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THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese of Hartford

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

Pope Francis' prayer for November

Good Father, who looks at your sons and daughters with love, We know that you have deep compassion for those who suffer the most. Your Son Jesus healed so many, restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute and walking to the disabled. Today, we pray for those whose heart is clouded by sadness and pain; Brothers and Sisters lost in depression and extreme exhaustion. Send your Spirit upon them to find rest and comfort. And give us a heart to love and support them, opening to them paths of hope and new life. Amen

This month, the Pope's video is sponsored by the Association of Catholic Mental Ministers.

Please see link: <https://thepopevideo.org/>



From the Director

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I recently had the opportunity to attend an annual meeting of an association which my husband Tom served as president for the past year. I anticipated enduring two days of actuarial talk while I played the supportive wife (that I am) role.

What I was reminded of, however, was the role we have as missionary disciples. People were interested in what I did as a profession. When you say you work for the Catholic Church, you never know what response you will receive. Some shared their experiences of growing up Catholic, or the parish they used to attend. Others expressed genuine interest and surprise that a diocese supports its concern for peace and justice through a diocesan office. The ensuing conversations were simple ways of "reaching out to the peripheries" as Pope

MINISTRY TEAMS

Snapshot – Where We've Been

Celebrating the social ministry work being done by you, at our Annual Dinner & Awards, our first in-person event since March 2020!

Presenting at priest deanery meetings.

Francis calls us to in so many of his teachings.

This year, as we return to holiday gatherings with family and friends, I encourage you to practice your role as a missionary disciple. Share with others how you have been attending webinars offered by the diocesan social justice office. Don't be afraid to use the words: worker's rights, climate change, poverty, racism. Let them know these are things which are important to you because of your faith. God will guide your words.

Blessings,

Lynn



Lynn Campbell

Talking to 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students at St. George Parish about the death penalty.

Presenting a human trafficking awareness program at St. Paul Church and following up with assistance to leaders to integrate global solidarity into the social ministry.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Working on the Margins

Our Archdiocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on **November 21**. Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own Archdiocese are empowered through the 25% share of our collection that stays here. You can read more about CCHD at the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's webpage: <http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.html>



CCHD 12 minute video of grant recipients in our Archdiocese: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUfGBCmx2tA>

3-minute video promotional video with Rev. Ryan Lerner:
<https://youtu.be/xNxMsQ1htWs>

If you miss the collection, you can also support the CCHD collection [online with iGiveCatholic](#)

Parish Social Ministry Gatherings



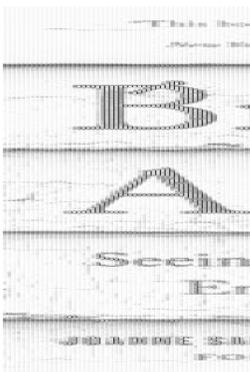
Mark your calendars!

Our monthly Parish Social Ministry Gatherings are an opportunity to meet others from across the Archdiocese who are committed to living the Gospel and transforming the world. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM on Zoom.

At our December gathering we will discuss our recent webinars on poverty and worker justice issues. If you missed the webinars you can find a recording on our YouTube page. <https://www.youtube.com/user/OCSJM>

[Sign on here for all future meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month](#)

St. Joseph the Worker virtual series



Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding and Ending US Poverty

Join us for A Conversation with the authors:
Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox

**Tuesday, November 30th
at 7:00 PM EDT via Zoom**

Registration is free but required

To Register go to <https://bit.ly/3yb588C>

If you wish to purchase the book go to the BenBella site:
<https://benbellabooks.com/shop/brokeinamerica/>
At checkout, the code AOHCT will get you 30% off the book.

Help Human Trafficking Survivors

Amirah, one of the few safe havens for victims of human trafficking in CT, is in need of gift cards for their clients. Amirah provides long-term residential services and a refuge of hope. Please consider supporting these women during Advent. Gift cards for groceries, pharmacies, gas (Mobil, Speedway & Gulf), and department stores are all needed.

