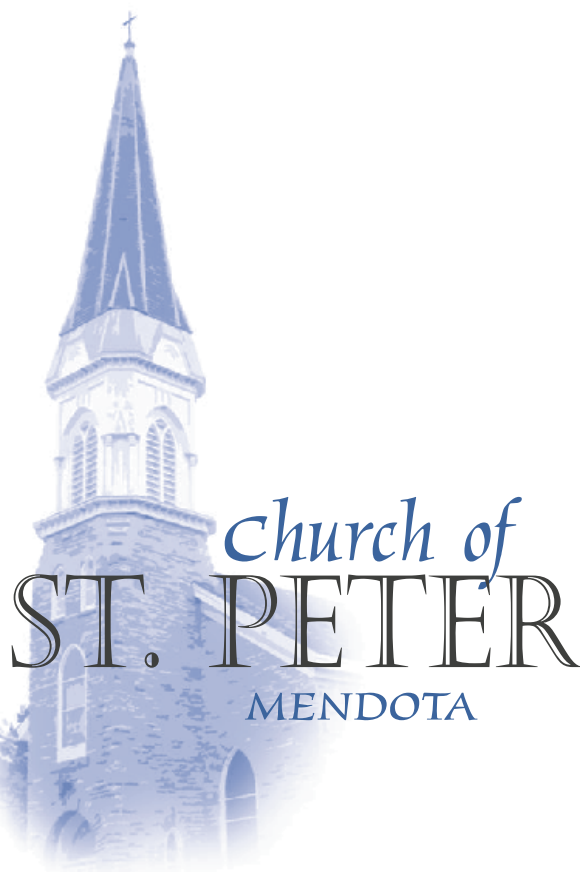




November 17, 2013  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR VISION

*We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.*

## OUR MISSION

*The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.*

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### SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

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### WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

**HOLY DAYS** As announced.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

I recently had the opportunity to visit the September 11 Memorial in New York City, and I would like to share a few thoughts about it. The destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001 has always been central in my memories of that dreadful day. I had no real connection to the complex of buildings before the attack, and so my interest in the World Trade Center comes from somewhere else. I would say I am especially moved by the fact that so many people had simply gone to work as usual when their lives were taken from them in an act of unimaginable violence.

The memorial plaza has been open for two years already, but other buildings—including the museum and performing arts center—are still being constructed all around the plaza. As a result, visitors must approach the memorial and stand in line about a block away from the site. I joined a large crowd in line and waited until my turn to walk around a corner between a construction wall and a barricade. It was easy to see the vast area still under construction as I waited in line to enter a building for the security screening. After a screening not much different than we would experience at an airport, visitors were able to step back outside and under the watchful eyes of police walk to the entrance of the memorial.

The memorial consists of two enormous pools that correspond exactly to the footprints of the two 110-story towers that were the most famous elements of the World Trade Center. A continuous bronze tablet runs around each pool at about the level of visitors' waists; on it are inscribed the names of the 2,977 who died in all of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the 6 people who died in the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center. From waist height water pours into each pool, dropping 30 feet in a curtain of water and then falling into a void in the center of the pool. The design is entitled "Reflecting Absence," and the pools are described by the architects as "large voids, open and visible reminders of the absence." It is very moving.

The museum building is fully enclosed but much work remains for it to be complete. I suppose it will be a very different experience when visitors can tour the museum and see the waterfalls and pools once all of the construction has been completed. Even now the memorial invites us to remember what once stood there, and how many lives were ended. To me it is a reminder of the fragility of life, of how we must live always ready to give an accounting of our lives to God.

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In a week and a half it will be Thanksgiving, and Advent will begin in two weeks. It's really a festive time, rich in meaning. The Church year begins anew on the First Sunday of Advent. As the sun sets on Saturday, November 30, the old year ends and a new one begins. But on both sides of that moment we are invited to turn our eyes toward eternity. The last weeks of the Church year (the weeks we are now experiencing) and the first weeks of the new Church year (the part of Advent before December 17) are all about the end times. They are about Jesus' return in glory on the last day. They are about the Second Coming. This should be the object of our longing: that God's plan of salvation should come to fulfillment.

