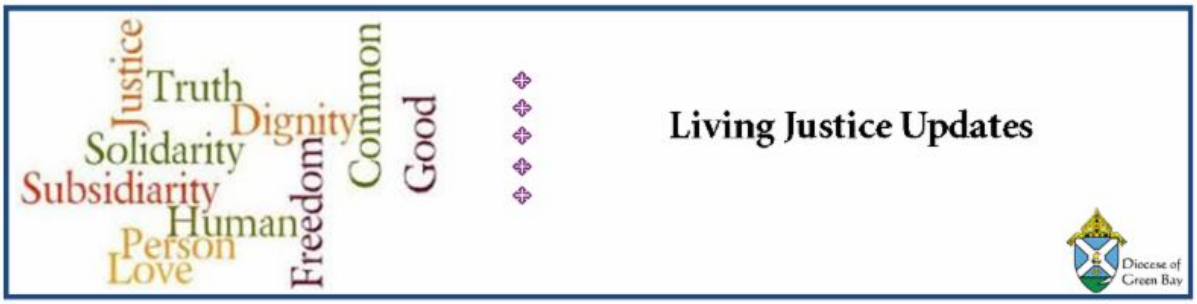
"None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice." *Pope Francis*

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## May 2018

Center of Concern
Sharing Your Voice for Global Social Justice™

The Center of Concern researches, educates and advocates from Catholic social tradition to create a world where economic, political and cultural systems promote sustainable flourishing of the global community.

*Education for Justice*

The Center of Concern, *Education for Justice* web site, was created in 2001 to help teachers, social action directors, parish members, campus ministers, and others in leadership roles to meet the challenge of sharing Catholic social teaching and bring greater awareness to social justice issues. Through all of the materials available on the *Education for Justice* web site, we seek not only to introduce Catholic social teaching to a wider audience, but also to help deepen the knowledge of this essential element of faith and to help develop solidarity with all those in the global community who are suffering and oppressed.

The objectives for the web site include:

- Provide timely and engaging educational resources which highlight the foundations of Catholic Social Teaching and real-world applications.
- Promoting increased knowledge of the Church's social mission.
- Supporting people of faith in making the connections between the signs of the times and the demands of the gospel locally and globally.
- Developing the skills of theological reflection and social analysis needed in a globalizing world.
- Encouraging greater awareness and engagement with justice issues.
- Fostering a transformation of mind and heart through materials created

While there are a few resources available for free, this is a members only web site. The majority of the information available for download and use requires a paid membership. You may start a free trial to get a taste of what is available. Visit https://educationforjustice.org/ to learn more and decide if you would like to join.

### House Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill Update

The USCCB, CRS, CCUSA, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Rural Life collaborated and wrote toThe Honorable Michael K. Conaway, Chairman of the United States House of Representatives Committee on

Agriculture and Ranking Member, The Honorable Collin C. Peterson, regarding this bill from the perspectives of domestic hunger/nutrition and international food security and development.

Click here to read the letter.

## 2018 Home Repair Program

Brown County Parish Members:

Please consider asking your parish groups to assist Habitat for Humanity with their 2018 Home Repair Program for low income and the aging population in Brown County.

Information on the program is available on the links below:

Home Repair Brochure
Church Information Sheet

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

*The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the national anti-poverty program of the Catholic Bishops in the United States.*

CCHD Groups Mapped on PovertyUSA.org

Important CCHD Grant-Related deadlines:

- April 15-May 15: Dialogues - Diocesan Directors and grants specialists conduct dialogues and come to agreement on joint recommendations to the local bishop.
- May 25: Bishop Endorsement Forms Due - Diocesan Directors submit Bishop Endorsement forms to CCHD for each national grant applicant.

National Campaigns:

- 2018 Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach Campaign

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2019 February 2-5, 2019 in Washington, D.C.
Justice, Peach and Human Development Blog: To Go Forth

Visit the CCHD Website

## Migration and Refugee Services

*Renewing Hope. Seeking Justice*

### Bishops Endorse USA ACT, Urge Action on Dream and USA Act Now

On April 26th, the USCCB Committee on Migration Chairman, Bishop Joe S. Vasquez sent a letter to the House of Representatives urging their support of H.R. 4796, the Uniting and Securiing America (USA) Act of 2018. This legislation provides a path to citizenship for Dreamers and focuses on greater border security through digital technology rather than establishing physical barriers which require significant funding.

Here is the press release, talking points and a 1-page background on the USA Act.

In addition to supporting the USA Act, the Bishops will continue to voice their support for the Dream Act.

Make your voice heard and fill out this Action Alert that lets the House of Representatives know your support for the USA Act and the Dream Act and that we need legislative action now.

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# Capitol Update

April 2018

- Capitol Report Newsletter - April 2018
- Press Release - April 24, 2018
  *Coalition Committed to Heal Without Harm Legislation*
- Press Release - April 11, 2018
  *Governor Walker Signs Abortion Ban in State Employee Insurance Plans*
- Capitol Update - April 10, 2018

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**Parish Catholic Relief Services Capacity Building Grant Application**

The office of Catholic Social Justice is able to offer parish ministries grant money to promote Catholic Relief Services. Items that grants may be used for include: travel expenses, reimbursement for time, material cost or for other pre-approved items.

The grant application process is ongoing. Applications are accepted at anytime. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

Click here to download the application.

## CRS RESOURCES

**CRS Good Samaritan Reflection Series exploring Lenten spirituality at crsricebowl.org/share-the-journey / crsplatodearroz.org/compartiendo-el-viaje.**

****Lenten Digital Retreat (English / Spanish), pairing reflections from Pope Francis on the Good Samaritan with Scripture ****

- **Prayer | Helen Alvare (English w/ Spanish subtitles forthcoming)**
- **Fasting | Hosffman Ospino (English w/ Spanish subtitles forthcoming)**
- **Almsgiving | Lisa Hendey (English w/ Spanish subtitles forthcoming)**
- **Resurrection | Bishop Edward Burns (English w/ Spanish subtitles forthcoming)**
- **Companeros en el camino | Hosffman Ospino (Spanish)**
- **Who is My Neighbor? / Quien es mi projimo? - An animated video connecting the parable, Lent & our call to care for the refugee and migrant**

**Contact the CRS Midwest office (312-471-8936) if you are interested in the Solidarity Prayer Walk, a self-guided meditation using 14 impactful CRS images and written reflections that invite participants to pray in a special way for our brothers and sisters around the world.**

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