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# THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese of Hartford

**September 2018**

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

## CALENDAR

### September

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

RSVP to Deacon Bob  
Pallotti, at 860-242-5573  
ext 7446 or  
[dcn.pallotti@aohct.org](mailto:dcn.pallotti@aohct.org)

#### **September 17 - 7:00pm USCCB's Report on Racism**

Providence Rhode Island  
Contact Sr. Clare at 860-  
541-6491 or  
[sr.cmllea@aohct.org](mailto:sr.cmllea@aohct.org) to  
reserve a seat on the bus  
and event registration

#### **September 20-6-8:30 pm**

#### **"Rooting Youth Service Experience: A Practical Guide,"**

St. Josephine Bakhita  
Church, Rocky Hill  
[Register here](#)

### October

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

Aqua Turf Country Club  
Plantsville CT  
[Purchase Ticket Here](#)

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## From the Director

"The Eucharist and Social Justice" is the title of a book written by Sr. Margaret Scott. The title also describes what keeps me rooted in the Catholic Church. Like Scott, I share these two loves, and see these loves as intimately connected.

When I receive the Eucharist, I think about all the people across the world also receiving the Eucharist, some risking their lives for this gift. I find the strength and direction for ministry. The Eucharist provides bread for the journey and sustains me in ministry. It puts me in solidarity with my brothers and sisters, and calls me to work for social justice.

The Social Justice dimension of the Catholic Church - its vast teachings and inspired ministries and outreach also invokes pride in my Church. It's our lived witness to the Catholic faith.

My prayer for you is that when you feel disappointed and angered by the institutional Church, that you too will find strength in the Eucharist and the Church's social doctrine.

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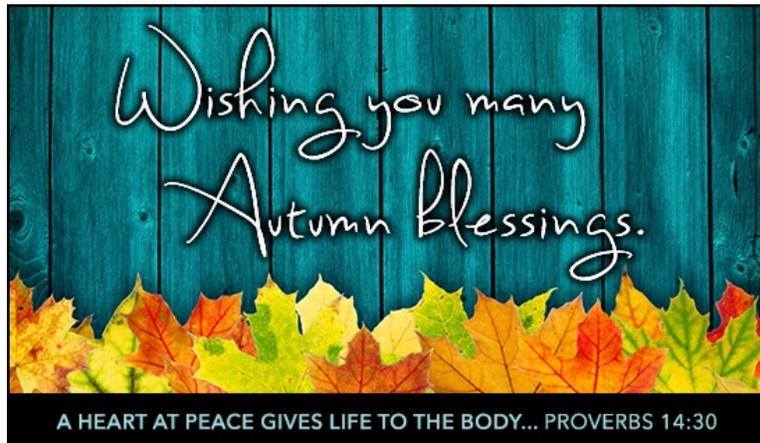
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Lynn Campbell, Executive Director

## Autumn Blessings



## Catholic Social Teaching Update

The Catholic Church fully embraced the inadmissibility of the death penalty in an historic revision to the Catechism.

*"The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."*  
(Catholic Catechism 2267)



## Register Now

The USCCB's report of the Work against Racism.

The Archdiocese of Hartford is sending a contingent to this event! If you are interested in attending, please email Sister Clare Millea at [sr.cillea@aohct.org](mailto:sr.cillea@aohct.org).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE USCCB'S REPORT OF THE WORK AGAINST RACISM**

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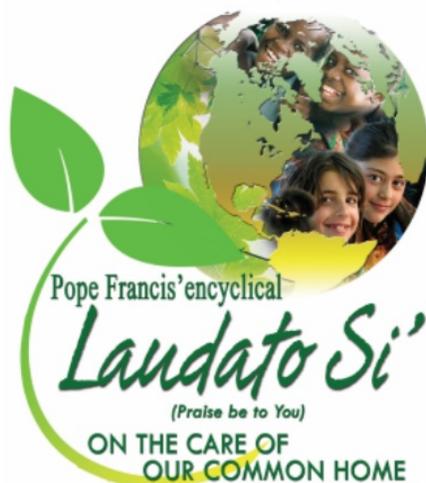
Monday  
Sept. 17th  
7:00pm  
@McVinney  
Auditorium,  
43 Dave  
Gavitt Way,  
Providence

With the Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and Chair of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad-Hoc Committee Against Racism, Chair of the USCCB Subcommittee on African American Affairs, & member of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church



More Information  
Patty January | Office of Black Catholics | Diocese of Providence  
401.278.4552 | [pjanuary@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:pjanuary@dioceseofprovidence.org)  
If you are interested in attending, please email [sr.cmillea@aohct.org](mailto:sr.cmillea@aohct.org).

## Season of Creation



The Season of Creation began on September 1, the *Day of Prayer for Creation*, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. There is an urgent need to find solutions to the crisis facing our common home. Together, we are fulfilling our role as stewards of God's creation.

We invite your parish, school, or community to celebrate. Plant a tree. Hold a prayer service. The Global Catholic Climate Movement has a [celebration guide](#) full of resources to make planning and hosting an event easy. Join the global movement and embrace Laudato Si. Check out our [Laudato Si Resource page](#) for suggestions.

Visit our [blog on our website](#) to read *Climate Change, Charism of Reconciliation* By Rev. Rene Butler, a Lasalette Priest.

