

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



THE OFFICE FOR
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SOCIAL
JUSTICE
MINISTRY

Of the Archdiocese
of Hartford

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was a year of leadership development and engagement as OCSJM worked to develop leaders to address issues of local and global concern. We made significant strides towards realizing our strategic goals of collaborating with archdiocesan offices, increasing awareness of our programs, reaching out to youth and young adults, and strengthening our education and advocacy on social concerns.

In 2013 the office developed an Immigration Team comprised of parishioners from across the archdiocese to address immediate local issues and comprehensive immigration reform. We held prayerful walks, prepared parishioners to offer written and verbal testimony and to meet with elected officials, and collaborated with the other diocesan offices to increase awareness and take action.

Our increased engagement with young people was evident as more schools and parishes participated in CRS Rice Bowl, many youth attended our social justice conference, and over 300 students participated in our "Helping Hands" project at the archdiocesan Youth Spectacular.

We augmented our multi-media and social media communication efforts by redesigning our website, developing a Pinterest page, and increasing both our newsletter subscribers and our Facebook followers.

All of this good work could not be accomplished without the support and encouragement we have received from Archbishop Blair, Archbishop Mansell, our **Associates for Justice**, our loyal advocates, and our many volunteers.

We give thanks for your support and ask for your continued prayers and participation.

Blessings,

Executive Director

President, Board of Directors

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

In 2013, Parish Social Ministry continued to be the primary focus of the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, as we broadened our outreach to include new audiences and worked collaboratively with other ministries of the Archdiocese and local service organizations.

New efforts to engage youth and young adults included environmental justice workshops with parish Confirmation classes, sessions on immigration and Catholic social teaching for youth groups, and "Helping Hands," a hands-on food packaging event at the Archdiocesan Youth Spectacular to help address hunger in Burkina Faso, a small impoverished country in West Africa.

In an effort to begin **informal conversation about immigration reform**, OCSJM gathered PSM leaders from St. Patrick-St. Anthony and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches, Hartford, for a potluck dinner, dialogue and story-sharing event, focused on personal experiences around immigration. The event offered an occasion for OCSJM to introduce the Church's teaching on immigration, and to encourage support for the Catholic Bishops' *Justice for Immigrants* campaign.

First Friday Lunches, open to all, continued to serve as both in-service workshops for the staff and informative

public gatherings where local social justice organizations share their work. Representatives from the Malta Criminal Justice Initiative and Archdiocesan leaders who work with the Hispanic community were among the presenters in 2013.

The 4th annual **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference** in June, "*Rooted in Faith: Growing Just Communities*," gathered 230 participants, 135 of whom were first-time attendees. The Conference included 24 diverse workshops and an inspiring keynote address by Alexie-Torres Fleming, known for her leadership development and social action work with urban youth. Exhibitors and networking opportunities rounded out the day of education, empowerment and conversation.

New outreach included an increased and improved internet presence, introducing a newly-redesigned website, a Pinterest page to share relevant resources and organizational links, and a series of YouTube videos featuring testimonials from a variety of parish leaders on aspects of parish social ministry. Bishop Peter Rosazza also offered his insights in a video on the document, "*Communities of Salt and Light*," in honor of its 20th anniversary. Our monthly e-newsletter continued as a regular vehicle to share news, events and advocacy opportunities to invite engagement across a broad range of issues and topics.



OUR MISSION:

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford advances Catholic social teaching by educating and preparing parishes to work for social justice.

ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS

The **2013 Annual Dinner and Awards** evening in October gathered an increased number of supporters for an inspirational talk by Jack Jezreel, founder of the *JustFaith* program, on the topic, “*Pope Francis, St. Francis, and a Vision for the 21st Century Parish.*” Jack’s message encouraged parishes to not only “feed” their communities, but also to prepare their members to be sent forth in ministry and service, to be the leaven for a just society.

The evening also celebrated the accomplishments of an individual and an organization who exemplified, through their work, the principles of social justice that define our mission. Newly-retired **Archbishop Henry Mansell** received the **Most Rev. Joseph F. Donnelly Award** for his instrumental work to address the needs of the poor through the Malta House of Care medical vans and the Cathedral Green low-income housing project. **Apostle Immigrant Services** of New Haven was recognized for their outstanding efforts to support immigrants in need of legal and educational assistance. The **Charlie Schlegel Award** for an outstanding Cooperative Parish Sharing project was presented to **St. Joseph Parish in Winsted** for their Elderly Meals and food delivery programs which provided nutritional and social opportunities for older members of their community.

ADVOCACY / EDUCATION

In addition to parish presentations, the Office was fortunate to have opportunities to offer workshops at the Office of Religious Education and Evangelization Congress, the Catholic Educators Faith Conference, for St. Thomas Seminary and Archdiocesan Center staff, at women’s groups, and for a number of inter-faith groups. Staff members facilitated a workshop on youth involvement in environmental justice issues at the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network’s *Climate Stewardship Summit*, and provided an interactive presentation for 48 New Haven Deanery catechists, titled “*Beyond the Bird Bath: St. Francis as Our Model for Care of God’s Creation Every Day.*”

Advocacy was also an active part of our work, as we collaborated with CCHD funded groups and others to raise awareness about Immigration Reform. Our Immigration Team made phone calls, and collected and delivered over 3,000 signed postcards to all five members of the CT Congressional delegation. We hosted a rally to launch the 2013 “Nuns on the Bus” national tour, focused on the critical need to reform national immigration policies and practices. Board member, Sr. Elaine Betancourt, CSJ, traveled as part of the tour.

