

MICAH 6:8

Live justly. Love tenderly. Walk humbly with your God.



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A Note from the Director

There is a lot of buzz around Bishop Ricken's recently released six year mission map, titled *Disciples on the Way*. This map will help all of us embrace and embody new evangelization as a way of life in diocesan and parish ministry and planning. *Disciples on the Way* calls for a three phase journey into evangelization:

1. Formation in Prayer and Holiness (2014-2016);
2. Formation in Discipleship (2016-2018); and
3. Formation in Mission (2018-2020).

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To help kick off this six year journey, Bishop has put forth a pastoral reflection titled, "*Teach my people to pray*" that will help individuals, parishes and diocesan staff incorporate formation in prayer and holiness into our overall planning. *Teach my people to pray* was released at the end of last month, and if you have not seen it yet, please feel free to check it out [here](#).

You may be thinking...what does new evangelization have to do with living justice? Well, in short, everything! New evangelization calls every person to deepen their relationship with Jesus through prayer because when we deepen and strengthen that primary relationship, all other relationships will fall into place. How we treat our spouse, our children, our co-workers, our neighbors, strangers we meet on the street, etc. will be revitalized because of our relationship to Christ. I look forward to journeying with you during these next six years!

Please take note that as a department, the Living Justice staff will do our best to assist you during each phase of this journey. Each month, our newsletter will offer a variety of prayer resources that you can use during your planning. Remember,



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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

16th - Power of Attorney for Health Care at Holy Cross Parish (Friendship Hall), Kaukauna at 7 p.m. *Sponsored by the Kaukauna KC Council 1033*

there are many great resources available, but quantity does not always equal quality. Take the time as a person or as a staff to pray, discern and decide what will be the best course of action of your own parish or ministry.

May God bless you, your families and your ministries!
Catherine

Legislative Advocacy

Now that the Congressional Recess is over, how many people went to visit their legislator while he or she was in district? Did you have a fruitful conversation? We want to hear about it! Feel free to email Catherine and share with her your story.

1. Interested in learning more about what is going on legislatively on a statewide level? Check out the [Wisconsin Catholic Conference Capitol Report](#).
2. Did you notice the increase in political advertisements on TV? That is because we are entering into another election season! If you are not familiar with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) document, titled, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, look through it [here](#).
3. Click [here](#) to read the USCCB letter to the Secretary of DHS and the Administration and consider sending a similar letter or email to stop the high number of deportations.

As Catholics, What Are We Doing?

"I will also pray in a special way for our brothers and sisters, men, women and children who have died of thirst, hunger or from the exhaustion on the journey to find a better life. In recent days we have seen those terrible images of the desert in the newspapers. Let us all pray in silence for these brothers and sisters of ours." - Pope Francis

Dear Friends,

Last month we focused on Catholic Relief Service and their role in assisting the surge of unaccompanied minors crossing our border. This month we will focus on the Gaza conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Over the past eight weeks or so, it has been reported that over 2,200 people have been killed in the Gaza region. Nearly a quarter of Gaza's 1.8 million people were displaced by the war, with an estimated 100,000 left homeless. Electricity, water, and sewage systems were badly damaged.

As Catholics, we willingly respond to calls for help in

21st - Manitowoc 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally at Washington Park, 1115 Washington Street, Manitowoc at 4 p.m.

OCTOBER

13th - [Chad Justice](#) at St. Bernard's Parish in Green Bay at 6:30 p.m.

14th - [Chad Justice](#) at St. Bernadette Parish in Appleton at 6:30 p.m.

30th - [Leadership Convocation](#) at KI Center in Green Bay from 8 a.m. - 4.m.

NOVEMBER

17th - 19th - [Hearts Open Wide: A JustFaith Mission](#) in the Spirit of Pope Francis at St. Thomas More in Appleton, 7 p.m.

Pope Quote

In his talks on August 17th, Pope Francis said, "We cannot engage in real dialogue unless we are conscious of our own identity. Nor can there be authentic dialogue unless we are capable of opening our minds and hearts, in empathy and sincere receptivity, to those with whom we speak."

Prayer Resources

Are you looking for ways to incorporate Catholic Social Teaching in your prayer life? Try using this [examination of conscience](#) next time you go to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian arm of the USCCB, recently published a great resource titled, *Walk with Me*, a 21-day journey around the world. Download your copy [here](#).

Database Updates

The Office of Living Justice is continuing to update our email database.