*Laudato Si' image used with permission from the Diocese of St. Cloud*

## 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 to announce that our Most Rev. Joseph F. Donnelly Memorial Individual Award will be presented to Mary Elizabeth Stewart Blogoslowski.



Mrs. Blogoslowski is currently the President of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and North American Vice President of World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. She has represented the Catholic Church at the UN on issues to reduce poverty, violence, and human trafficking. She recently arranged for a school in the Holy Land to be connected with a school in West Haven to learn from each other, a program that she is promoting for NCCW for others to implement.

Please join us for our celebration on Tuesday October 23rd at the Aqua Turf

Country Club in Plainville 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](mailto:Agnes.Dann@aohct.org) or call 860-242-5573 Ext. 2688.

*We hope you can join us!*

## Naugatuck Valley Project Receives National CCHD Award

### Naugatuck Valley Project



The Naugatuck Valley Project (NVP) was awarded \$65,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This grant will help NVP work towards affecting institutional change in the greater Waterbury area. A current initiative is working towards change within Prospect Medical Holdings (Waterbury Hospital) in effort to secure the community benefits which were available to the community when the hospital was non-profit. They will also work towards institutional change regarding improving the rights of low-wage home health care workers.

NVP is the only organization of its kind in the Naugatuck Valley that works with low-income people to develop their leadership skills in a systematic way to enable them to advocate for those issues that are most important to them. It is a regional organization made up of 18 religious congregations, along with labor, housing, and community organizations.

## 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](mailto:dcn.pallotti@aohct.org)

## "Rooting Youth Service Experience: A Practical Guide" Workshop



Rooting Youth Service Experiences:  
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 leaders, Confirmation coordinators, Catholic school educators, youth ministers, and high school campus ministers. A workshop to help supplement the resource will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at St. Josephine Bakhita Church, Rocky Hill from 6:00pm-8:30pm

## 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 have been 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 featuring Deacon Art Miller, a permanent deacon currently serving at St. Mary Parish in Simsbury. Hear Deacon Art share about his time with the office as a past board member as well as his ministry as deacon and how it feeds into the work of social justice. Watch his reflection [here](#)!

## 50 Acts of Justice

In June, the Bakhita Bible Campers from St. Bakhita in Rocky Hill, were asked to make a Seed Bank where they would earn money throughout the summer through recycling cans and bottles, doing tasks for their families and neighbors, hosting a lemonade stand, and other efforts. One of the volunteers, Maryann (pictured), taught the bible campers about Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and their work in the Republic of Somaliland. The bible campers were hoping that their proceeds would be used to help the people in Somaliland in their agricultural work. They raised over \$352.59 from the Seed Bank, which was donated to CRS!



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](mailto:Patrick.Laorden@aohct.org).

## CCHD Art Contest for students



Every year the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the domestic anti-poverty program created by U.S. Bishops in 1969, sponsors a contest for students in Grades 7-12 to learn about the root causes of poverty in the United States as well as CCHD's response. Students will

reflect upon what they have learned in the context of their faith to create multimedia works of art to teach others about poverty and its root causes.

This year's theme is "A Time to Heal Racism." This is a wonderful opportunity for students in your Catholic schools and Faith Formation Programs to use their creative talents to live out their faith. Contest deadline is March 1, 2019

To learn more, watch the video [Creating on the Margins Contest Promotion Video](#) and download our [flyer](#) as well as [Educator and Young Artists Guide](#). For more information, contact Tracey Clements at [CCHDContest@cox.net](mailto:CCHDContest@cox.net) or at (860) 644-9134.

## Update on the Farm Bill

During the summer months, both the House and the Senate passed their versions of the Farm Bill. The Senate Farm Bill made fewer structural changes than the House Farm Bill. The Senate's version left out the strict, new work requirements on able-bodied adults seeking food stamps found in the House's bill. The Senate's Farm Bill also preserves a major conservation program that was removed from the House bill and added limitations on farm-subsidy payments. Congress will have to come together and work out these changes. Many thanks to those of you who sent action alerts and letters, or made phone calls to your Congressional Delegates in this regard.



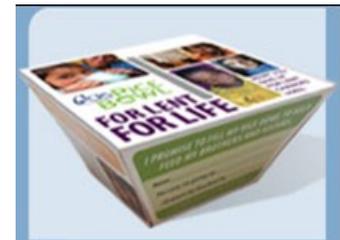
Prior to the vote in a letter to the Senate, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul and Catholic Rural Life sent a letter to the Senate lauding the bipartisan efforts on the bill and welcoming the improvements in the bill. The letter highlights the importance of a final bill that reflects the commitment of the common good of all and policies that adequately respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and hungry people, including small-scale farmers and families at home and abroad.

Within the next week, members of the Farm Bill Conference Committee, which consists of 47 members of the House and 9 members of the Senate (none from CT), will come together to work out the differences between the House Farm Bill and the Senate Farm Bill. Once a consensus is reached among the members of the conference committee, they will present a joint bill that requires passage in both the House and the Senate, before being sent to the president. Hopefully this will happen by the end of this month, as the current Farm Bill expires September 30.

Right now, this is what you can do: [Visit here](#) to take action (even if you have already sent something to your congressional delegate). You may also wish to personalize your message or change the heading to Farm Bill 2018. For further information contact Mary O'Brien [mobjk4@yahoo.com](mailto:mobjk4@yahoo.com).

### 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.