ACTION / LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership and Action go hand-in-hand, as was evidenced by the new leaders who emerged to plan and implement significant public events in 2013. In collaboration with the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network, the office introduced “**Riverfront Earth Day**” in Hartford, focused on climate change and taking action for a more sustainable future. Over 400 participants gathered for an interfaith prayer service, a peaceful march through downtown Hartford, and educational activities.

Two **Pilgrimages for Immigration Reform** and participation in a successful campaign to permit undocumented immigrants to obtain **CT Drivers’ Licenses** mobilized leaders in our Hispanic communities, offering them new opportunities to develop skills in organizing and public speaking, and to have an effective voice for justice in the public arena. Staff members also worked with Hamden parishes to raise awareness of global solidarity issues and to develop leadership skills, resulting in a town-wide prayer vigil focused on **Human Trafficking**.



"I commend the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, both staff and volunteers, for your efforts this past year in furthering the Church's work of social justice."

Archbishop Leonard Blair, Archbishop of Hartford

COOPERATIVE PARISH SHARING

Cooperative Parish Sharing promotes solidarity and shared mission among the parishes of the Archdiocese by providing grants to fund social ministry projects in low-income parishes, allowing them to address identified needs in their own communities. The funds for CPS come from voluntary donations made by parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

The CPS Committee and OCSJM staff offered on-going assistance to parishes to help focus grant proposals on actions related to social justice and empowerment. Grant projects included educational enrichment, summer camps, after-school programs, elderly meals, immigration support and services, youth ministry, parish social ministry development and training, and partial support for participation in the annual HomeFront Day program.

2013 Statement of Activities

Pledges Received:
130 Parish pledges

Grants Approved:
29 grant projects in 21
parish communities

Visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org for a complete listing of parish grants and contributions.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian relief agency of the U.S. Catholic community. In addition to educating parish communities about the work of CRS, OCSJM promotes the annual CRS collection and CRS parish programs like CRS Rice Bowl. In 2013, more parishes and schools participated in Rice Bowl, attendance was higher at our Global Solidarity presentations, and the CRS "Helping Hands" project at the Catholic Youth Spectacular in September attracted over 400 youth and adults, who prepared over 11,000 meals to offer hunger relief to the people of Burkina Faso, in western Africa.

CRS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2013!

CRS Collection Total: \$300,543

CRS Rice Bowl Total: \$62,281

The Office continued to partner with CRS to promote Fair Trade products, through a crafts sale at the Social Justice Conference, and through presentations and "Chocolate Tasting" events at parishes.

A generous grant from CRS also funded the creation of a "Traveling Poster Series" to celebrate the **Year of Faith**, and to highlight the connection between our faith and our commitment to the message of justice and peace in the Gospel, using global images and related references on social justice from the Catechism, the documents of Vatican II, and other official documents of the Church. The posters were displayed at the annual **Social Justice Conference** and at the **Annual Dinner**, and were offered on loan to parishes, schools and organizations for displays and special events.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Bishops, works to address the root causes of poverty by promoting and supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations, and through education. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, this program is managed by OCSJM, and 25% of the money collected funds efforts to educate parish communities about poverty, and to support local groups that are working to end poverty and its causes. OCSJM works with local groups throughout the year to support and evaluate their efforts.

2013 National Grant Awardees

Teach Our Children, New Haven
CT Coalition for Environmental Justice

2013 Local Grant Awardees

Meriden Children First
Naugatuck Valley Housing Development
United Action Connecticut
United CT Action for Neighborhoods

Through the generosity of our parishes and their members, the November, 2012 annual CCHD collection totaled \$335,802, 75% of which was sent to the National CCHD Office in Washington DC to fund national grants. OCSJM works closely with the National Office to oversee the two nationally-funded programs which work within our Archdiocese.



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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY 2013 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013

REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$ 113,766
Archdiocesan Support	\$ 180,088
Program Income	\$ 54,271
Other	\$ <u>10,631</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 358,756

EXPENSE

Salaries & Related Expense	\$ 119,714
Program/Admin Expense	\$ <u>255,210</u>
Total Expense	\$ 374,924
Excess/Deficiency of revenue over expense	(\$ 16,168)

OCSJM VOLUNTEERS

*In 2013, OCSJM Team and Committee Members logged
over 3000 hours of volunteer service.*

*We are grateful for their generous gifts of time,
energy and creativity, and for their faithful
commitment to the work of social justice.*

OCSJM MINISTRY TEAMS & COMMITTEES

Bishop Peter Rosazza Conference Committee
Board of Directors
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee
Cooperative Parish Sharing Committee
Environmental Justice Team
Global Solidarity Team
Immigration Team
JustFAITH Leadership Team

ASSOCIATES FOR JUSTICE

*OCSJM is grateful to our Associates for Justice
who supported our work and mission in 2013
with donations totaling over \$77,000.*

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