Please contact Theresa McKenna at tmckenna@gbdioc.org if you have a new email address that should be on file for Living Justice

humanitarian crises. But our mission to confront global poverty dictates that we look deeper, to address the root causes of these crises: oppression, injustice and conflict.

Church teaching tells us that peace and justice are requirements for human development and social well-being. As Pope Paul VI stated, "the new name for peace is development." In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed that the Church "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

Click [here](#) to continue reading.

Catholic Relief Services links:

- [Pray for Peace](#)
- [News Updates](#)
- [Mission Statement](#)
- [Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#)

Please continue to pray for all of those people who are affected by war and conflict

God Bless,
Eric

Family and Married Life Office

An interesting observation that I heard told by a priest is that we tend to find time and to schedule around the Packers' games on whichever day or night they play football. It's true, isn't it? For better or worse, we love our home team and want to be a part of the action, the camaraderie, and the celebration (or commiseration). A Packer game is unifying and strengthens our bond with other Packer fans. Usually the day after a game, any number of conversations can be shared, even among strangers.

An important challenge for us is to have that similar zeal for couple-time and family-time. Can we find time and then set aside time to pray together, to go to Sunday Mass together, to go on a "Date Night" with our spouse, to play games together with the kids or to go for a walk? We need to be very intentional about marking these important family times on the calendar and then schedule around those times. In our busy whirlwind lives, it's too easy to put off family-time and couple-time and let the other activities take priority. Couple-time and family-time can only unify us, strengthen and deepen our relationships with each other. When we share our couple-time and family-time to be in the holy presence of our Lord in prayer and at Mass, we unify our family with God; we strengthen and deepen our relationship with Christ.

Here is a suggestion for family-time: As we approach Respect Life Month, focus on the beautiful slogan presented to us: *Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation*. Have a conversation

newsletters.

Thank you for your help!

Website for Parishes



[Click here to visit the diocesan website for parishes.](#) At this website, you can read Bishop Ricken's pastoral letter, "Parishes: Called to be Holy, Fully Engaged and Fully Alive," and find other parish-building resources.

Diocesan Website and Social Media Links

Diocese of Green Bay website

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with the family around the dinner table about how an artist creates a masterpiece. Ask: How does each family member see oneself as God's masterpiece? Perhaps set aside time during the week to draw, paint or create an art project together as a family. Display the family masterpiece in your home.

Suggestion for family prayer time: Pray for Pope Francis' monthly intentions. See "[Apostleship of Prayer.](#)"

Holy Family of Nazareth; pray for us!

Peg

October is Respect Life Month!

Each year, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet to call attention to numerous human life issues. The theme of this year's program is: *Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation*, which was developed based off of a quote from Pope Francis' Day for Life greeting:

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

Each parish and school will receive a respect life packet during the month of September, and you can also find all the resources at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

We encourage you to utilize the resources given to us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You can find the respect life program statement, flyers, liturgical resources (including intercessions for life), brochures covering various life topics. Share them with your parish, faith formation, and school.

Together, let us recognize each other as a masterpiece of God's creation!

Celia

Hearts Open Wide: A JustFaith Mission in the Spirit of Pope Francis

Jack Jezreel, the founder and president of [JustFaith Ministries](#), will present a [mission](#) consisting of three evening talks on Nov. 17, 18, and 19 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), 2014, at 7 PM at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald Street in Appleton.

Anyone in the diocese is invited to attend the talks and browse the social justice fair afterwards. The titles for his talks are: "An Abundant Love" on Monday, "An Abundant Life" on Tuesday, and "An Abundant Mission" on Wednesday. Please contact Judy Curtis at 920-574-2389 or e-mail her at: stmparish@stmccath.org

Chairs of Bishops' Committees Endorse Regulating Carbon Pollution

The Chairs of the Domestic and International Committees of the U.S. Catholic bishops, Archbishop Wenski and Bishop Pates, respectively, voiced support for a national standard limiting carbon pollution from power plants (EPA). The bishops urged national leaders to act on climate change and to prioritize the wellbeing of the poor both internationally and domestically. They closed their letter by saying, "We welcome the EPA's proposal of a national standard to reduce significantly carbon pollution and call upon our leaders in government and industry to act responsibly, justly and rapidly to implement such a standard."

The Catholic Climate Covenant has put together programs for parishes, youth, and colleges to stimulate discussion and action on ways to care for creation and the poor. For more information, click [here](#).