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THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese of Hartford

June 2018

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

CALENDAR

June

June 23rd

2 am - 6pm

World Refugee Day

Trinity Church on the
Green,

[Register Here.](#)

June 25 9:30am to

12:00 pm

"Rooting Youth

Service Experience: A Practical Guide" workshop

St. Bartholamew
Church, Manchester

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July

July 15 to 19

Social Action Summer Institute

Scholarship are
available. Contact

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From the Director

An initial phase in the formation of our office in 1968 was the establishment of the Priests' Social Action Committee. These priests - all 42 of them - met to discuss ideas and share their experience with the urban crisis. As a result a booklet of papers titled "The Servant Church? and other questions for thoughtful Christians" was published. Although most have gone before us, their words ring true 50 years later. I'd like to share an excerpt of this document.

"We must be a Servant Church, a Church that reaches out to heal, to reconcile, to comfort, to serve or we cannot be the Church of Christ. When the Church turns in on itself and seeks only to maintain its own structures it has forfeited its charter for existence. The Church has no reason for existence other than its mission to announce, establish, and embody God's Kingdom. It can only do this by following the example of our Lord.....This means that the Church must be the clearest herald in the land for racial justice, of programs for the disadvantaged, of unity and of peace if it is to remain true to the life and teachings of our Lord."

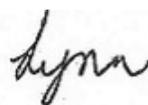
How is your parish doing? Is it hiding in the sanctuary or has it moved out into society to proclaim justice, to serve, and if need be to suffer? What can you do to help here?

Peace and Blessings,

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Lynn Campbell, Executive Director

Happy Father's Day



Thank You!

ANNUAL BISHOP PETER ROSAZZA SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

"Rooted in Faith: Bringing Social Justice Home"



Thank you to:

Our Keynote Speakers: Joan Rosenhauer Executive Director of Jesuit Refugee Services and Fr. Stephen Sledesky Pastor of St. George Parish in Guildford for their inspirational talks.

Our Workshop Presenters who gave their time and talents to put together some very engaging and well received workshops.

Our Exhibitors who provided us with some great information as well as beautiful items to buy.

And finally to all the many **volunteers** who made this a special day; our Conference Committee, Board of Directors, Brake the Cycle members, St. Thomas Choir and all of the participants who attended the Conference.

You can view video recordings of both Keynote Addresses as well as presentation of the Bishop Peter A. Rosazza Faith and Justice Award to Ronald Shea and the St. Thomas the Apostel, West Hartford choir [here](#).

Thank you all for making this event very special!

Save the Date



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Jubilee for Justice

2018

Celebrating Fifty Years

SAVE THE DATE!

50th Anniversary Celebration

AQUA TURF COUNTRY CLUB
556 MULBERRY STREET, PLANTSVILLE, CT

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

RECEPTION AT 5 P.M.
DINNER AT 6 P.M.

Keynote Speaker:
Mr. Timothy Shriver

educator, social activist, film producer, entrepreneur,
and Chairman of the Special Olympics Organization

We are happy to announce the winner of the Dr. Charlie Schlegel Award for Cooperative Parish Sharing (CPS) will be presented this year to Church of the Assumption in Ansonia for their CPS Projects entitled "Ansonia Teen Discipleship Program" and "Community Outreach Breakfast".

The Directors of these projects, Tourin Bourke and Jerry and Susan Olmsted, as well as their Pastor, Fr. James Sullivan will be presented the award at our 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner.

Please join us as we celebrate these winners as well as our 50 years of Social Justice work. Invitations will be sent out at the end of the summer. If you have not previously received an invitation and would like to be added to the mailing list, please email Agnes Dann at Agnes.Dann@aoht.org or call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

We hope you can join us!

CRS Rice Bowl Grants Available

Need some help feeding the hungry?

