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November 13, 2016
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR MISSION

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm
and also any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair. E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Reflections From Our Deacon

As Catholics, we honor our Blessed Mother with many devotions. In fact, there are seventeen days in the Church year dedicated to Mary. I would like to invite you to consider consecrating your life to Jesus through our Blessed Mother. This is a beautiful act of faith that draws us closer to the one who always leads us to Jesus. The essence of this beautiful act of faith is that we are consecrating our lives to Jesus through Mary. For the next 33 days, you can draw closer to our Lord and His Mother through a beautiful gift of yourself.

I am writing this column on November 5. This is the day I will begin my 33 day consecration to Mary. I originally consecrated my life to our Blessed Mother nearly ten years ago. This act of faith followed a deep spiritual conversion. Using Father Michael Gaitley's wonderful book entitled, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, I embarked on a journey of learning more about Mary, praying a daily devotion and reflecting on the act of consecrating my life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. My actual consecration (it is renewed annually) will happen on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

So what does this mean? Why is it important? Why should I consider doing this?

If you have ever set a goal for yourself, you know that it takes work, dedication and focus to achieve that goal. If the goal of your life is to be holy, then consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary is indeed a laudable goal! In offering our lives to Jesus through Mary, we open the door to a tremendous flow of grace for our lives. We do something else that is quite amazing, as a result of this act. We allow our Blessed Mother to use the graces we receive each day for the good of the world. We entrust the grace to Mary to use as she sees fit.

There are many paths to holiness. The most important thing that you and I do each week, or each day, is to participate in the Mass. This is the source and summit of our worship, which always brings us so close to our Lord. Many of us pray the rosary, novenas, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers and devotions. These are good things that also spread the love of Christ throughout the world. However, what if we gave it all? What if you and I offered our lives to the Lord in an act of total consecration through the heart of our Blessed Mother?

Each year at this time, I return to Father Gaitley's marvelous book that is literally a do-it-yourself retreat designed to prepare us for Marian consecration. This 33 day journey ends with our consecration day, the day when we entrust ourselves completely to our Blessed Mother. On day 33, I go to Mass, make a good confession and I offer my prayer of consecration to the Blessed Mother.

If you are wondering who else has undertaken this act of

consecration, you will find that you are in good company with people like St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Louis de Montfort and St. Teresa of Calcutta. Our beloved John Paul II had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother. John Paul taught that we should place our total trust in Mary who walks with us, along with Jesus, through the trials and challenges of our lives. As we take her into our heart, she leads us, gently and patiently, to Jesus.

An outward sign of our consecration is the wearing of the Miraculous Medal. The image on this medal was struck after Mother Mary appeared to a French nun in Paris in 1830. St. Catherine Laboure was given the mission to spread the devotion to this medal throughout the world. In 1832, the first medals were cast, and very quickly the power of the medal was soon felt throughout the world as many cures and healings were attributed to it. Hence, it is rightly called the Miraculous Medal.

I am excited to begin this 33 day journey of faith that leads me to a deeper devotion to our Lord and Savior through the heart of Mother Mary. There are several books available that provide the process for making the consecration. The Miraculous Medal is widely available from any religious store or through an online source.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to a deeper conversion of heart. Maybe you have always wondered about developing a deeper devotion to our Blessed Mother. Are you wondering what one person can do to change the world? If these are the questions on your heart, I would encourage you to explore this act of total consecration. I believe that a heart fully consecrated to our Lord through Mary can indeed change the world.

In devotion to Jesus through Mary,
Deacon Tim

Wedding Banns

Second Proclamation

Daniel Hoblick and Emeline Post

Third Proclamation

Matthew Groppetti and Lauren Patient

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Gossman and Julian Kaeder. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



Grade 2 Reconciliation Program

On **Tuesday, November 15**, we will have our second parent session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. We will meet at **6 p.m. in Heritage Center**. Children are to go to their classrooms. **They will not have class on Wednesday, November 16.**

Please try to arrive a few minutes early, so we can begin the parent meeting on time. Remember to contact your child's parish of baptism to receive a verification of baptism. I need one for each child, unless he/she was baptized here at St. Peter's. Thank you.

Christmas Pageant Registration

Christmas pageant registration forms were sent to you in the November email. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4 and older are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are December 3, 10, and 17 at 9:30 am for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 18 after the 9 a.m. Mass**. If you did not receive a registration form, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!

The first Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 am in the Ravoux Room

Baptism Preparation Class

Parents must participate in a preparation class prior to their child's baptism. We welcome you to come to the next class, which takes place today, Sunday, November 13, at 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. You may attend a class either before or after the baby is born. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or email her at kraible@stpetersmendota.org.

