

Resources for Engaging Youth from your Missions Office



Grades K - 8

***It's Our World* newsletter:** published as Fall, Spring and Summer issues, with Leader's Guide available. You can order by grade level K-8. Available for order online at www.MCAKids.org.

***Holy Buckets Advent* program:** Lesson plans, activities, and mission stories prepare students for the Advent/Christmas Seasons, engaging them in their call to missionary discipleship. Appropriate for elementary students grades K-8. Available for order online at www.MCAKids.org.

Grades K - 12

CRS Rice Bowl (<http://crsricebowl.org>): Learn about poverty and our Catholic response during Lent. Lesson plans by grade level in the Educator's guide can be used anytime during the school year, not just during Lent.

CRS Education (<http://resources.crs.org/schools>): Lesson plans, prayer services, and other resources to explore global issues through the lens of solidarity and Catholic social teaching.

Fair Trade (<http://crsfairtrade.org>): through our purchasing choices, we can promote economic justice, reduce poverty, and care for creation.

Faithful Citizenship: Materials to help students form consciences and bring their faith to public life, fulfilling their important role in promoting life and dignity. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/youth/index.cfm>

MISSION magazine: Subscribe to or download the current issue online at www.MISSIONMagazine.org, along with the related discussion guide. Appropriate for elementary through high school.

PovertyUSA (www.povertyusa.org): Classroom resources about poverty in America today. Designed to help students not only begin to understand the size and scope of the problem but also start thinking about the ways in which they can take action to help create awareness about poverty in their communities.

Sacraments & Social Mission: Help students who are preparing for the sacraments reflect on our Catholic call to mission in the world. Appropriate for elementary through high school youth receiving sacraments from Baptism to Confirmation. <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacraments-and-social-mission.cfm>

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World Mission Rosary: The DVD and discussion guide highlight this prayer for the world, and show how we are all connected, in faith, as "one family in mission." Available for order online at www.MCAkids.org.

Multimedia Youth Contest The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Multimedia Youth Contest is a tool to engage young people in grades 7-12 in learning about poverty in the U.S., its root causes, and faith-inspired efforts to address poverty, especially through CCHD. www.usccb.org/cchd.

Food Fast (<http://foodfast.org>): From Catholic Relief Services. A hunger awareness retreat program that focuses on global poverty and offers a journey of solidarity. Pieces of the program can be used as a single lesson, a class unit, a Confirmation retreat component, family night, or as a whole in the 24-hour retreat format. **Grades 8-12.**

High School only

Ending Poverty in Community (EPIC):

A Toolkit for Young Advocates is designed for use by youth ministry leaders, Catholic high school teachers and religious educators. Six lesson plans and a resource appendix engage young people in learning, reflection and action on poverty in the U.S. EPIC is available online at www.usccb.org/cchd in the "Poverty Education" section.

Catholics Confront Global Poverty (CCGP): www.confrontglobalpoverty.org. CCGP combines the international humanitarian expertise of Catholic Relief Services with the pastoral authority of the U.S. bishops and relationships with the Catholic Church throughout the world. Resources and tools are available online for parishes and schools. Note: one doesn't have to be of voting age to advocate on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable!



In addition, the Missions Office offers for free our monthly (except July/August) *Good News* newsletter, for teachers, catechists, and other parish and school faculty and volunteer leadership in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Available online, by email and in print. Find a current issue (and past issues) at:

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