We are offering grants to Catholic parishes, schools, or Archdiocesan entities within the Archdiocese of Hartford. Grants must be used for hunger and poverty alleviation programs within the Archdiocese of Hartford. Preference will be given to new and innovative programs. Recipients must demonstrate intent to participate and promote the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Lenten program



Funding from the grants come from the CRS Rice Bowl program. Twenty-five percent of the funds from this program stay local, having an impact here in our archdiocese. In 2017 we were able to award over \$19,000 thanks to YOUR Rice Bowl donations. Applications are currently being accepted and [available here](#).

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grants Announced



The major source of funding for CCHD is its annual collection held in parishes across the United States the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thanks to your generosity last year we are able to provide grants to 3 local organizations, whose purposes are to eliminate the root causes of poverty right here in Connecticut. The projects must demonstrate a change from traditional approaches to poverty by attacking the basic causes of poverty and/or by effecting institutional change.

The 2018-2019 CCHD grant recipients are:

- **Keep the Promise Coalition:** \$13,000 grant to train people living with mental illness to advocate for a comprehensive, community mental system in CT.
- **PAVE** (Parents and Voices Empowering) New Britain: \$13,000 grant to support a new, collaborative project to engage, empower, mobilize, and train parents to advocate and support not only their child's learning but their own personal learning.
- **North Central Regional Mental Health Board:** \$5,000 grant to support community

World Refugee Day - June 20

Integrated Refugee Immigrant Services and Sanctuary Kitchen are co-sponsoring a festival to commemorate World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 23rd from 2-6pm at Trinity Church on the Green. The festival features world cuisine tasting by Sanctuary Kitchen at 2pm and a world music concert featuring Thabisa at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 for the cuisine tasting or music concert, and \$35 for both. Click [here](#) for more information about the festival and to purchase tickets.



Stop Zero Tolerance Policy -Call to Action



We know from the extensive presence of the Catholic Church in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras (the Northern Triangle of Central America) and from over three decades serving this population that these children are fleeing for their lives. Violence in the home and at the community and state level is a primary factor

forcing children to leave the Northern Triangle. As a result, many of these children present extreme international protection concerns. Given their vulnerability, they deserve and need our protection and our compassion.

In a June 13, 2018 news release, Bishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo joined Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB's Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's zero tolerance policy. "Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

Attorney Jeffrey Sessions' zero tolerance policy splits kids from their parents at the U.S. border. We should have zero tolerance of this policy! How can we call ourselves a moral society? Human decency demands more! Our Catholic Social Teaching puts family as the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro is introducing a resolution to condemn the policy. If you are her constituent let her know you support her efforts: <https://delauro.house.gov/contact> Please take a moment to participate in the [USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Action Alert](#).

Think Global, Act Local

Are you interested in energizing you parish community to have a global impact? We are looking for individuals to serve as Catholic Relief Services Parish



PARISH AMBASSADORS
MINISTROS DE LA SOLIDARIDAD

Ambassadors. This is a joint effort between CRS and our office. You make a commitment to 3 activities over the course of the year, one of which will be CRS Rice Bowl. The activities may be prayer, education, advocacy, or action based. We'll provide the leadership development and spiritual formation opportunities and the support you need. We are taking names now to begin in this fall.

Call our office and speak with Patrick or Christine at 860-242-5573, or email Patrick.laroden@aohct.org Learn more by [watching our video](#).

Social Action Summer Institute Scholarships

SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER INSTITUTE

Feeling like you are in a ministerial rut? Tired of hearing, "we've always done it this way"? Or are you brand new to ministry and feeling overwhelmed? Join us at the Social Action Summer Institute and be rejuvenated! This one of a kind conference, is **the best social ministry training and formation experience**.

The theme, Cultivating Creativity in Social Justice Ministries: Love requires a concrete, creative response." -Pope Francis was inspired by a Tweet from the Holy Father: "Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. Come learn and experience first-hand the creative work that is occurring within the Church and the larger community that can benefit your parish.