Until all things are brought into one in Christ, however, there is a tension that we experience. It is called an *eschatological tension*. The word *eschaton* is Greek for "last." The glossary in the revised *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Eschatology refers to the area of Christian faith that is concerned about 'the last things,' and the coming of Jesus on 'the last day': our human destiny, death, judgment, resurrection of the body, purgatory, and hell – all of which are contained in the final articles of the Creed." There is a tension between what is already here and what is yet to come. The Kingdom of Heaven is already among us, but it has not yet come to its fulfillment. This gives us a taste of what's yet to come and makes us able to want it even more. This has the effect of propelling us forward in the Christian life. The Eucharist helps us to feel this tension.

Blessed John Paul II, soon to be declared a saint, once wrote that the "Eucharist is a straining toward the goal, a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ; it is in some way the anticipation of heaven, the 'pledge of future glory'" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia* 18). We should long for heaven, there's no doubt about that. But even as the Eucharist, devoutly received by those who are properly disposed, helps us want ever more to be with God forever, it also helps us to have a lively concern for this world of ours. The celebration of Mass and the receiving of Communion really should help us to understand that the Good News of Jesus Christ needs to be spread in this world. It's not all right to hide ourselves away from the world because we await something better. Our longing for heaven should make us want to transform the world, to help more people know about the treasure we already have. That's the tension at work: the Kingdom of Heaven is *already* but not *yet*.

The word *eucharist* means "thanksgiving." Isn't that a wonderful thing to consider as we prepare to celebrate a national holiday dedicated to thanksgiving? The celebration of Mass is the perfect way to offer thanks to God for all that he has given to us, including that most precious gift of salvation.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

## Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

### Christmas Pageant Registration

Christmas pageant registrations are in the monthly email letter. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are December 7, 14, and 21 at 9:30 a.m. for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 22 after the 9:00 Mass**. If you did not receive a registration slip, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!

**First Rehearsal: Saturday, December 7, at 9:30 a.m. in Ravoux Room**

### Youth Group

This Friday, all high school students are invited to our first YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN! The lock-in will have a "Hunger Games" theme. We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. at church to watch the first movie. Then we'll take a bus to see the sequel, "Catching Fire" in IMAX as a group. Then we'll return to church for the rest of the night to play games and hang out together. The cost for each person will be \$20, which includes the movie ticket, transportation, and snacks/food for the night. You must reserve your spot with Ed by Thursday, November 21, at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, call 651-905-4312 or email Ed at [eoverell@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:eoverell@stpetersmendota.org).

### Workcamp

For those interested in our 2014 Workcamp trip to Kittery, Maine, there will be informational meetings on Sunday, November 17, at 12:15 in the Ravoux Room and on Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center. Both meetings will be the same, and you only need to attend one. The meetings are for both parents and prospective campers.



## Blest Art Display This Weekend

Please stop by after Mass this weekend and visit the display of beautiful hand-carved religious art from the Holy Land. Blest Art sells these items to support Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding villages. Your support is necessary to help these families remain in the land of Christ's birth.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Thursday, November 28, 9 a.m.** in the Main Church.



We will be collecting donations of nonperishable food for Neighbors, Inc. Please consider bringing items with you when you come to Mass. Thank you!

### Parish office hours

Please note the parish office will be **closed** on **Thursday, November 28**, and **Friday, November 29**, in observance of the holiday.

## Bounty Fund

St. Peter's Bounty Fund is now almost completely depleted. Recent bulletin notices have not led to more contributions to the Bounty Fund, by which many people normally benefit from your anonymous financial gifts. The fund is used for everything from requests for gasoline or groceries to assistance with rent. If you wish to contribute to the Bounty Fund, please make a check to St. Peter's and direct it to my attention. God bless you!

Fr. Gallatin

## Sincere Sympathy



**St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy** to the families and friends of **Virginia Roden** and **Edward Murphy**.

We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.

## Liturgical Ministry Postcards

A postcard and/or email has been sent out to all liturgical ministers requesting availability dates and preferred ministries. Please return to the parish office, email, or call in your requests by Sunday, November 24. If you have not received a postcard but would like to be scheduled, please contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or [srogers@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:srogers@stpetersmendota.org).

