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THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese of Hartford

Summer 2018

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*Advancing Catholic social teaching by educating and preparing parishes
to work for social justice*

CALENDAR

August

August 20, 6-8:30 pm
**"Rooting Youth Service
Experience: A Practical
Guide" workshop**

St. Thomas the Apostle,
West Hartford

[Register Here](#)

September

September 15, 9am
**Human Trafficking
Workshop**

RSVP to Deacon Bob
Pallotti, at 860-242-5573
ext 7446 or

dcn.pallotti@aohct.org

September 9, 12:00pm

**Rise Up for Climate,
Jobs, Justice** - for more
info visit [here](#).

October

October 23-5:00pm
**50th Anniversary Social
Justice Dinner and
Awards**

Aqua Turf Country Club
Plantsville CT

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From the Director

This July I attended the Social Action Summer Institute (SASI), an annual gathering offered by The Roundtable Association of Catholic Social Action Directors. The theme was "Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministry". Despite living the college dorm life for 5 days, it was an energizing event. I was blessed to participate in some excellent workshops, and privileged to meet some creative and inspiring people - such as Kate Hennessey, the granddaughter of Dorothy Day (pictured above). How cool is that!



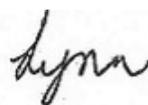
It is through YOUR support that these professional opportunities are available. I've always felt that "to whom much is given, much is expected". Please know that I will use these gifts of experience, new ideas, and fellowship to serve the Archdiocese. As Pope Francis said, "Love requires a concrete, creative response". Together let us put love into action creatively to build bridges to those on the margins and create a more just world.

Peace and Blessings,

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Lynn Campbell, Executive Director

Summer blessings



Salt and Light for the World



If we believe that Jesus is the world's savior and that the Church is his sacramental Body, and if we really love our neighbor, we will want to bring that "Good News" to everyone we meet. That's the evangelization for which we need to work and pray.

*Archbishop Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop Blair's Column, July 8, 2018
"Salt and Light for the World"*

Jubilee for Justice - 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner

As we get ready to Celebrate our 50 years of Social Justice work at our Annual Dinner, we are happy and excited to announce that our Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Timothy Shriver.

Timothy Shriver is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics International, and in that capacity, he serves with over 5.6 million Special Olympics athletes in 172 countries, all working to promote health, education, and a more unified world through the joy of sports.



Please join us for our celebration on Tuesday October 23rd at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Planstville CT. You can [visit our website](#) where you can purchase a ticket and get a bulletin announcement, Event Poster or Sponsorship Form. For more information, please email Agnes Dann at Agnes.Dann@aohct.org or call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

We hope you can join us!

Help Bring a Safe Home to Connecticut



We have been working with The Underground CT for the last 2 years. Together we want to help end trafficking in CT and support survivors. We've identified a huge gap in recovery of victims - that of safe transitional housing. The good news is we found an experienced service provider (Amirah) in the Boston area which is willing to open a house in CT.

What can you do?

PRAY - It is our most powerful tool to help bring an Amirah safe home to Connecticut.

RECOMMEND A HOME- Do you know of a group home that is for sale? It must have

- Have the ability and space to house 6 women,
- be located near a large city with a hospital and various other facilities
- be located in a an area already zoned for a group facility

If so, contact our friend and partner Annemarie Boulay at annmarie@wintonbury.org

DONATE - visit [Amirah New England](#). Select "Connecticut Safe Home" to designate your donation or include it in a memo with your mailed donation.

Answering Pope Francis' Call: A Catholic Response to Modern Day Slavery

Our Archdiocesan Human Task Force is in full force! We've hosted several events in the past 6 months and are inviting you to our next big workshop.

