

# Good News *from the* MISSIONS OFFICE

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## *The 58<sup>th</sup>* PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION



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### Prayer for The Inauguration



God, bless this country as we mark a new administration.  
Some are jubilant, some in anguish, and we all seek direction  
And your guidance in restoring the bonds of community  
And the will towards the Common Good as we move forward.  
Help us all to commit to peaceful gatherings and celebrations,  
To deep reflection, and to respectful dialogues  
During this transition of government in the U.S.,  
So our country can begin to heal from division and distrust  
And so we may begin to find our way  
Toward a truly just and peaceful society.



God, bless all newly elected and newly appointed officials:  
Guide them to consider the sacred inalienable rights of every person  
As they deliberate and decide on policies and programs  
That will touch so many lives in these states  
Which so need to be united once again in common purpose:  
That every person in this land is recognized as created equal,  
And that in order to form a more perfect Union,  
We must, as our Constitution directs us,  
Establish justice, promote domestic tranquility,  
And the general welfare of the entire community,  
In order to secure Your blessings  
On this land and on all who live here.  
Lord, hear our prayers.  
Amen.



— Jane Deren, Ph.D.



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## January: Poverty in the U.S. Awareness Month

Check out the educational resources (English and Spanish) at [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) and [www.pobrezausa.org](http://www.pobrezausa.org). Watch the Poverty USA tour and Stories of Hope. Sponsored by the U.S. Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Consider adding the link to your parish or school website during January.



## Do You Have The "Social Justice" Gene?

Check out the **Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center's Justice Cafes for Young Adults.**

January Topic – *Housing and Homelessness.*

Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/justicecafe](https://www.facebook.com/groups/justicecafe) to join in the conversation with young adults around the world!



## Catholic Advocacy Day: Thursday, March 16, 2017 "Be a Neighbor & Advocate for All"

Olympia. All are invited to attend this annual event to ensure that the Gospel message to care for our brothers and sisters is heard loud and clear in Olympia. Details on agenda, registration and transportation will be available at [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org).

*"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor."* — Pope Francis

## Solidarity in Service: Morning of Reflection

*The Gift of a Broken Heart: Love as Being With Instead of Doing For*

Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9am - 12pm  
St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

A day offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Center to enrich and support those serving people in the margins. Come together with other volunteers for an opportunity to connect faith, spirituality, hospitality and a shared sense of mission, using the lens of Ignatian Spirituality.

**To register, or for more information,** email Carolyn Hickman, Spiritual Direction & Outreach Coordinator, at [carolyn@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:carolyn@ignatiancenter.org).



## Catholic African Connections Conference – April 29, 2017

At St. Thomas More, Lynnwood.

An annual event with keynotes, break-out sessions, panel discussion and plenty of networking opportunities. This *free* event is open to all who are involved with (or just thinking about) a partnership beyond our borders, particularly in Africa. Contact the planning committee through the Missions Office (below) for more information.

## Pax Christi Seattle – Vow of Nonviolence

Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm  
St. Joseph Parish – 732 18th East, Seattle, WA 98112

Pax Christi in Seattle invites us to be part of the Vigil Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Seattle, on Saturday evening of the Martin Luther King Jr weekend. Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Fr. John Whitney are presiding. During the Mass, willing participants will be invited to profess the Pax Christi Vow of Nonviolence, <https://paxchristiusa.org/resources/vow-of-nonviolence>.

For more information, or if you wish to be a part of this effort but cannot attend the event, please contact: Deacon Denny Duffell c/o Pax Christi Seattle, 958 16th Ave East, Seattle 98112, or at: [duffelldennis@gmail.com](mailto:duffelldennis@gmail.com).



## Missionary Disciples Formation Program March 4-5, 2017

The Maryknoll Missionary Disciples Formation Program in partnership with the Missions Office provides practical tools and strategies for educators and ministers to:

- Identify as missionaries and mission educators
- Discover and relate the Mission Story in Scripture
- Form students/school communities as evangelizing communities rooted in Gospel values
- Engage students in relationship and service to the world around them, locally and globally, in accordance with Church teaching and best practice

Location: Isaac Orr Conference Room, Archdiocese of Seattle. Limited accommodations available for commuters. English and Spanish tracks available. Learn more and register or contact Anna Johnson at 206-322-8831; [aclarke@maryknoll.org](mailto:aclarke@maryknoll.org).

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## Help Stop Human Trafficking this January

**January is Human Trafficking prevention month, with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11th.**



The USCCB Migration and Refugee Services ([www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs)) helps Catholic faith communities assist victims of trafficking through its anti-trafficking programs, responding to this modern-day slavery. With 21 million victims worldwide, there are more slaves today than at any time in history.

