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THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

From the Director

Dear Friends,

Is there anything that brings more joy than a baby? Perhaps I am biased, being a new grandmother, but doesn't the smile and laugh of a baby or small child brighten your day? That child has so much to look forward to in life. He relies on our generation to help make his world a place where he and the generations to come will flourish and grow.

This concept is known as the seven-generation stewardship, which urges the current generation to think about how their decisions and actions will affect seven generations ahead. Isn't that a great form of love? To love not only those with you today, but also loving those who will come ahead (Hmmm, this sounds like someone we all know).

I am grateful for people who embrace this stewardship concept. Like those involved in peace organizations, such as Veterans for Peace and Catholic Worker Houses, who persevere in their voices against war. Or, those who raise their voices and take action against climate change. People who respond to Pope Francis' call to build a new economy rooted in care for creation, sustainability and inclusiveness.

God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Let's do what we can as good stewards, so that all grandchildren can live in a world of peace and justice.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Campbell".

Ministry Teams

Snapshot - Where We've Been

At the NVP MICAH Awards, in recognition of all the recipients organizing for justice, including Marcia Franko, social justice leader at St. Thomas Church in Oxford.

With Board members, interviewing board candidates.

(CCHD Committee members) speaking at Masses about the CCHD National Collection.

Presenting human trafficking awareness events for the New Britain Council of Catholic Women, and St. George Parish Confirmation students.

Visiting with priests and deacons.



Annual Dinner & Awards - A Night to Remember



Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Dinner and Awards. More than 200 members of clergy, religious, and lay faithful came together to recognize ImmaCare Inc. and Deacon Adam Michael, our 2022 Bishop Donnelly Awardees, and our social justice ministry. Attendees heard from nationally known speaker Gloria Purvis on "Why must we build a culture of Life and resist a throwaway culture as instructed by Pope Francis."

If you missed the dinner....

- Lynn shared a prayer....[Prophets of a Future Not our Own](#)- This reflection is an excerpt from a homily written for Cardinal Dearden by then-Fr. Ken Untener. Fr. Untener was named bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, in 1980.

Thanks to the Office of Radio and Television for the following:

- Annual Dinner segment on Crossroads Magazine: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7722218> which aired on Nov 13th; starts at 11:30
- Gloria Purvis interview on "That's the Spirit." The interview is similar to her talk at our dinner. <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9017252>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection this weekend!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is:

- The Catholic anti-poverty program established by US Catholic Bishops in 1969.
- Helps people who are poor speak and act for themselves.
- It is a hand up, not a hand out.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- Helps people grow in their humanity.
- Is one of the most visible and successful signs of the Catholic community at work with African-American and Hispanic communities.
- An example of our priority on the life and dignity of the human person.

The CCHD Collection is taken up in parishes November 20th.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.uscb.org/cchd

Check out [the video](#) we created that highlights CCHD Funded groups with the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Take Action - Help End Poverty



Addressing Food Insecurity

[Send an email](#) to Thank Rep Jahana Hayes for cosponsoring, Healthy Meals, Health Kids Act. (H.R. 8450), a proposed House bill serving as the latest update to the Child Nutrition and Reauthorization Act, which Congress reauthorizes

and updates to fund nutrition programs for children in the U.S.
Invite Connecticut's other [U.S. Representatives](#) to co-sponsor the Bill.

End Prison Liens in CT!

Formerly incarcerated people face many barriers to reintegration into society. Massive debt from the cost of incarceration is one such barrier to reentry. Nationally, an estimated 10 million people have approximately \$50 billion worth of prison debt. In Connecticut, incarcerated people incur costs for basic human needs while under the state's care for things such as sick calls, laboratory tests, and dental care.

During the 2023 legislative session, [The Collaborative Center](#) and its allies will advocate to pass a bill to have the practice of Prison Liens repealed.

The Collaborative Center for Justice is rooted in the Gospel and committed to Catholic Social Teaching and works to make a difference in the lives of those who are poor and alienated. If you would like to learn more and join their efforts, consider participating in their "**Parish Partnership Program.**" This is an opportunity for you to develop your skills and advocate for justice.