Help Support Young Families At St. Peter's

We are looking for people to help us care for children during our Parents' Night Out event on Friday, December 2. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have VIRTUS training, as well as a background check. Please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308, if you are interested. Thank you for supporting our young families!

Thank you! From FSCS

As a child, I attended Catholic grade school and high school in Owatonna. Similar to Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, we were supported by more than one parish. Back then, the connection to the parishes was more evident, as each parish had two or three priests and they all taught in the school.

What wasn't so evident was the financial support the schools and families received from those two parishes. Being one of nine children, I didn't realize at the time that the only way my parents could afford to send all nine of us to Catholic schools was due to the financial support from the parishes.

It wasn't until I went back there to work as an administrator, that I realized the full extent of the support all Catholic schools receive from their parishes. Simply put, Catholic education couldn't and wouldn't exist without both the financial and leadership support we receive from our three parishes.

I am a strong believer in Catholic education. Like I did, our students thrive in the kind of environment Catholic schools provide. I want to thank all of the parishioners at St. Peter's for their support, their prayers and their belief in Catholic education and Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. You make our mission possible. Thank you.

In gratitude, Faithful Shepherd families are serving in roles of service this weekend during Mass and assisting with hospitality after Masses. Stop by the Faithful Shepherd information table to learn more about Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and our upcoming open house events.

Mike Randall

Executive Director of Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Parents' Night Out

Want a nice dinner out, some relaxing time at home or some time to get ready for Christmas? Bring your kids, ages 6 weeks to 11 years, to St. Peter's Parents' Night Out.

On Friday, December 2, from 5 to 8 pm, you are welcome to drop your children off in the Ravoux Room (by the offices) and have a few hours to yourself. This event is FREE, although we will accept free-will offerings. The profits will go directly to St. Peter's. Supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices and milk or water. You are welcome to bring a dinner from home for your child if you prefer.

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVP's are **strongly encouraged**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Giving Tree

The deadline for identifying Giving Tree recipients is this weekend, November 12/13. The Giving Tree will be put up this week and next weekend. You will be able to choose "dolls tags" for purchasing gifts. UNWRAPPED gifts should be returned to the tree with the doll tag. **All gifts need to be in by Sunday, December 4, at 12 noon.** Please make every effort to have them here by the deadline. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have questions about specific gift requests, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Your help is needed. The more the merrier! There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults. The rewards of this ministry are huge. Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Contact Carol at 651-356-2970 to volunteer or for more information. Thank you!

The Council of Catholic Women's Annual Poinsettia Sale

The CCW will be taking orders for their annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale after all Masses this weekend, November 12/13. We will also have \$25 Gerten plant cards available for sale. Stop by the CCW table in the Gathering Space.



Thank you for supporting the CCW and St. Peter's Church.

Second Quarterly Meeting of St. Paul Deanery CCW

A wonderful opportunity for you awaits on Thursday, November 17. The second quarterly meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at St. Peter's Church in Mendota, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Learn about the prison ministry from our newly appointed spiritual advisor, Deacon Dennis Chlebeck.

We will have a sale of Christmas items for your purchase. Lunch will be served following the noon Mass. You may RSVP by calling Jane at 651-261-2534 or calling Cathy at 651-481-1012 by November 14. Cost for the day is \$13. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

ACCW to Host An Advent Morning of Reflection

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will host an Advent Morning of Reflection. "Year of Mercy - Where Do We Go From Here?" will take place at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota, on Saturday, December 3, starting with registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. We will end the day with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Cozzens at 12 noon. The cost for this event is \$15 before November 23 and \$20 after.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Dr. Ann Marie Klein, Assistant Professor in the Department of Catholic Studies and Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary will be speaking.

Invite your mothers, aunts, daughters, sisters and friends. Vendors will be available to help you with Christmas shopping. Some vendors do not accept credit cards, so make sure to bring cash and/or a checkbook.

For credit card registration, visit the website at www.events.archspm.org/accw-advent-2016.

CCW Collection for Haiti Project

In Haiti, medications come in bulk form and medical personnel have to dispense them in smaller containers. For burials, they use white sheets or tablecloths. They are currently cutting sheets in half to make them go further. They use pillowcases to transport rice.

The CCW will be collecting these much needed items:

- Empty pill bottles (with labels removed).
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** sheets and pillow cases.
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** tablecloths.

In the coat room, you will find gray bins for the collection: one for the sheets/pillowcases/tablecloths and one for the pill bottles.

