

## Ideas for Action:

Learn about programs listed here! Choose one that fits your needs.

Attend the annual Social Ministry Convocation on the first Saturday in March. Deepen your knowledge of social justice, become more familiar with the sponsoring organizations, and gain practical tips and advice for use in the parish to encourage a social justice focus. Email [cpalmer@cc-md.org](mailto:cpalmer@cc-md.org) to join the mailing list for the Convocation.

Join your parish social justice committee.

Find out if your parish has a St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Take part in Beyond the Boundaries discussions or activities to promote justice.

Use the CCHD "Sharing the Tradition, Shaping the Future" discussion books to continue dialogue on Catholic Social Teaching and justice.

Learn more about poverty in the US by visiting Poverty, USA at [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org)

Sign up for the Legislative Education Group (L.E.G.) at [legislat@cc-md.org](mailto:legislat@cc-md.org)

Schedule a *Journey to Justice* retreat for your parish. This weekend retreat is designed to deepen understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to meet with people who are poor who are working to empower themselves and their community. For more information, call 410.261.6781 or 6782, email [jstief@cc-md.org](mailto:jstief@cc-md.org)

JustFAITH is another powerful justice education/formation program. See [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org) and call 410.261.6782 for assistance.

## Catholic Social Teaching: ~ A Quick Glance ~

The Catholic Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society. It challenges us to live lives of holiness amid our modern society. Jesus calls us to perform works of charity and participate in works of justice. Catholic Social Teaching identifies key themes at the heart of our Catholic faith:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The Option for and with the Poor and Vulnerable

Solidarity with People Who Are Poor

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

Care for God's Creation

# Ideas for Parishioners to put

# Social Justice in *Action*

*A brochure providing resources to parishes from organizations in the Archdiocese of Baltimore working for social justice.*



## Looking for ways to incorporate social action in your parish?

This brochure contains helpful resources to assist you in social action. Connect with:

### **Beyond the Boundaries:**

Beyond the Boundaries is an Archdiocesan program that reflects our faith through raising awareness (via discussion series and events), collaboration, and advocacy to achieve justice. Beyond the Boundaries facilitates advocacy to address underlying injustices and achieve equitable policies, such as affordable housing.

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[www.archbalt.org/beyondtheboundaries](http://www.archbalt.org/beyondtheboundaries)

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):**

The national anti-poverty arm of the US Bishops, CCHD seeks to address the root causes of poverty through funding community-based self-help groups and through transformative education programs that build solidarity among all.

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[www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) / [www.cchdbaltimore.org](http://www.cchdbaltimore.org)

### **Catholic Charities Legislative Education Group (L.E.G.):**

Receive up to five alerts during the Maryland legislative session regarding action for our State's most vulnerable populations. Send letters or emails to your representatives in response to the alerts. Share the message of the impact of legislative advocacy with your parish.

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[www.cc-md.org/advocacy/l.e.g.htm](http://www.cc-md.org/advocacy/l.e.g.htm)

### **Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry:**

Provides presentations and retreats on Catholic Social Teaching in action for social justice committees, adult formation programs, pastoral councils, catechists and youth; consultation and training on social justice committee development; resource provision and referral. Parish Social Ministry also offers an eight week course on how to infuse your parish with social justice.

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[www.cc-md.org/advocacy/parishsocialministry.html](http://www.cc-md.org/advocacy/parishsocialministry.html)

### **Catholic Relief Services (CRS):**

The official overseas relief and development agency of the US Catholic community. Founded in 1943 by the US Bishops, the agency provides assistance to over 60 million people in 99 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. CRS provides relief in emergency situations and helps people in the developing world break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives. Assistance is based solely on need — not race, creed, or nationality.

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### **Murphy Initiative for Justice & Peace (PFMjpi):**

Comprised of religious communities becoming a common voice for justice and peace, PFMjpi seeks to carry on Bishop Murphy's work by using a model of adult formation based on the gospel and Catholic social teaching. PFMjpi has four goals: peacemaking, justice for men and women in the church, intercultural relations, and education for peace and justice.

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### **Pax Christi/Baltimore:**

Local chapter of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic justice and peace advocacy organization. Hosts special events and programs and offers resources for parishes and schools. These include specially-designed adult or youth retreats, prayer services, education programs and one-on-one meetings with parish committees to review ways to energize a peace and justice focus.

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### **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP):**

Since 1865, SVDP of Baltimore, part of an international Catholic organization, has served persons in Central and Western Maryland who experience hunger, homelessness, or poverty. Through its network of parish groups called conferences, SVDP provides hope, while offering services with dignity and compassion. Also, SVDP operates programs that offer a wide range of services. All persons are served without distinction, as members see the face of Christ in all they serve.

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*“Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated.”*

(Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 1971)