September 15, 2018
St. James Church Hall, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill
9:00 coffee and registration;
program begins at 9:30



- Learn how to raise awareness, protect vulnerable populations, address the demand, advocate for legislative change, and provide assistance to victims
- Create a plan to engage your parish community
- Network with others already involved in the effort to combat the issue in our community

Hosted in collaboration with the Office for Permanent Diaconate. Please RSVP to Deacon Bob Pallotti, at Permanent Diaconate: 860-242-5573 ext 7446 or dcn.pallotti@aohct.org

Families belong together! - "The Pastoral Circle" SEE, JUDGE, ACT

Submitted by Arturo Iriarte, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator OCSJM

"There are three stages which should normally be followed in the reduction of social principles into practice, look, judge, and act (Mater et Magistra, Pope John XXIII #236, 1961)."

In seeing, we learn about the reality of the situation. In judging, we make a discerning assessment of how to respond to that reality. In acting, we take steps to address it.

The pastoral circle, as it applies to the separation of families at the border, is a serious invitation for us to look; to judge, to ask ourselves, what are these families going through? What are they feeling, and finally, how are these "families" responding when their children

are taken away.



The truth is that between one to three weeks after they cross the border many parents and children are already positioned in two different continents - separated. Let's not take the word separated lightly. These families have become detached, disconnected and divided from one another. Our faith calls us to continue working hard every day and ACT on behalf of these migrant children and their parents. As a Church and as a nation, we must protect children in their home communities, in the United States and in transit.

Here are some things we can do to help migrants and immigrants at the U.S. Mexican border.

1. There are two pieces of legislation in process. Please call or write your legislators regarding the following bills:

The Child Citizen Protection Act (H.R. 2508) would allow judges to decline any order separating a non-citizen parent from a citizen child. [Read the bill here.](#)

HELP Separated Children Act (H.R. 5950) would require states to provide separated children with foster care through welfare agencies or community organizations and require DHS personnel to undergo child welfare training. [Read the bill here.](#)

2. You can also visit the following websites to see what can be done to help:

- [The Vatican's Migrant and Refugee Office](#)
- [The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops office of Migration and Refugee Services](#)
- [Jesuit Refugee Service/USA](#)
- [The Kino Border Initiative](#)
- [International Catholic Border Initiative](#)

3. Address underlying causes for migration by [supporting Catholic Relief Services lifesaving work in Central America](#)

Most of all - [Pray for our families!](#)

Cooperative Parish Sharing Grants Building leaders, strengthening families

Initiated in 1968, the Cooperative Parish Sharing (CPS) program relies on voluntary financial contributions from parishes throughout the Archdiocese, and distributes grants to eligible parishes for projects they would like to implement related to social justice concerns. The program supports the development of parish social ministry projects that serve their local communities and empower leadership development. Parish donations are the sole source of income to the CPS program.



Several new projects this year include providing social outreach opportunities for parish youth. Casa de Nazaret, a project of St. John XXIII was featured at our Social Justice Conference. This project seeks to strengthen and support the family unit, a key theme of our Catholic social tradition.

A complete list of the awards can be found at the [Cooperative Parish Sharing section of our website.](#)

New Resource "Rooting Youth Service Experience: A Practical Guide"

Join us and the Office for Education, Evangelization, and Catechesis for a workshop that supplements a new resource to enhance the social justice dimension in youth formation. The new resource is entitled, "Rooting Youth Service Experience: A Practical Guide," which can be found on our webpage. We hope this invaluable resource will aid parish catechetical

Rooting Youth Service Experiences: A Practical Guide



leaders, Confirmation coordinators, Catholic school educators, youth ministers, and high school campus ministers. A workshop to help supplement the resource will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hartford from 6:00pm-8:30pm

[Register Here](#)



Jubilee for Justice



This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our office in 1968! We are commemorating this milestone as the "**Jubilee for Justice**". Throughout the year, we will be highlighting some of our activities through newsletter articles, photos, and video. We invite you to participate in "**50 Acts of Justice**," and encourage you to be a part of this celebration by sharing stories from your own parish social ministries.