Thank you so much for your participation.

Knights of Columbus Pizza Night

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza at Eagan Promenade, 1270 Promenade Place. Simply print the flyer from the K of C website, eaganknights.com, and come in to Solos on Wednesday, November 16, from 4 to 9 p.m. Thirty percent (30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.

The Week of November 14

Monday, November 14

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Rehearsal, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, November 15

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6 pm First Reconciliation Parent-Child Session, Heritage Center, Classrooms

Wednesday, November 16

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
1:30 pm Cemetery Committee, Conference Room 1
4:30 pm RE, Grades 1-4, Classrooms
5:30 pm Chill, Youth Room
6:30 pm RE, Grades 1-8, Classrooms
6:30 pm Cana Dinner Meeting, Conference Room 1
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, November 17

- 8:15 am** St. Paul CCW Deanery Meeting, Heritage Center
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Small Faith Group, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm RCIA, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm ACCL Meeting, Conference Room 1
7 pm Catholic Watchmen, Heritage Center
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5
7 pm Finance Committee, Conference Room 3

Friday, November 18

- 8 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center

Saturday, November 19

- 9 and 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community Room
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm
5 pm Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Baptism at Mass, Main Church

After Mass

AA Potluck, Ravoux Room

Sunday, November 20 - Hospitality Sunday

- 8:30 and 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Main Church
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Rm
11 am Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of November 13

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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Mass Intentions

The following are the intentions remembered by the priest at Mass:

Monday, November 14 - Anthony Kantor
Tuesday, November 15 - Linda Christen
Wednesday, November 16 - †John and Marian Bell
Thursday, November 17 - †Dan Chapdelaine
Friday, November 18 - †Carl Skally
Saturday, November 19 - †Bob LeMay
Sunday, November 20 - 9 a.m. - †George Zirnhelt
11 a.m. - Mass For The People

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Many husbands and wives seem to be caught up in their careers, TV, sports or children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities through a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next scheduled Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 18-20, at the Franciscan Retreat Center, 16385 St. Francis Lane in Prior Lake. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, visit our website at twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Holy Door Pilgrimage

Have you made a pilgrimage to a Holy Door yet? Pope Francis asked all cathedrals throughout the world to designate a Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and he calls all the faithful to make a brief pilgrimage to a Holy Door to experience and obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. We are blessed to have three Holy Doors in our archdiocese, located at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Avenue, in St. Paul, the Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 North 17th Street, in Minneapolis and Saint Maron (Maronite), 600 University Avenue NE, in Minneapolis. Find additional ways to **pray, learn** and **act** at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

Catholic Watchmen

All men are encouraged to attend the Catholic Watchmen monthly meeting on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center, and to hear Bishop Cozzen's message on Discipline #3-Striving to Become a Spiritual Father like St. Joseph. Nearly 50 have attended the first two meetings at our parish.

The mission of the Catholic Watchmen is to assist men to live up to their duty as protectors, providers and leaders of their families. Join us for social time, topic discussion with dinner, as well as optional adoration and confession. Call Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or email him at jlodoen@lindquist.com. To learn more about this initiative, go to www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Relevant Radio® Here This Weekend, November 12/13

Relevant Radio® 1330 AM is visiting St. Peter's this weekend! You can learn more about this dynamic Catholic media apostolate if you stop by their table in the Gathering Space after Mass.

On Relevant Radio, you'll find inspiring, uplifting conversation that bridges the gap between faith and everyday life. Local programming includes The Rediscover: Hour, broadcast every Friday morning at 9 a.m., and "Encounter," broadcast every Saturday at 11 a.m. It is hosted by Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary. Programming also includes weekday evening Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the daily rosary. You can download the free Relevant Radio® mobile app.

If you would like more information, please call Mary May, Director of Marketing at 612-643-4117 or email her at mmay@relevantradio.com.

Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the monthly Ultreya (meeting) for South East Metro which will be held at 7 p.m., on Sunday, November 27, at the Church of St Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all of the Cursillo events and weekend retreats, you can visit www.tc-cursillo.org, email Jane Marie at janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call her at 651-485-7089.

Catholic Charities Counseling Program Available

Catholic Charities Counseling Program has appointments readily available for adults, couples and families who are dealing with emotional turmoil, worry, stress, interpersonal conflict, anger or life changes. We accept most health insurance providers and also have sliding fee/reduced fee plans available.

Locations are in St. Paul, Burnsville and Blaine. A Men's Therapy Group meets every other Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in St. Paul. Please call 651-647-3100 for more information.

Advent Speaker Series

From Eternity to Eternity - Made by Love; Saved by Love; Heavenward in Love.