The January through April schedules will be available and distributed in mid-December. If you have not yet indicated your availability for these months, or no longer are interested in serving in your ministry, please contact Sara Rogers at the phone number or email address above and indicate the dates you are **NOT** available during this time period. **The deadline for indicating unavailable dates is Sunday, November 24.** Thank you!

## St. Peter's Community News

### Annual Giving

#### Weekly Contribution Summary

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget for the period 11/4/13-11/10/13 ..... | \$20,743  |
| Actual for the period 11/4/13-11/10/13 ..... | \$16,808  |
| Year-to-Date Budget.....                     | \$299,580 |
| Year-to-Date Actual.....                     | \$241,240 |

### Second Quarterly Meeting Council of Catholic Women St. Paul Deanery

Thursday, November 21

A wonderful opportunity! The Second Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Church of the Holy Family, Highway 110 and Lexington Avenue, Mendota Heights beginning at 8:15 a.m. The speaker will be the Pastor, Fr. Rodrigue Constatin, on the Maronite Rite with a tour of the church and a presentation. Following the business meeting, Father's presentation and Holy Mass, a Lebanese lunch will be served. Cost for the day is \$12 (8:15 a.m.-1 p.m.) If you plan to attend, RSVP by Monday, November 18, by calling Jane at 651-261-2534 or Mary Ann at 651-771-9976. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. We also will be collecting children's flip flops and small stuffed animals (Beanie Babies) for Risen Savior Missions in the Philippines.

### Appalachian Christmas Drive Thank You

A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all the people who, once again, made our "Appalachian Christmas Drive" a success. We filled 25 boxes with many items and 5 additional containers with candy. The new program "Papal Footprints" saw 11 shoe boxes loaded on the truck. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated by the committee and I'm certain by the poor people in Kentucky who will receive these gifts. Thanks, also, to the many people who helped pack the gifts to send to the two parishes in Kentucky. Without the generous support of St. Peter's this would not happen.

Kathi Dumond, Chair  
Paula Ehrich, Co-Chair



### Neighbor's Food Shelf

The food shelves at Neighbors, Inc. have been without pancake mix and syrup for several months now and Neighbors has asked our parish to help by focusing our efforts on donating these items. Pancake mix and syrup are very popular items and a great comfort food. They are easy to make, warm, and yummy to eat! Donation boxes are located in the coat room and inside the doors to the parish office entrance. Let's work together to donate stacks and stacks of pancakes for the food shelf.

*Thanks  
neighbor!*

### Thank You from the Bachmeier Family

The Bachmeier Family would like to express their sincere thanks to St. Peter's, Fr. Gallatin, the parish staff and all those who helped make our Peruvian benefit supper a huge success. We raised almost \$8,000 to send to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to help the extremely poor in the areas in which they live and work.

### Do You Have an Extra Nativity Set

We are planning to decorate the glass cases between the Atrium and Heritage Center with Nativity sets. If you have a Nativity set that you would like displayed until mid-January, bring the Nativity set to the office by Monday, December 2, to Sara Rogers. Please put your Nativity set in a box with your name and phone number.



### St. Paul Civic Symphony

The St. Paul Civic Symphony will be giving a concert here on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Admission is free. All ages welcome! The Civic Symphony is an ensemble that rehearses each Monday evening, preparing programs for a number of concert performances throughout the fall, winter, and spring. In addition, a number of their members also join our music ministry for the celebrations of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music by great composers including Tchaikovsky, Borodin and Artunian, and featuring trumpet soloist Lynn Erickson of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

[www.saintpaulcivicsymphony.org](http://www.saintpaulcivicsymphony.org)

## The Week of November 18

### Monday, November 18

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 6 pm St. Paul Orchestra, Heritage Center
- 7 pm Cana Dinner Meeting, Conference Room I

### Tuesday, November 19

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)  
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament  
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
- 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
- 11 am Lilydale Senior Living, Holy Communion
- 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,  
Conference Room I