When: July 15-19, 2019

Where: Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

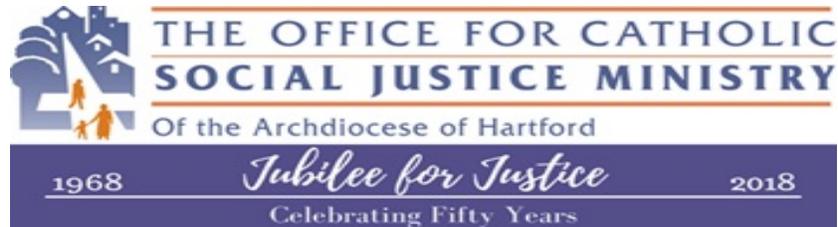
What: The Roundtable Association of Catholic Social Action Directors' premier event

[Click here for more info.](#)

Scholarships are available

[Email Lynn Campbell](#) now for more information about SASI and scholarships.

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 month we are privileged to hear a reflection from Margarita Restrepo, a seasoned leader in the Hispanic community and a parishioner at St. John XXIII Church in West Haven. Margarita, originally from Colombia, shares her experiences working Arturo Iriarte, to develop social ministry within the Hispanic community at the parish. Her involvement spans more than fifteen years! Listen to her reflection [here](#).

50 Acts of Justice

On Thursday, May 24th, the Sister Parish Committee at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford hosted a forum discussion on Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The forum was in response to the current presidential administration's decision to terminate TPS. This decision affects 300,000 people from four different countries, who were originally granted the status to enter the United States. The forum was held at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, with almost 100 people in attendance. Meghann LaFountain, an immigration attorney, and Richard Kehoe, an aid in U.S. Senator Blumenthal's office, provided some background information on TPS. A Haitian woman gave testimony about her



friend who was recently deported along with her children back to Haiti. Please continue to share your parish social ministry stories with Patrick at Patrick.Laorden@aohct.org!

Laudato Sí Challenge



We are proud to have our second annual Laudato Si' Challenge featured in the June issue of the Catholic Transcript. The feature can be read [here](#)! Thank you to the thirteen Catholic schools, which include one middle school and two high schools, who participated in the challenge this year! The SCHOOL teams never cease to amaze us with their creativity: tying Care for Creation into the liturgy, maintaining a school garden, building an outdoor classroom, learning about solar energy, and making art out of collected recyclables. Members from our Laudato Si' Team also took part in the challenge with site visits and offering presentations. With great feedback

from this year, we look forward to doing this again for a next year. Special thanks to the Office for Education, Evangelization, and Catechesis for being part of this initiative!

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

Rooting Youth Service Experiences:
A Practical Guide



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Take time this summer to join us and the Office for Education, Evangelization, and Catechesis for a series of three workshops to supplement a new resource to enhance the social justice dimension in youth formation. We put together a new resource entitled, "Rooting Youth Service Experience: A Practical Guide," which can be found on our [webpage](#). We hope this invaluable resource will aid parish catechetical leaders, Confirmation coordinators, Catholic school educators, youth ministers, and high school campus ministers. The offices will be hosting three workshops to help supplement the resource on the following dates:

- Monday June 25, 2018 - St. Bartholomew Church, Manchester - 9:30am-12:00pm
- Saturday, June 30, 2018 - St. Ann Shrine, Waterbury - 10:00am-2:00pm
- Monday, August 20, 2018 - St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hartford - 6:00pm-8:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Supporting United Action Connecticut (UACT)

On Wednesday, June 6th, UACT hosted their 12 Annual Social Justice Celebration at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center in Middletown. UACT honored the work of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Meriden's Chalice Sanctuary Team for providing refuge to an immigrant Indian family. Natalica Tracey (pictured, right-center), Executive Director of the Brazilian Worker Center, a group funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, provided the opening keynote that evening. Natalicia spoke about how her experience as a domestic worker transformed her to become an advocate for domestic worker rights and the need for others to speak up and stand out. Watch highlights of her keynote [here](#).



Current Parish Social Ministry Resources

Religious Freedom Week (June 22-29, 2018)

U.S. Catholics can pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018, which begins on June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. [Resources for this week](#), including a bulletin insert, social media content, and

backgrounders reflect on the importance of religious freedom to carrying out our mission of service and mercy.