Come and join us this Advent, as Fr. Steven Hoffman takes us through an inspiring and in-depth look at our origins, our restoration by grace and our life in Christ in the light of God's infinite love.

The goal of this three-part retreat is very simple: to be rooted and grounded more deeply in love, that we may have the power to comprehend with all the Saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, that all may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3:19). Come with your family and friends. All are welcome. You will never see your life the same way again.

Join us in Heritage Center on Thursdays, November 29, December 6 and 13, at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided for fellowship following each evening's talk.

All In God's Plan

Mother/Daughter Program

On Saturday, November 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Church in West St. Paul will be holding a program for girls age 9-12 (recommended) and their moms. Come and learn about the physical and emotional changes of early adolescence and God's gifts of life, sexuality and fertility. This event will take place in the Msgr. Foran Great Room. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per adult. Refreshments will be served.

For more information and to register, please visit the St. Joseph website at www.churchofstjoseph.org. If you have questions, call Ann Osendorf at 651-789-8378.

Closing Mass of The Jubilee Of Mercy

Join EWTN for the Closing Mass of the Jubilee of Mercy on Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m. The Holy Mass and Closing of the Holy Doors will be presided over by Pope Francis from St. Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of Christ the King. For more information, visit www.ewtn.com.



Higher Calling Series

What is true leadership? Is it based on someone's personality, style or influence? Is it measured by power, popularity or financial gain? Or is there more to it?

Register for the Higher Calling Series to participate in an evening of exploration and inspiration about what it means to truly lead and better understand the impact of leaders who anchor themselves in sacred principles, goodness and the Kingdom of God. What does this approach mean for those leaders, their communities and the world?

The evening takes place at the University of St. Thomas Anderson Student Center, 2115 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Dinner, presentations and guided discussion run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, November 14, with a social hour and cash bar from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost for the general public is \$25. The deadline for registration is November 8. To find out more, visit www.stthomas.edu/business/events/college-events/2016-11-14-higher-calling.html.

Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf

Hi everyone,

The last of the peppers are coming in and pumpkins and squash are starting to be harvested. The leaves are changing and a cool breeze is blowing. It's definitely fall! Thank you to all of the gardeners who brought in the fruits of your labor this growing season.



A BIG thank you, as well, for the great response to the plea for brown paper grocery bags. We are in much better shape now (although we can always use them if you have them).

In the next couple of months, many people will ask what sorts of holiday foods the shoppers at the food shelf are looking for. When in doubt, just think of the foods you and your family like to eat.

As always, thank you to all of you for taking care of your neighbors and making sure they have enough food to eat.

Have a great day!

--Scott

Most needed items now are juice, shampoo, feminine products, shaving supplies, oil and pancake syrup.

The holiday requests are stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, pie filling and pumpkin.

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The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to be a voice of hope for those on the margins of society who experience the realities of living in poverty. CCHD supports programs to heal the wounds of crime and violence, advocate for more just policies, protect God's creation, and develop strong communities. Your donation to CCHD will help build a society where all have a voice and all know their inherent dignity.

In Haddington, Pennsylvania, there is no grocery store that carries fresh produce within its borders. Residents of this town often purchase cheap processed foods from convenience stores resulting in high rates of diet-related illness like obesity. The Urban Tree Connection works with low income communities to develop community-driven gardening projects that give residents an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and build community cohesion. Thanks to a grant from CCHD, Urban Tree Connection, the parent non-profit of Neighborhood Foods Coop, turns vacant land into space for food production

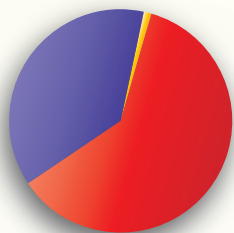
and trains low-income residents to grow and sell food. Nyshae, a member of the community, began by working as a Teen Apprentice where she shadowed an employee at Neighborhood Foods. She is now one of three new adults hired to run youth programs, continuing a cycle of support and hope.

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Working together, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters living on the periphery of society. Please visit www.povertyusa.org for more details of CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.

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2014-2015 GRANTS



- Community and Economic Development
\$8,451,500 (203 grants)
- Strategic National Grants
\$4,031,600 (10 grants)
- Technical Assistance
\$231,763 (21 grants)

TOTAL: \$12,714,863

● COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Breakdown of Community and Economic Development Grants



- 32% Creating Resilient Communities, Access to Housing & Strong Schools
- 22% Building a Just Economy and Protecting Worker Rights
- 16% Economic Empowerment: New Businesses, Jobs, and Financial Opportunity
- 10% Reforming the Criminal Justice System
- 10% Defending the Rights of Immigrants
- 8% Expanding Access to Healthcare and Empowering Person with Disabilities
- 2% Protecting the Environment

STRATEGIC NATIONAL GRANTS

Strategic National Grants serve as a catalyst for organizations working to promote justice and economic development regionally and nationally.

