

Love Thy Neighbor

Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. In "Love Thy Neighbor," we highlight themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



Loving God and neighbor in ways that bear fruit in the life of society.



Immigration Updates for 2014

**"Once more unto the breach,
dear friends, once more."**

Shakespeare's Henry V

Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., auxiliary bishop of Seattle and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration, commented to immigration reform principles released by House Republicans at their retreat in Cambridge, Maryland in late January.

"I am encouraged by the release of these principles, which hopefully will spark action in the House of Representatives to finally address our nation's broken immigration system," Bishop Elizondo said. "Congress must seize the moment and end the suffering of immigrants and their families."

Unfortunately, prospects for immigration reform suffered a severe blow last week when House Speaker John Boehner who had said a deal was achievable, emerged from the GOP retreat warning that any legislation "would be difficult to pass this year." Discussion had stalled over the idea of legalizing America's 11.7 million undocumented immigrants. Never mind that 87% of Americans support legalization with a workable path to citizenship.

On this issue, Catholic advocacy has been powerful! **We cannot let up!**

Every day that Congress delays, an estimated 1,100 people – friends, neighbors, parishioners – are deported, leaving behind broken families, abandoned children, and damaged communities. Most border arrests nowadays are of parents desperate to reunite their families. Meanwhile in the Arizona desert, workers continue recovering decomposed bodies – on average, one every 24 hours. America's immigration system is not only broken, it is cruel.

Blaming those who flee here for jobs is disingenuous. America is complicit in the push/pull of migration.

NAFTA allowed us to flood Mexico with American taxpayer-subsidized corn, forcing some 2 million small farmers out of business. Though U.S. immigration law admits only 5,000 low-skilled workers a year, scads of employers skirt the law. By March 2008, about 8.3 million undocumented workers were in the U.S. labor force.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD IN FEBRUARY!

Help amplify our voice! During the Presidents Day Recess, February 16-22, visit your legislator. Speak up at town hall meetings.

On Tuesday, February 18, send an electronic postcard to your legislators from www.justiceforimmigrants.org

Wednesday, February 19 is National Call-In Day. Telephone **1-855-589-5698** and you will be connected to your U.S. representative. Give your name and zip code. Ask them to (1) Include a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and (2) Maintain family unity by preserving the family immigration system.

Thursday, February 20 is National Social Media Day. Post and re-post your support for immigration reform on Facebook; tweet and re-tweet on Twitter.

Thank you for your efforts. Let us know what you've done, shelledyr@archmil.org.

May God bless you!
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*The path of the just
is like the shining sun,
that shines ever brighter
unto the perfect day.*

Proverbs 4:18

**Catholic Social Teaching:
Sacredness and Dignity
of the Human Person**
Created in the image of
God, all people possess
an inherent dignity that
comes directly from our
creation and not from
any action of our own.
Human life is sacred and
the welfare of all
people is a priority.

What You Give Up for Lent Changes Lives

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program designed for parishes, schools, and families. The program invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

CRS Rice Bowl is a way for Catholics to live Lent. We invite you to pray, fast, and give to deepen your relationship with Christ and bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

Each year, you're invited to meet five families from countries served by CRS whose lives you are changing in Lent. In 2014, stories from Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, and Haiti are shared.

When alms are sent to our office, we follow CRS guidelines and submit 75% of proceeds to support international programs, and 25% is distributed within our diocese to help fight local hunger and poverty.

Educational materials, bulletin announcements, prayer intentions, daily reflections, recipes, and examples from the Saints are free downloads:

www.crsricebowl.org/schools



CRS Rice Bowl Recipe: Haiti's "Riz National"

1 onion, chopped	1/2 tsp cumin
3 cloves of garlic, minced	1/4 tsp salt
1 green bell pepper, chopped	1/4 tsp oregano
2 tbsp fair trade olive oil	1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
2 1/2 cups water	
2 cans kidney beans, drained	
1 cup rice, uncooked	

Preheat oven to 350°F. Fry onion, garlic, and green pepper in oil until tender. In a separate bowl, combine and mix all remaining ingredients. Add the onion mixture to the bowl and stir well. Pour mixture into a medium-sized casserole dish. Cover and bake until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender—about one hour. Stir before serving.

Makes 4-6 servings.

*So let each one give
as he purposes
in his heart,
for God loves a
cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

More than \$34,500 was distributed throughout the Archdiocese from the 25% portion of 2013 Rice Bowl

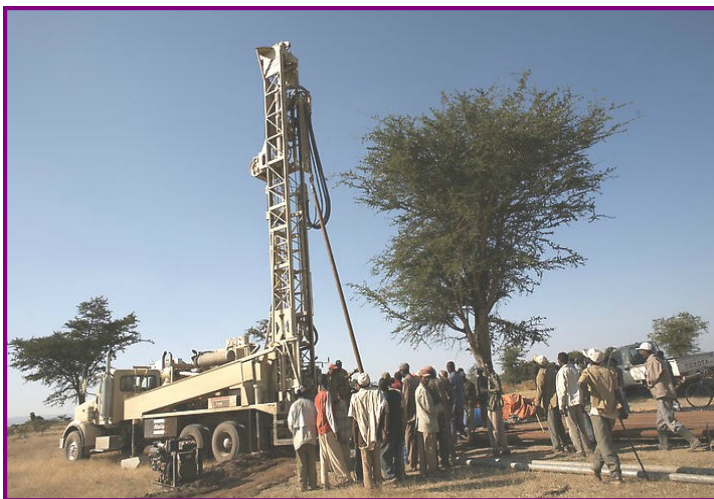
1. Lissy's Place
2. Central City Churches
3. St. Peter, The Food Pantry
4. House of Peace Food Pantry
5. 40 Plus of Southeast WI





Easy access to safe, clean water lets Ethiopians spend more time on productive activities such as tending crops.