The cards can be mailed to Amirah's main office, 10 Tower Office Park, Suite 413, Woburn, MA 01801 or contact Michael Distefano, mdistefano@amirahinc.org



JustFaith Ministries



JustFaith Ministries invites you to

TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION

How to Educate Your Community on Faith and Justice

NOV. 30 - 3 P.M. EDT



Jack Jezreel, M.Div.,
Founder, JustFaith Ministries



Leila Oakley, M.T.S.,
JustFaith Ministries

Curious about JustFaith Ministries?

Please join us on November 30 at 3pm EDT for a virtual presentation on how your faith community can benefit from JustFaith Ministries resources, what programs we are offering this year, and how to get started.

To learn more and register: <http://ow.ly/EgDw50Gi4Tm>

Feel free to share this invitation with others!

Learn More and Register
Here

The Right *Not* to Migrate



Many migrants are compelled to leave their homes out of economic necessity in order to provide even the most basic of needs for themselves and their families. The U.S. Catholic bishops call for international efforts designed to create conditions in which people do not have to leave their homes out of necessity – the “right *not* to migrate”. Catholic Relief Services is supporting the Church in response to the migration crisis. It is offering a

holistic, cross-border approach that addresses the economic and social motivations for migration. Helping people that are facing compounding emergencies that threaten their lives, safety and stability. [Click here](#) for an Emergency Factsheet on CRS and the Central America Migrant Crisis. [Click here](#) for the CRS Emergency Factsheet on the Hunger Crisis in Afghanistan.

November is Black Catholic History Month

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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS

NOVEMBER 21, 28, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.



Sunday, November 21 – Nourish the Spirit, Nourish the Body

Recognizing that food is a key component to our cultural expression and diversity, this week will highlight the unique ways that Black Catholics worship (i.e., Clapping hands, saying “Amen” or other verbal expressions, standing and other physical expressions of worship) as well as explore some of the foods that our various communities associate with celebration.

- Invitation to sample ethnic dishes in Jubilee Hall after Mass.
- Each community will be asked to present some of their dishes to be sampled.
- If there are dishes that are commonly used to celebrate a specific church occasion, those will be provided with an explanation of the significance of the dish.
- Recipes for the dishes will be available.
- Discussion about the forms of “Joyful Worship” experienced among Black Catholics.

Sunday, November 28 – Racism in the Catholic Church:

November 28 at our 10 AM Mass we will focus on the topic of Racism in the Catholic Church. We will host a panel discussion on racism after Mass. Reading materials will be provided on the topic.

From the Office of Faith and Culture

"CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER, COMMUNION IN FAITH AND UNITY IN DIVERSITY"



Office of Faith and Culture
Archdiocese of Hartford

Saint Andrew Dung Lac Parish
GIÁO XỨ THÁNH ANRÊ ĐÔNG LẠC



"MULTICULTURAL CHOIRS PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CONCERT"



Finger Food will
be served, please
feel free to bring
your own plate to
share.

Date: **December 19, 2021**

Time: **4 pm.**

Place: St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish,
467 South quaker In West Hartford.

Co-Sponsors:

- Knights of Columbus
- John XXIII movement
- Secular Order of Servants of Mary
- Bond of love Marian
- Cursillo Movement of Christianity
- Charismatic Renewal
- Brotherhood of the Lord of Miracles
- St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish, West Hartford
- Christ the Bread of Life parish, Hamden
- St. Peter parish, Torrington
- St. John XXIII, West Haven

And many other

Resources

Advent Resources

IgnatianSpirituality.com, a Service of Loyola Press offers:

[Answering God's Call this Advent](#), A Scripture-Based Journey (webinar) for Older Adults, Dec. 1, 3:00 PM EDT

[Arts & Faith](#): Advent video commentary about works of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures of Advent

The [USCCB](#) offers an Advent Calendar, Bulletin Inserts, Prayers, Social Media Posts, and reflections.

Two new parish grants are available

Broad-Based Organization Membership Assistance Grants and Social Justice and Racial Justice Capacity Building Grants.

More information and grant materials are available on our website at:

<http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/grants.html>



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