This summer, we would like to feature a reflection from Deacon Michael Ward who was a past board member of the office. Deacon Ward is a permanent deacon serving at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill. Hear his reflection about bringing his experience in low-income housing to the ministry of the office and the role social justice ministry plays in the life of the Church! His reflection can be watched [here](#).

50 Acts of Justice

A group of peer ministers from St. George Parish in Guilford have been working in Haiti this summer as part of the Haiti Ministry that began in 2003 by Claire Nichols, Director of Youth Ministry. The peer ministers have been staying at Mathew 25 Mission House in Port-au-Prince where they can interact with local Haitians. They are learning about their culture, day-to-day life and engaging in different service opportunities. They were featured in an article in the New Haven Register earlier this year. You can [read the article here](#) and learn about their experiences. We commend the peer ministers of St. George Parish on this great act of justice!



In commemoration of our 50th Anniversary in the Archdiocese, we are collecting stories and photos of parishes involved in various forms of social justice ministries as part of a campaign called 50 Acts of Justice. If you would like to submit a story and picture, please send them to Patrick Laorden at Patrick.Laorden@aohct.org.

Rise Up for Climate, Jobs, Justice

Join our Laudato Si' Ministry Team along with 350CT, the Connecticut chapter of the global grassroots climate movement, and other participating organizations for the "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice," action day at the New Haven Green on Sunday, September 9th at noon.



Our team will be exhibiting during the action day and will be participating in a rally and march. On September 8th and 9th, global grassroots organizations 350.org and the People Climate Movement are coordinating rallies in cities and towns across the nation to raise consciousness and support for the upcoming Global Climate Action Summit that will be held in San Francisco on September 12-14. Delegates to the summit will be working to address efforts to decrease annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and net zero emission by 2050.

For more information about the action day, follow the link [here](#). If you would like to come out for the action and be present with the Laudato Si' Ministry team, please contact Patrick Laorden at Patrick.Laorden@aohct.org or call (860)-242-5573.

Central America migration Family Separation

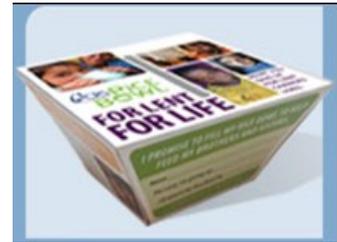


As a Church and as a nation, we must protect children in their home communities, in the United States and in transit. [Here is information](#) for those who want to advocate with the USCCB on family separation and other domestic migration issues or support CRS' life-saving work in Central

America.

It's time to order your Lenten Rice Bowls!

Yes, we realize it's only August, but Catholic Relief Services has us on a tight schedule. If we don't hear from you by September 15, you will receive the same quantity of materials as you did in 2018. If you didn't participate last year, and would like to this year - and why wouldn't you want to participate in this great Lenten program of our Catholic Church - please complete the [attached form](#). Did you know that 25% of the funds stay within the Archdiocese? Rice Bowl grants provide seed money to parish gardens, emergency food gift cards, and supplement parish food pantries. Questions? Contact Agnes Dann at 860-242-5573 ext. 2688.



Current Parish Social Ministry Resources

Below are some Migration and Refugee Resources to help you understand the complicated systems that are in place.

JustFaith Ministries' 8-week program [Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey](#) invites participants to formulate a personal response to the migration inspired by their Christian beliefs. The program was developed in partnership with Maryknoll.

[Jesus Was a Migrant](#) by Deirdre Cornell provides a moving and spiritually grounded presentation of the value of migrants, immigrants and refugees to the United States.

Migration and Refugee Services of the USCCB is charged with assisting the bishops in the development and promotion of migration [policy positions](#) within the context of the Church's social teaching. To this end MRS works with grassroots Catholic networks across the US to promote fair immigration and refugee policies, advocates for the passage of [immigration reform](#), engages in the fight against [human trafficking](#), develops initiatives aimed at educating Catholics on the Church's teaching on migration, and assists the U.S. Catholic bishops in carrying the voice of the Church to Congress and the Administration.