This January, you and your community can work to address conditions that lead to the enslavement of human beings. Consider taking one (or all!) of the following actions:

- Purchase a fair trade **Prosperity Candle**, Handmade by women refugees rebuilding their lives in the U.S. <http://www.prosperitycandle.com/products/crs-human-trafficking-candle>
- Take action with **Catholics Confront Global Poverty** in support of stronger anti-trafficking legislation <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/>
- Participate in a **human trafficking awareness vigil**:
  - Westlake Park, Seattle – January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:00pm. More info at [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org).
  - 2211 6th Avenue, Tacoma (next door to Tuell-McKee Funeral Home) – third Friday of each month (January 20<sup>th</sup>) from 12:00 – 12:30pm. More info at [www.tacomaop.org](http://www.tacomaop.org).
- **Schedule a parish or school workshop** presented by the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center (IPJC). Contact [ipjc@ipjc.org](mailto:ipjc@ipjc.org).
- Join the (Seattle-based) **Multifaith Coalition to Address Human Trafficking** through the Lens of Compassion email list to stay updated on local gatherings (just email us! Contact info on page 2 of this newsletter).

Art by Lee Miller.

## New Partnership between CRS and NCEA for Catholic Schools Week!

This January, CRS and NCEA are challenging us to spread love and solidarity through Praying, Learning, Acting, and Giving in solidarity with our Syrian brothers and sisters who have been forced to leave their homes and become refugees. Teachers, to register to secure **free** materials, please visit: <http://ghs.crs.org/content/little-flower-project>

*“The scale of the suffering is devastating. As Pope Francis reminds us, there are human faces behind the staggering statistics.”*

— Kevin Hartigan, CRS regional director for Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.



## Join MISSIO!

Missio offers you a place to encounter the Missions whenever and wherever you are. Launched by Pope Francis, MISSIO offers you a direct connection with his Missions and with those helping our mission family. Missio is an opportunity to choose how to put your faith into action, and a way to answer the call to each one of us who are baptized to be missionaries ourselves, through prayer and sacrifice, in word and deed. Join online at [www.MISSIO.org](http://www.MISSIO.org).



*“Let us allow ourselves to teach hope, to faithfully await the coming of the Lord, and whatever desert we might have in our life will become a flowering garden.”*

– Pope Francis

## Catholics Called To Accompaniment: An Immigration Summit

February 11, 2017 | 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Seattle University, Student Center, Room 160

The Archdiocese of Seattle is co-hosting this summer to bring together Catholic parishes and schools who want to offer tangible support to the immigrant and refugee community and need help getting started. There will be time for networking with partner groups and parishes who are already active. Bishop Elizondo will offer a concluding Mass and blessing. Saturday, February 11th from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Seattle University. Please register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/5WYrnaR9562lnoIn2>

For questions, please contact Chris Koehler ([ckoehler@st.james-cathedral.org](mailto:ckoehler@st.james-cathedral.org)) or Joe Cotton ([joe.cotton@seattlearch.org](mailto:joe.cotton@seattlearch.org)).



Refugees from Syria and Afghanistan cross the border from Serbia into Croatia, at Berkasovo, Serbia.  
Photo by Andrew McConnell for CRS.

## National Migration Week 2017: January 8-14

### Creating a Culture of Encounter

Here is an example of what one Seattle parish in this archdiocese will be doing to observe National Migration Week this month:

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish staff, CRS parish ambassadors, and volunteers from our JustFaith Crossing Borders module groups have been working together to find ways to bring National Migration Week to life. On January 7th and 8th, we will celebrate the start of the week at our weekend liturgies. We plan to process in with images of refugees from around the world, which will be displayed on stands at the base of the altar. During the Offertory Procession, we will bring up “welcome baskets” and place them at the feet of the images. These baskets are to symbolize our welcome of migrants, refugees, immigrants and victims of human trafficking. The baskets will include breads from around the world (naan, tortilla, rye, etc.) as well as items like toys, diapers, blankets, food. We plan to use some of the intercessions from the USCCB kit, hopefully having them read in different languages representative of our parish community. Our Pastoral Assistant for Outreach will offer a reflection during the homily that will highlight the week and the idea of encounter. Finally, we are hoping to display Catholic Relief Services’ “One on the Journey: A Solidarity Prayer Walk” in the church for the week and have the church open at special times so people can use the reflection booklets to pray in solidarity with people from around the world. We will also be inviting the mosque down the street for a potluck in January. We did a World Religions series a while back and we visited their mosque, where they provided a meal for us. We are returning the favor now and trying to build more of a relationship.