CRS uses a rig to dig a new well in the village of Tajaba, Ethiopia. Before the well, villagers traveled 12 hours round trip to fetch water during the driest time of the year.



CRS Work in Ethiopia

Catholic Relief Services has worked in Ethiopia since 1958 and is one of CRS' largest country programs with 120 employees. CRS implements program activities in nine of Ethiopia's 10 regions, directly benefiting more than 589,000 Ethiopians without regard to religion or ethnicity.

High population density, environmental degradation, and recurring drought continue to exacerbate the overwhelming scale of poverty in Ethiopia. Extremely limited health care and potable water make matters worse, with people often being too ill or too busy collecting water to work in their fields.

By working closely with local partners, including the Ethiopian Catholic Church, CRS leverages a powerful network across the country that supports service delivery in both urban and rural areas. To help communities improve their food availability and economic standing, CRS Ethiopia takes an integrated approach and focuses programming activities in four key areas:

- ❖ Water and Sanitation
- ❖ Agriculture and Livelihoods
- ❖ HIV and Aids Education and Support
- ❖ Emergency Preparedness and Recovery

We all understand the need for drinking water, but easy access to clean, safe water goes far beyond preventing thirst. Water supply drives a person's ability to grow crops, raise livestock, prevent disease, reduce hunger, and even improves education as children spend more time in school and less time walking long distances to fetch water.

CRS has donated several drilling rigs to the Ethiopian Catholic Church to tap deep, essential groundwater on a wider scale.

CRS helped coordinate a service trip to Ethiopia in January 2014 to help promote a new pilot project which assists educators in the Meki region. They will coordinate two more trips for June 2014 and January 2015.

Want to participate in these immersion experiences? We have a need for people to share their passion for teaching, knowledge about horticulture, and financial support to help purchase supplies. Interested? **Contact Kathy Shine at 414-758-2285 or shinek@archmil.org for details.**

*Oh, that men
would give thanks
to the Lord
for his goodness.*

Psalm 107:8

With guidance from a CRS staff member who promotes hygiene, women in the village learn how to keep their CRS water pump working properly and the area free of mosquitoes.



Community members turn on their new CRS-built water system for the first time in Koye Jijaba, Ethiopia.



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*"Come and see the works of God;
He is awesome in His doing."
Psalm 66:5*

*Loving God, strengthen
us to become witnesses
to the saving grace of
your Son, Jesus.*

**For more information about upcoming
events or volunteer opportunities, contact:**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 19, 2014 | Catholic Charities' Open House
717 N. East Ave., Waukesha, 53186 |
| February 28, 2014 | Deadline for Contest Entries
<i>Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest</i>
<i>"Building Community"</i> |
| March 5, 2014 | Ash Wednesday
CRS Rice Bowl Begins |
| April 20, 2014 | A Blessed Easter! |
| May 28, 2014 | World Hunger Day |
| June 7 & 8, 2014 | Archdiocesan Synod |
| June 16, 2014 | Catholic Charities' 12th Annual Golf Classic |
| July 7-10, 2014 | National Migration Conference in Washington, D.C.
<i>Registration at: http://bit.ly/LssXku</i>
<i>A limited number of scholarships available through JFI</i> |
| September 6, 2014 | "Living the Fundamental Vision of the Gospel: A morning of
Formation for Charity and Justice with Bishop Hying"
<i>Designed for Human Concerns Committees and Parish Leaders</i>
<i>St. James, W220 N6570 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls</i> |
| October 12, 2014 | CROP Walk |
| October 16, 2014 | World Food Day |
| October 25, 2014 | Soles for Catholic Education Walk |
| October 29, 2014 | Career Tools Conference: Free event open to the public
<i>Cousins Center, 3501 S. Lake Dr., Milwaukee</i> |



World Hunger Day: May 28, 2014

842 million, one eighth of the world's population live in extreme hunger and poverty and exist on less than \$1.25 a day. Hunger kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Millions of women, men and children die each year because of chronic persistent hunger — TWO million are children.

Chronic, persistent hunger is not due merely to lack of food. It occurs when people lack opportunity to earn enough income, to be educated and gain skills, to meet basic health needs, and have a voice in the decisions that affect their community.

World Hunger Day seeks to inspire people in both the developed and developing worlds to show their solidarity and support to enable many more to end their own hunger and poverty and make the journey to self-reliance. Consider making a donation to your local food pantry or community garden in support of World Hunger Day!