Obria Medical Clinics (California)
Expanding Pro-life Healthcare Access

California Catholic Conference (California)
Reforming Criminal Justice System

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (National)
Reforming Criminal Justice System

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington (Washington)
Increasing Healthcare Access, Defending Farmworker Rights, Community Organizing

National Community Land Trust Network (National)
Creating Homeownership Opportunities

PICO National Network (National)
Defending the Rights of Immigrants

Direct Action Research and Training Center (Florida)
Reforming the Criminal Justice System

Democracy at Work (National)
Building Cooperative Businesses

Hope Border Institute (Southwest)
Defending the Rights of Immigrants

Catholic Education Latino Empowerment Initiative (National)
Expanding Access to Catholic Education

ORIGINS

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. They realized that established charitable services alone were not creating the changes people needed to stay out of poverty. With a goal of creating sustainable systems, the bishops worked to address the policies and structures that perpetuate poverty. CCHD seeks to eliminate poverty by building solidarity in communities.

IMPACT

CCHD brings Catholic social teaching to life by funding community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help create new businesses and jobs. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, stand in solidarity with those affected by it, and reflect on their own responsibility before the great need of others.

INVOLVEMENT

You can make a difference:

1. **DONATE.** Your generous support, in the parish collection and throughout the year, is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
2. **LEARN.** CCHD offers awareness programs to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit www.povertyusa.org.
3. **PRAY** for those who give and receive CCHD support, in thanksgiving for generous donors, and to ask support for those struggling.

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. It allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is the annual collection held in parishes across the United States. Twenty-five percent of each collection supports anti-poverty projects in the local (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.



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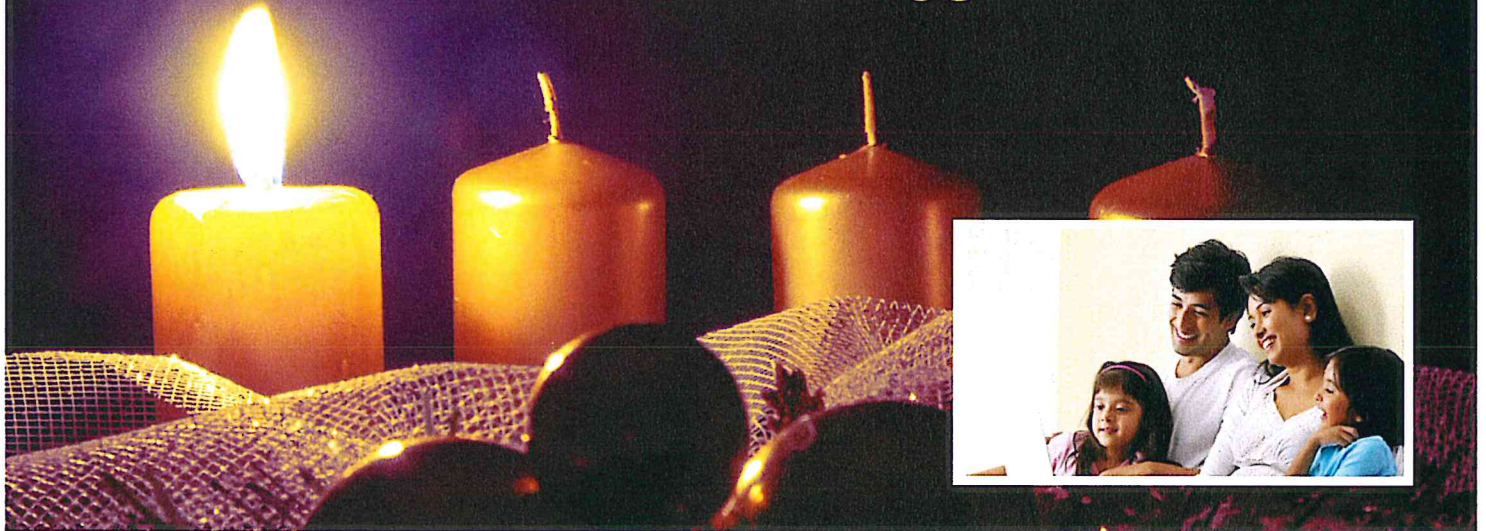
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