To download the *free* resources for National Migration Week, visit [www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs). For info on the JustFaith Crossing Borders module, visit [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org). For info on the CRS Parish Ambassador program, contact us (page 2)

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*“We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal.” – Pope Francis*



## The Women's Justice Circles Project



The voices of women who are low-income and/or immigrants, women living in crisis and those on the margins are not typically included in organizing for change in a way that meets their needs. The [Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center \(IPJC\)](http://www.ipjc.org) ([www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)) facilitates Justice for Women, to empower women who are low-income to find support networks to address the underlying causes of poverty by forming Women's Justice Circles. Here is what some participants have to say about their experience in Justice Circles:

### Empowerment

*I am capable of putting into words my life experience that touches and impacts others in a positive way, and that we as a group can impact change for the better in our world.* -Spokane

### Community Building

*I loved meeting women from the local community, organizing for a cause and completing our project on schedule.* -Longview

### Solidarity, Unity and Collaboration

*Great to witness the value of women gathering to share insights/experiences and to collaborate around a justice issue for collective action.* -Tacoma

### Engagement, Social Change and Transformation

*I have learned that democracy in action still exists and that as people and as a demographic group we have collective power in organization.* -Seattle

The Women's Justice Circles project is funded in part by a national grant from the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) ([www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)). Funds for CCHD's work come from a national collection, held each September in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

## MLK Day Youth Advocacy Workshop January 15, 2017

Join the American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN -- a new initiative of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound) for a workshop that focuses on using media to tell positive personal stories about American Muslims. Learn what you can do to speak out publicly against Islamophobia and hatred in your parish and/or school community.

**Who:** The event is open to all youth in 6th-12th grade. The workshop will be facilitated by Aneelah Afzali from MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network), staff from Kids4Peace, and other interfaith and media leaders.

**When:** Sunday, January 15, 2017, 1-5pm (the day before MLK Day)

**Where:** Location TBD. We will announce the location as soon as it is confirmed.

**Program Details:** This four-hour workshop will empower youth with the tools to speak out publicly against Islamophobia, with a particular emphasis on using media to tell positive personal stories.

Register early to reserve your spot! Online registration is available at: [www.tinyurl.com/mlkdayworkshop](http://www.tinyurl.com/mlkdayworkshop)

Questions? Please contact Aneelah Afzali at [maps-amen@mapsredmond.org](mailto:maps-amen@mapsredmond.org) or Jordan Goldwarg at [jordan@k4p.org](mailto:jordan@k4p.org)

*"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."*  
– Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* no. 52

## 2017 Rice Bowl Lenten Program (Ash Wednesday is March 1)

The printed materials as ordered by every parish and many of our schools, addressed to the Rice Bowl Coordinator, will begin shipping in mid-January. If additional items are needed, contact us in the Missions Office instead of ordering online! Materials are free, naturally!

This Lent, we're answering Pope Francis' call to "build a culture of encounter." For your planning purposes, many of the resources (in English and Spanish) are now available at [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org) and [www.crsplatodearroz.org](http://www.crsplatodearroz.org). You will find faith formation resources for families, parishes, religious education, youth ministry and high schools, young adults, hispanic ministry ... you name it! There are several new items this year, such as Lives of Holy Women and Men prayer and story resources. During Lent 2017, parishes across the United States (including in this archdiocese!) will participate in the parish level encuentro. CRS Rice Bowl/Plato de Arroz is one faith formation tool to answer the call to go to the periphery and live out the spirit of the V Encuentro during Lent. Specific resources tied to the V Encuentro's theme, including a new video about

living out the call to encounter as a family, parish, and diocesan community at [www.crsplatodearroz.org/vencuentro](http://www.crsplatodearroz.org/vencuentro).



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*Lent* Encounter ourselves.  
Encounter our neighbors.  
Encounter our God.

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## Hunger for Change: A Faithful Response to Food Insecurity

This *new* JustMatters module (eight 2 ½-hour sessions) explores the realities of food insecurity in the U.S. and throughout the world in a prayerful process that includes study, rich dialogue, and an immersion experience. It was created in partnership with [Bread for the World](http://www.bread.org) ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)) to inspire faith-filled action to end hunger.

To register for the module, visit [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org). Program materials will be available January 6, 2017. The first 50 groups to register receive a \$50 discount!

*“... the food we throw away is as if we had stolen it from the table of the poor or the hungry! I invite everyone to reflect on the problem of the loss and waste of food to identify ways and methods that ... may be a vehicle for sharing and solidarity with the neediest.” – Pope Francis*

## On the World Day of Peace (Jan. 1), Reflect on Nonviolence with Pope Francis

In his Message for the 50th World Day of Peace (Jan. 1), entitled “Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace,” Pope Francis urges families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice nonviolence and work to build a just peace. Gospel nonviolence is not passive; it entails active strategies such



as peacebuilding, conflict transformation, restorative justice, and unarmed civilian protection. Seeking a just peace means preventing conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration. A two-page handout in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and a link to the Holy Father’s statement are available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

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