

Advent Advocacy Calendar 2016
 Hope for Justice, Work for Justice, Look for Justice, Await the Dawn of Justice

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 Read "Laudato Si". It can be downloaded for free from: laudatosi.com</p>	<p>28 pray-as-you-go.org (by British Jesuits) as a daily 10 minute offering of prayer, music and reflection for peace or any other focus of good. Look for posters with tags in the Justice Centers.</p>	<p>29 1 out of 6 Americans live in poverty. How are you helping them? Visit Catholic Social Justice</p>	<p>30 Advocate for safe water worldwide. "The world's most serious health problem are diseases caused by inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene." Go to wateraid.org</p>	<p>1 Fonkoze is a microfinance organization offering loans to rural Haitian women as a "Stairway Out of Poverty". To learn more and help, go to Fonkoze.org</p>	<p>2 International Abolition of Slavery Day: 40,000 slaves currently live in the United States. Read <i>The Slave Next Door</i> by Kevin Bales or learn more at freetheslaves.net</p>	<p>3 An inspiring holiday gift for your teen or young adult is <i>I Am Malala</i> the personal story of a young Pakistani woman who stood up for education and changed the world. Malala was attacked by the Taliban, but never lost her will or courage.</p>
<p>4 Hear Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum at the Archdiocesan Center in Bloomfield today, 1:30 - 4:00 "Bringing Laudate Si to Life During the Christmas Season and Beyond."</p>	<p>5 More African Americans are controlled by the criminal justice system today than were enslaved in 1850. Read Michelle Alexander's book <i>The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness</i>. Go to the Center for Law & Justice cfjlj.org. View 'The House I Live In' on YouTube.</p>	<p>6 Human Trafficking is a disgrace against Humanity. Advocate to make our business's supply chain more transparent and responsible. Visit Catholic Social Justice-Human Trafficking.</p>	<p>7 Contribute to Foodshare: Foodshare can purchase up to \$5 worth of food for every dollar you give. Visit Foodshare to donate.</p>	<p>8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Not every child is born free of original sin, as Mary was, but each child deserves our love and support and the nutrition they need to become productive citizens. Advocate for them at bread.org</p>	<p>9 Keep your Christmas Green. 10 ideas to make Christmas celebrations more environmentally friendly. Visit 10 Ways to Have a Green Christmas</p>	<p>10 "Make known to me your way, Lord; teach me in the path to justice" (Ps. 25:4) Sign up to receive action alerts supporting justice and peace from Catholic Relief Services at crs.org</p>
<p>11 Pray. Learn. Take Action against Poverty. Sign up for Catholics Confront Global Poverty</p>	<p>12 Buy Fair Trade Christmas gifts at Catholic Relief Service. Fair Trade means people will get a fair price for their labor and materials and no forced labor</p>	<p>13 Make your words count. One personalized letter is 10 times more likely to influence your legislator than a form letter. Go to bread.org to support Bread for the World's plan to end U.S. hunger by 2030. Sign up with Bread to become a prayer partner.</p>	<p>14 Give something unique this Christmas and help a family in poverty. Through Heifer International, give one chick or a share of a whole calf. With the animal gifts, families become self-reliant, by raising and breeding the animals long-term. See all your choices at heifer.org</p>	<p>15 Take 1 hour (or more) to be silent. No TV, no radio, no computer, no cell phone.</p>	<p>16 "I will listen to the word of God; surely the Lord will proclaim peace....love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss." (Ps 85: 9,11) Join members of the Hartford Catholic Worker on Fridays in front of the Federal Building on Main St., from 11:30 to 12:30 in their "Vigil to end War." hartfordcatholicworker.org</p>	<p>17 Spend some time today reflecting on the call to charity and acceptance of strangers, especially refugees. Visit Catholic Social Justice-Immigration</p>
<p>18 Buy Fair Trade* coffee, chocolate, almonds, and dried cranberries. Help farmers in developing countries get a fair price for their products. To purchase, visit Equal Exchange</p>	<p>19 Advocate for People with Disabilities. When you see public places that can't accommodate disabled people send an email to the town. Raise awareness by going to the Disability Resource Center</p>	<p>20 Make it a daily habit to give a cup of food to hungry people in the US and around the world at no cost to you other than a minute of your time by going to: thehungersite.com</p>	<p>21 Little works of justice can speak mightily. Open your home to someone who won't be with family. Make a point today to spend some time with someone who is alone / neglected.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 The angel greeted Mary and said, <i>"You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you."</i> Be a blessing to a pregnant woman today. Donate some time to Birthright which supports pregnant women. 860-290- 8800 or birthright.org</p>