### Wednesday, November 20

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conf. Room I
- 9:45 am Pastoral Visitation Meeting,  
Conference Room II
- 4:30 pm Grade 1-5 Classes
- 5:30 pm Altar Server Training, Main Church
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I
- 6:30 pm Grade 1-8 Classes
- 7:30 pm Altar Server Training, Main Church

### Thursday, November 21

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
- 5:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
- 7 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,  
Conference Room I
- 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
- 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
- 7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
- 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

### Friday, November 22

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 9:30 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,  
Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm Youth Group Lock In

### Saturday, November 23

- 9 and 10:30 am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
- 1 pm First Reconciliation Service, Main Church
- 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
- 5 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Pot Luck,  
Ravoux Rom

### Sunday, November 24—Christ the King

- 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
- 9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
- 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 9 am Sunday School

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## Readings for the Week of November 17

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19  
**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/  
 Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/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 18** - †Carl Skally

**Tuesday, November 19** - †Kathleen Shannon

**Wednesday, November 20** - †Ruth Levens

**Thursday, November 21** - †Mike Boland

**Friday, November 22** - †Connie Mueller

**Saturday, November 23** - †Tom Koppen

**Sunday, November 24**

**9 a.m.** - †Jeffrey Weiss

**11 a.m.** - Mass For the People

## Altar Server Training

Have you ever thought of becoming an altar server? You would assist Fr. Gallatin during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. Boys or girls who have begun 4<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to become altar servers. You can be scheduled as often as you'd like and also request weekends off when your family will be out of town.

We will be offering two training sessions on Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. (You are only asked to attend one session.) If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Mary O'Neill at 651-454-5128 or [eo101@msn.com](mailto:eo101@msn.com). Thank you for serving your parish in this way!

## Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus "Culver's Night"

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Culver's Night" on Wednesday, November 20, at the Culver's restaurant in Eagan—3445 O'Leary Lane. A percentage of all sales between 5 and 7 p.m. will be donated to the Knights of Columbus. Help support your Knights of Columbus by having dinner at Culver's.



## FREE Veggie Tales "Merry Larry and the Tru Light of Christmas" DVD Screening

We invite all VeggieTales fans ages 5 and under to join us for a free VeggieTales party at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan on Saturday, November 23, from 10-11 a.m.!

Join us to watch Larry the Cucumber's latest adventure in the brand new Christmas VeggieTales DVD 'Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas.' Preschoolers and their parents will also enjoy a snack and other fun VeggieTales activities. After the VeggieTales party, stop by our Holiday CLASSIC boutique and Scholastic Book Fair events which will also be happening at the school.

This event is free for children (ages 5 and under) but we do ask that you register by calling Faithful Shepherd Catholic School at 651-406-4747. A parent is required to stay at the event with their child.

Hope to see you there!

## Important Message from the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis announced on Monday, November 11, that it will disclose information about priests against whom substantiated claims of sexual abuse of minors have been made. A full and complete disclosure of this information will follow an independent review of clergy files that was ordered by the archbishop in early October. However, because that review may take some time, the archdiocese will be disclosing the names, locations and status of priests who are currently living in the archdiocese, and who we know have substantiated claims against them of committing sexual abuse against minors. Disclosure of this information need not wait for the completion of the review of all files. While the archdiocese must also await permission from court officials regarding disclosure of the names, it seeks to release some of this information by the end of November. You may find out more about this commitment in the *Open Letter from Archbishop Nienstedt* posted on the archdiocese's website at [archspm.org](http://archspm.org).

None of the men against whom substantiated claims of abuse have been made are in ministry now. Most were removed from ministry at least 10 years ago.

As has been communicated previously, anyone who has knowledge of unreported abuse by clergy should contact law enforcement and the archdiocese without delay. If you or someone you know has been the victim of ministry-related sexual misconduct, please call the Advisor/Advocate Coordinator for the archdiocese, Ms. Greta Sawyer, at 651-291-4497. The Advocate's office offers support and financial assistance for counseling, individual or group therapy and spiritual advising or direction to survivors of ministry-related sexual misconduct.

