



Catholic Charities Social Concerns

***The fruit of Silence is Prayer.
The fruit of Prayer is Faith.
The fruit of Faith is Love.
The fruit of Love is Service.
The fruit of Service is Peace.***

These five lines were written on St. Teresa of Calcutta's business cards. The card didn't have her name or the Missionaries of Charity written on it, just these simple words. On the back of the card it said, "Mary, mother of Jesus, be a mother to me now."

How simple but how remarkable these words are.

When I think of the "fruits" of Parish Social Ministry, these five lines say it all. With the Parish Social Ministry Gathering right around the corner, I have been reading a lot about the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. If there was a patron saint for Parish Social Ministry, Mother Teresa would be that saint. Her life work exemplifies what it means to love and care for the poor, the lonely, the elderly, the children, the forgotten.

I am about half way through a book titled "*Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait*" by Msgr. Leo Massburg. Msgr. Leo traveled many years with St. Teresa, so he has many wonderful first hand stories of her life. Some of the stories he tells are so funny as he recounts St. Teresa's subtle ways of winning over politicians, and government officials, but other stories were so moving that I find myself putting down the book so I can prayerfully reflect on what I just read. What strikes me the most as I continue to read about her life, was her intense love for every person she met.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official overseas humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, had a special relationship with St. Teresa. Many times CRS would work alongside Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity as they loved and helped those who were poor or marginalized. Several years ago, CRS released a series of [video reflections](#) of their own stories of Mother Teresa. It is worth taking a look.

With that in mind, CRS is also the featured Catholic Charities - Social Concerns ministry this month. Please scroll down to learn more about the humanitarian work of our U.S. Catholic Church around the world.

I have also added a "Spiritual Formation" and "Prayer for the Journey" section to the newsletter. I came across a beautiful prayer by Blessed Cardinal Newman that I wanted to share with each of you.

Lastly, it is not too late to register for the Parish Social Ministry Gathering that will take place on August 25 at Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove, IN.

Register at www.archindy.org/parishsocialministrygathering.

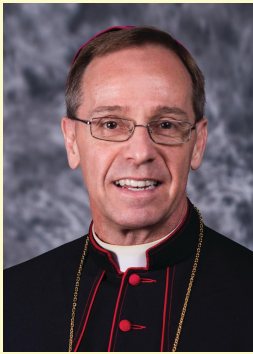
Sincerely in Christ,
Theresa Chamblee

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Visit our Website - Catholic Charities - Social Concerns

Register Today!

Parish Social Ministry Gathering Saturday, August 25th



Keynote Speaker:
Archbishop
Charles C. Thompson

Time: 9am to 2:30pm * **Doors Open:** 8:15am

Location: Holy Name of Jesus Parish - Beech Grove, IN
89 N. 17th Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107

Cost: \$15.00 (to cover the cost of lunch - financial assistance available)

Who Should Attend: Priests, deacons, PLC's, parish staff, parish volunteers, and those interested in social concerns.

Optional: Mass offered at Holy Name at 8:15am

REGISTER

www.archindy.org/ParishSocialMinistryGathering

What To Expect from the PSM Gathering

- **Spirituality and Social Mission**
- **Practical Ways to Live our Faith through Service**
- **Catholic Social Teaching**
- **Sharing Best Practices**
- **Learn about Existing Ministries within the Archdiocese**

- Dive Deeper into what is Parish Social Ministry (PSM 101)
- Lunch

Featured Social Concerns Ministry



Celebrating 75 Years! Our Story is Your Story!

Founded in the aftermath of World War II by the U.S. bishops, [Catholic Relief Services](#) is an international humanitarian organization that seeks to end poverty, hunger and disease. We are now one of the most trusted international relief and development agencies in the world. We work in 110 countries and reach more than 136 million people.

And as the official overseas development agency of the Catholic community in the United States, we help Catholics in parishes, dioceses and schools live their faith by participating in programs that work to end poverty and injustice.

Focusing on innovative programs in agriculture, health and emergency response, our partnerships with communities and Church institutions overseas continue to grow. [Our 75 years](#) of experience have enabled us to address urgent needs and develop sustainable solutions that help end poverty now—and for future generations.

CRS is proud to be a founding member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation of more than 160 members. Inspired by Catholic faith, Caritas responds to emergencies, promotes development, and advocates for fairness and justice in communities around the world.

To put it simply - **CRS is YOU** being represented around the world to our brothers and sisters who face the challenges of natural disaster, poverty, war, disease or climate change.

Ways YOU CAN Become Involved!

[CRS - Global Solidarity Ambassador Program](#)

[CRS - Ethical Trade](#)

[CRS - Rice Bowl](#)

[CRS - Food Fast](#)

[Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#)

FEATURED RESOURCE

Catholic Relief Services

Global Solidarity Ambassador Program

The Global Solidarity Ambassador Program (GSAP) is a parish - based program that focuses on tangible ways we can all become involved in standing in spiritual solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, especially the poor and marginalized.

Learn more about how you can become a Global Solidarity Ambassador - [Here!](#)

Or contact:

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Spiritual Formation Resource

Sacraments and Social Mission: Living the Gospel, Being Disciples

"This guide is for priests and lay ministers, teachers and students, adults and young people, and those who are preparing for the sacraments. It is for all Catholics who seek to better understand the connections between the celebration of the sacraments and our social mission as followers of Jesus and the members of the Body of Christ."

Each Sacrament is broken down into a two page handout with reflection questions listed at the bottom. Download the document [Here.](#)



Prayer for the Journey

Prayer by Blessed Cardinal Newman

Dear Jesus

Help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our soul with Your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being,

so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours.

Shine through us, and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our souls.

Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!

Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus will be

all from You; none of it will be ours;
it will be you shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise You in the way You love best
by shining on those around us.
Let us proclaim You without preaching,
not by words but by our example,
by the catching force,
the sympathetic influence of what we do,
the evident fullness of the love
our hearts bear to you. Amen.

Ministries of Catholic Charities Social Concerns

What is Social Concerns?

Social Concerns encourages the Community to grow in a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by providing resources and strategies for effective action in parishes, schools and surrounding communities. Most importantly, it calls us to a deeper understanding in living out the Two Greatest Commandments, which is to Love God and to Love our Neighbors, both locally and globally."

Below are the Ministries that fall under Catholic Charities - Social Concerns.



Love Your Neighbor



Share the Journey
#sharejourney



Catholic Charities USA
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FROM OUR FRIENDS



The 3rd Annual Archdiocesan Morning with Mary
Oct. 13th - 9am to 12pm.
Learn More [Here](#).

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