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# THE OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese of Hartford

**September 2019**

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

## CALENDAR

### September

**September 25  
6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Sex Trafficking  
Awareness  
Presentation**

Asnuntuck Community  
College, Enfield

**September 30  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Breaking the Silence:  
The impact of Human  
Trafficking on Girls of  
Color  
Presentation**

YMCA Hartford

### October

**October 16 - 7:30 pm  
Human Trafficking  
Awareness  
Presentation**

St. John of the Cross

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## From the Director

Dear Friends,

The poor will be most adversely affected by climate change. That sums up why we as Catholics, should make global climate change a priority. Because showing a preferential option for the poor is essential to our faith. (See Mt 25: 31-46)

Climate change is the single biggest health concern the global community faces. It is a global and moral problem. The impact of climate change will reverse development work for people who live in the poorest regions of the world. I saw the impact of climate change while in Ethiopia earlier this year - changes in weather patterns and prolonged drought periods affecting farming. Droughts and the search for fertile land causing conflicts.

I was at a conference for Catholic social action leaders this summer. I try to attend every year, and climate change had been a topic in the past. This year the theme was "Building a Home for All". We heard from climate scientists about the impact of climate change as it relates to housing. In Bangladesh people with money are already buying up lands on higher grounds. Migrants are uprooted from their homeland as a consequence of environmental degradation and climate change.

As climate change links social justice issues together, solidarity links us together. Catholic social teaching more than anything else insists that we are one family. We can find hope and a sense of purpose by engaging in the climate crisis. Support for Catholic Relief Services, migration and refugee activities, and advocacy on development and peace are signs of a faith without boundaries. Check [our website](#) and contact us for resources and assistance to help strengthen your parishes' global solidarity efforts!

Peace and Blessings,

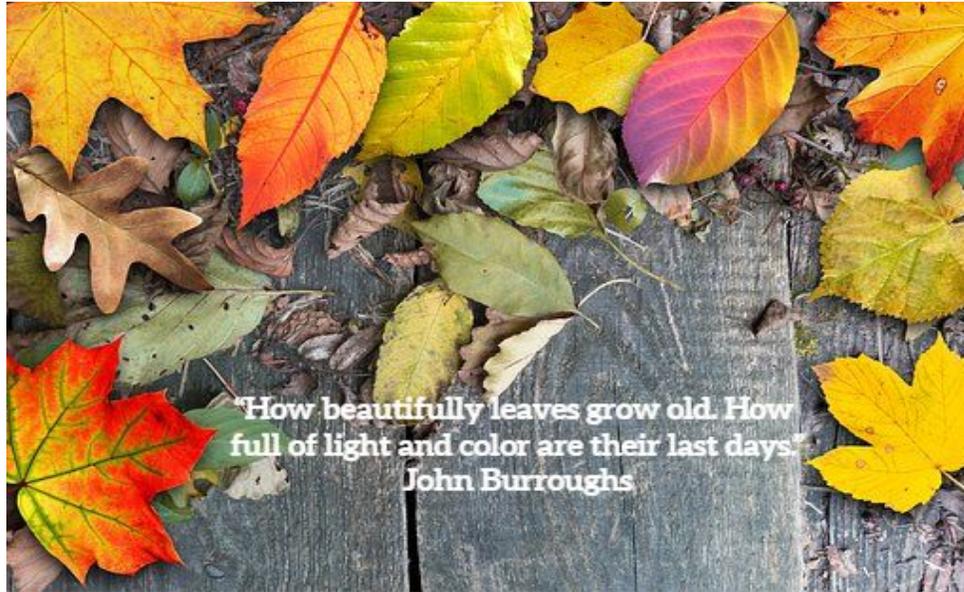
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"Your support helps  
keep social ministry a  
vital part of the  
Archdiocese"



A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Lynn".

Lynn Campbell, Executive Director



## FOCUS GROUP CANCELLED

The **Parish Social Ministry Focus Group** scheduled for September 19 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Plainville is cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Save the Date



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## WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE DINNER AND AWARDS

October 22, 2019  
at the  
Aqua Turf Club  
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville CT

**Most Reverend Donnelly Awards will be presented to:**

## Deacon Art Miller - Individual award



Author, activist, homilist, and educator, Deacon Miller is known for his inspiring homilies and is a frequent speaker at area retreat centers. His motto is: "If God were to give us an 11th commandment, it would be 'Thou shall not be a bystander.'"

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## Center for Reflection, Education and Action (CREA) Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, executive director - Organization Award



Sister Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD, Executive Director and Co-Founder of CREA, will accept the organization award. For the past 23 years, CREA has been working in the areas of corporate responsibility including socially responsible investing, and sustainable communities.

