the World's plan to end U.S. hunger by 2030. Sign up with Bread to become a prayer partner.</p>	<p align="center"><b>16</b></p> <p>Give something unique this Christmas and help a family in poverty. With the gift of chicks or a share of a calf, families can become self-reliant, by raising and breeding the animals long-term. <a href="http://Heifer.org">Heifer.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>17</b></p> <p>Learn about micro-finance organizations offering loans to rural Haitian women as a "Stairway Out of Poverty" <a href="http://Fonkoze.org">Fonkoze.org</a> <i>"May he save the poor... that abundance may flourish in his days (Ps72:4-7)"</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>18</b></p> <p>Join the "Vigil to End War" and the Hartford Catholic Workers on Fridays in front of the Federal Building on Main St., 11:30- 12:30 <a href="http://hartfordcatholicworker.org">hartfordcatholicworker.org</a> <i>"I will listen to the word of God; surely the Lord will proclaim peace.... love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss."(Ps 85: 9,11)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>19</b></p> <p>Reflect on the call to charity and acceptance of the foreigner. Visit <a href="http://JFI.org">JFI.org</a> <i>"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Is 56:3,7)</i></p>
<p align="center"><b>20</b></p> <p>Buy Fair Trade Christmas gifts <a href="http://crsfairtrade.org">crsfairtrade.org</a> or <a href="http://serrv.org">serrv.org</a> Help farmers in developing countries get a fair price for their products.</p>	<p align="center"><b>21</b></p> <p>Advocate for people with disabilities. When you see public places that can't accommodate disabled people, email your town. Raise awareness by going to the Disability Resource Center at <a href="http://dot.gov/drc">dot.gov/drc</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>22</b></p> <p>Make a daily habit to give over a cup of food to hungry people in the US and around the world <u>at no cost to you</u> other than a minute of your time by going to <a href="http://thehungersite.com">thehungersite.com</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>23</b></p> <p>Little works of justice can speak mightily. Open your home to someone who won't be with family. Make a point today to spend some time with someone who is alone/neglected.</p>	<p align="center"><b>24</b></p> <p>Donate to Birthright which supports pregnant women. 860-290-8800 or <a href="http://birthright.org">birthright.org</a> <i>The angel greeted Mary and said, "You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you."</i></p>	<p align="center">             "For God so loved the world."            John 3:16         </p>	<p align="center"><i>Thank you to St. Bridget's Social Justice Ministry in Manchester, CT for drafting this calendar.</i></p>