Serious mistakes have been made in the archdiocese's handling of clergy sexual abuse cases. The archdiocese is deeply sorry for any harm that has come from clergy misconduct. Eliminating any form of abuse is the highest priority for the archdiocese, and the archdiocese is taking definitive action to do this. Please keep all those harmed by sexual abuse in your prayers.

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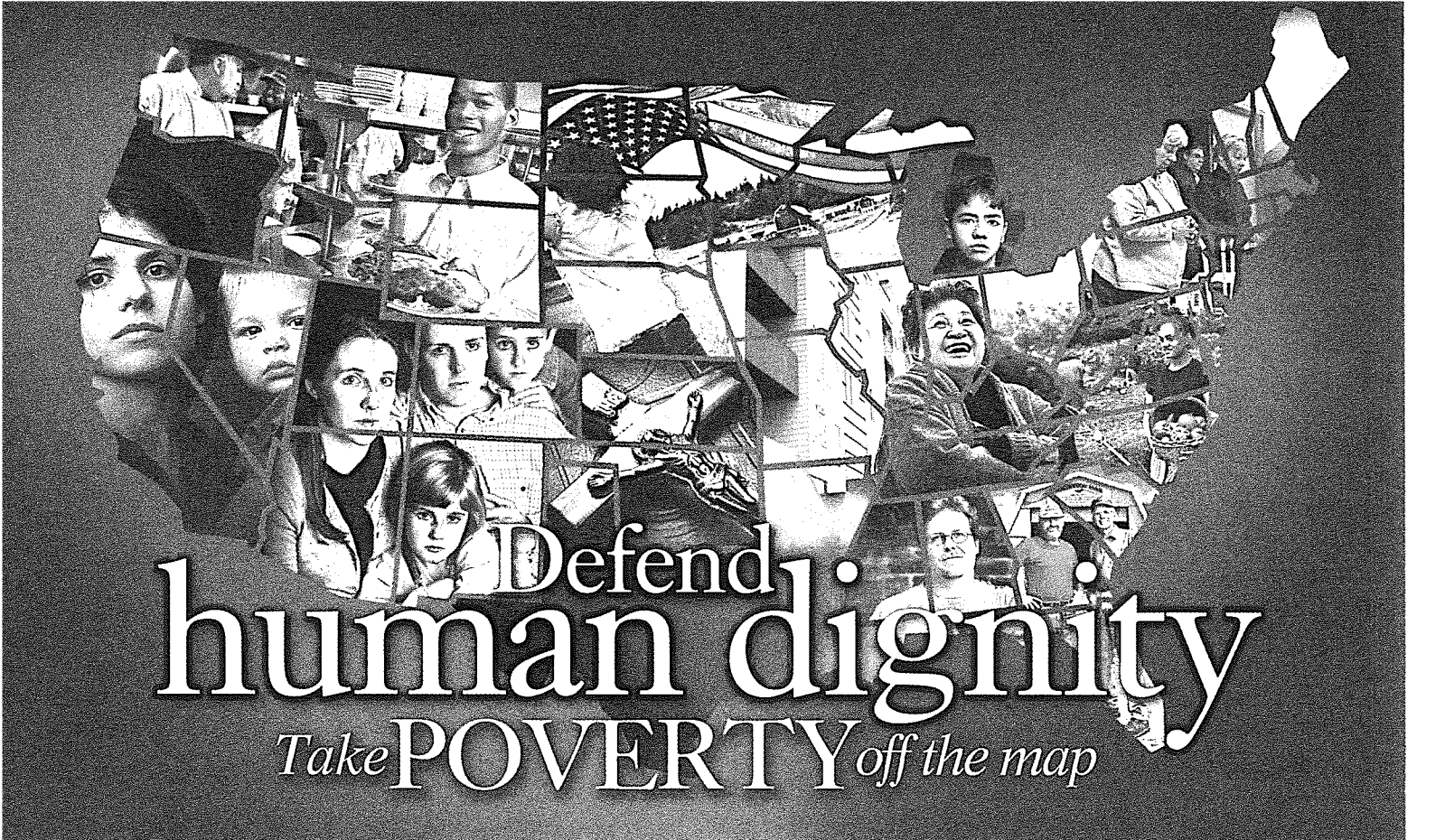
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