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### Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to learn more about our office? Do you have 4-8 hours per week to share with us? Consider becoming an OCSJM volunteer! We are looking for someone who is eager to contribute their talents and become an active participant in helping us to make social justice and the principles of Catholic social teaching integral to the life of every parish community in the Archdiocese. Responsibilities include general office duties, research, and writing assignments. If you are able to use a computer and Microsoft Office applications, maintain confidentiality, and work collaboratively with others, give us a call. Contact Lynn Campbell at [info.ocsjm@aohct.org](mailto:info.ocsjm@aohct.org) or call 860-242-5573.

### Welcome Bailey

OCSJM welcomes Bailey Gaspers as our Catholic Campaign for Human Development intern. In the Spring. Bailey will be attending Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell to complete her Bachelor's degree in Theology. *"My goal is to become a Theology teacher at a Catholic grade school. I was just baptized as a Catholic last Easter, and it has changed my life to say the least. I am passionate about spreading the abundant love that God has shown me to others, and I am blessed to be able to deepen my faith as an intern for the Archdiocese of Hartford"*. Bailey is getting married in October and recently rescued a dog *"who I think of as my child"*.



## Welcome Bailey

### Staffing Announcement

Patrick Laorden has left our office for another position. We are grateful for the 2 ½ years he gave to our office, and wish him all the best. If you have been working with Patrick and/or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at 860-242-5573.

### Upcoming Human Trafficking Events

Sex Trafficking Awareness Presentation - offered by The Underground. Sept. 25, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at Asnuntuck Community College Community Center, Enfield. Presenters include Cyber Security expert, Ct State's Attorney, and Human Trafficking survivor. For additional information email [theundergroundct@gmail.com](mailto:theundergroundct@gmail.com)



Breaking the Silence: The Impact of Human Trafficking on Girls of Color - A Critical Conversation with leaders from DCF, Love 146, YWCA; Sept. 30, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, YWCA Hartford, 135 Broad St., Hartford.

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation - offered by OCSJM Human Trafficking Task Force to St. John of the Cross Church, 1263 West St., Middlebury CT, Oct. 16, 7:30 PM.

### Offering of Letters



Every year [Bread for the World](#) encourages members and churches to hold an Offering of Letters. Encouraging this activity in your parish, we ensure that people in our ministries are in direct communication with our elected officials about the priorities we hold dear and valuable to promote the dignity of all people.

Many parishes, such as St. Theresa of Calcutta, have held Offering of Letters for several years. We invite you to join them! Bread for the World is offering a webinar to learn best practices and ways participate in and hold an Offering of Letters in your parish.

You will hear from diocesan and parish leaders who have held Offerings in their ministries for several years. You will hear their stories and listen to how they were able to identify key strategies that encouraged participation on all levels of ministry fronts.

**When: Oct 2, 2019 3:00 PM Eastern Time**  
**Topic: Living Our Catholic Faith through Advocacy**

[Register here](#) in advance for this webinar

### It's Not Just About Migrants, It is About All of Us

In the last newsletter we encouraged you to look deeper at the migration situation and learn about the root causes that cause families and children to flee to the U.S./Mexican border by asking what is going on in the countries where people are fleeing. Here's a Summary of Northern Triangle Reading Material which contains briefing materials for the 3 countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

The World Day for Migrants and Refugees is September 29. Justice for Immigrants has posted webinar presentation slides and recording on the [JFI webinars page](#). Pope Francis' message "It is not just about migrants" can be found at [Vatican News](#). Prayers of the Faithful and an educational piece on Church teaching and migrants can also be found here.



## Summary of Northern Triangle Reading Material



**Summary of Northern Triangle Reading Material (April 2019)** A briefing prepared by Tom Dobbins Jr., Justice & Peace Coordinator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

We've posted this very informative piece regarding the 3 countries of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras on our Web site's [Immigration page](#).

## Current Parish Social Ministry Resources

We located new resources for You!

**Social Justice Resource Center** - Looking for other ways to stay connected to the work of social justice and resources to help you in your call to promote and defend human dignity? [Social Justice Resource Center](#) publishes a monthly e-newsletter with a wealth of important information. [Subscribe to the newsletter](#) .

**Consistent Life Network** - Consistent Life is a network uniting many organizations and individuals who support the consistent ethic of reverence of life. The Network is committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a 'consistent ethic of life'. The Network provides fact sheets, fliers and audio clips. For more information and to subscribe to their newsletter see their [website](#).

### Spanish Media

\* Root causes of Migration: CRS ´ Rick Jones was interviewed on [EWTN Espanol/Cara a Cara show](#)