Information sourced with permission from their [Fall 2022 newsletter](#).

COP27 and Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services is participating in the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly known as COP27, going on right now in Egypt. Find out the **three things you should know about COP27** [here](#).

Each of us can play an important role in addressing climate change issues that impact low-income people from across

the globe!



Quote of the Month

“Responses to global climate change should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet. Individual nations must measure their own self-interest against the greater common good and contribute equitably to global solutions.”

– US Catholic Bishops, Global Climate Change

Human Trafficking - What's trade got to do with it?

Fair trade serves as a tool to educate people on conscientious consumerism. It is based on the premise that workers and producers deserve a fair wage and a workplace with dignity and respect.

There are [10 distinct principles](#) that govern whether a company can be fair trade certified and maintain the certification. These principles have improved the lives of many vulnerable people who are employed at fair-trade certified companies.

- Workers earn a living wage.
- They have a voice in workplace representation and safe working conditions.
- They are also afforded access to education, medical care, and other benefits.
- They also get community development funds, enabling them to invest in the communities in which they live.
- All fair trade companies must re-invest a portion of their profits in communities in which their producers live. As a result, fair trade workers can choose if they want to invest in education, health care, and/or infrastructure.

Not only do fair trade programs spend their profits on education and health care, but also this certification encourages companies to collaborate with vulnerable populations and generate many job opportunities for disadvantaged populations.

[Rahab's Rope](#) is a fair trade company that battles against human trafficking by empowering women and children in India. Rahab Ropes puts its fair trade premium to good use by providing career options to women exiting sex trafficking. They also utilize 100 percent of their profits to support their goals and anti-human trafficking mission. Fair trade principles also provide opportunities for the under resourced populations. Through fair trade, marginalized producers are provided with an equal chance to cooperate with businesses.

Companies that are fair trade certified are prohibited from discriminating against producers based on gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or identity. It closes the gender gap and ensures that employment practices are equitable.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Don't miss this [transformative](#)



[annual gathering](#) to put your faith into action!

Join us at the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, "Blessed

are the Peacemakers" in Washington, D.C. for dynamic and thought-provoking presentations and workshops that will address pressing issues such as climate change, hunger, gun violence, migration, and others that will invite us to work together as a Church to think creatively and boldly about how we can create opportunities for healing and renewed encounter. Then, we'll raise our voices in solidarity by advocating with our members of Congress.

Join the discussion and be part of the solution!

Registration Link

Financial Assistance is available [Contact our office](#) for an application

Pave a Pathway to Freedom for Human Trafficking Survivors



Learning about human trafficking and finding your role to help end it can be overwhelming. Our **Human Trafficking Task Force** is here to help! [Contact us](#) to schedule an awareness presentation.

There are very few organizations in CT which support trafficking survivors. We work closely with [The Underground New England](#), which does. We have a partnership program to support their mentor program, in which teams of people are paired up to provide prayers and support to the survivors. Visit [our website](#) to learn more.

Volunteer Profile: Meet Toni



Toni Buddington is a parishioner at St Mary's Parish, in New Haven. She is an active Committee Member of **Social Justice at St. Mary's...The McGivney Way**, where there are many opportunities to participate in the "Two Feet of Love". She currently serves as a member of the New Haven Chapter of Catholic Relief Services.

Toni graciously offered her social media experience to help us manage our Facebook page. We are so blessed to have her assistance!

Follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ocsjm.hartford>

Hurricane Donations

Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations to help Catholic Charities agencies in [Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands](#), and [Florida](#) to respond with needed disaster supplies now, as well as long term responses.

Resources

Join the Catholic Mobilizing Network in a journey of hopeful preparation through a series of reflections by Catholics working to transform the U.S. criminal legal system. For each Sunday of **Advent** subscribers receive a short reflection on the day's Gospel readings delivered to their inbox. [SIGN UP](#)

Plan Ahead and Add Fair Trade Purchases to Your Christmas Giving

Check out this [article from fairtradeamerica.org on fair trade Christmas gift purchasing sources](#) that will help add some fair trade goodness to your Christmas spirit and gift-giving!



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