



Office for Social Concerns *Catholic Diocese of Columbus*

October 2011

Upcoming Events & Action Items

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RESPONDS TO HORN OF AFRICA REFUGEES.

One person can make a difference! You can help by praying for those who are hungry and vulnerable. You can also make a generous donation to CRS (Catholic Relief Services). East Africa's worst drought in more than half a century is causing extreme hunger for more than 12 million people. Complicating this critical situation is political instability in Somalia, forcing at least 160,000 Somalis to seek food in bordering countries. Your Church is there and responding—through CRS and our decades-long efforts in that region. This drought is so widespread that our existing efforts are not enough.

CRS needs your help. Show your solidarity with those suffering from the drought in the following ways:

- Please pray for the people of East Africa.
- Donate to the East Africa Emergency Fund; checks payable to Catholic Relief Services can be sent to the Office for Social Concerns, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 – write “East African Fund” in the memo section.
- Learn more: contact the diocesan CRS director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org and visit: www.crs.org or www.crs.org/kenya/somalis-crowd-kenya-camp/ for updates.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH. "I came that all might have life, and have it to the full!" is the theme of the 2011-2012 Respect Life Program. Celebrate the gift of life in all its stages. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540. Church teaching about life issues is available online on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' website at www.usccb.org/prolife.

EDWARD HERRERA, FIELD COORDINATOR FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT (NCHLA) will be giving a presentation on the need for pro-life advocacy in the critically important federal authorizations and appropriations process to ensure that tax dollars are not used in a way that violates the consciences of faithful Catholics. The presentation will be held at St. Matthew Church in Gahanna at 7 p.m. on Monday, October

17, 2011. There is no charge for attending but R.S.V.P.'s are requested to Angelita Canlas at 614-241-2540.

A native of Houston, TX, Edward pursued graduate studies at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, DC. Holding various positions as a university and parish educator, he has served as the Director of Adult Faith Formation at a parish in Houston and as the Government Relations Associate at the National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill. In addition to a Masters in Theological Studies at the John Paul II Institute, Edward holds a B.A. in Theology, with minors in Catholic Studies and Political Science, from the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

WHITE MASS - The John Paul II Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) and the diocesan Office for Social Concerns are sponsoring a White Mass for health care workers on the feast of St. Luke, October 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. St. Luke is the patron of health care workers. The White Mass is an opportunity for members of the health care professions to recommit themselves to serving Christ in their care for and healing of the sick.

There will be a dinner following the White Mass for members of the John Paul II Guild and for those interested in learning more about the CMA. Ed Herrera, field coordinator for the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) will be the speaker. The NCHLA is an education and advocacy group that support the pro-life priorities of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The cost for the dinner is \$40 per person (\$25 for medical students and clergy). To reserve your place at dinner, please R.S.V.P. to Dr. Michael Parker at 614-832-0768.

WEBINAR: PARISH SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. On Tuesday, October 18, 2011, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability will host an online webinar "How can we help? Parish Support for Veterans and Their Families." The webinar will examine medical and mental health issues including PTSD; pastoral, family and parish support; and Church teaching. The webinar runs from 4 to 5 p.m. and is free to those in the Diocese of Columbus since the diocese is an affiliate member of NCPD. Registration information can be found at www.ncpd.org/webinars or by calling NCPD at (202) 529-2933.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON HB 160 – BILL TO ELIMINATE THE DEATH PENALTY IN OHIO. St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting to discuss House Bill 160, Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory meeting room, 1652 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus. House Bill 160, advocating the elimination of the death penalty in Ohio, was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives in March. One hearing has taken place for the proponents of the bill in the Criminal Justice Committee of the Ohio House. Jerry Freewalt, Catholic Diocese Office of Social Concerns, and Jim Tobin, Ohio Catholic Conference of Ohio, will moderate the discussion and answer questions. For more information call Dave Frickey at (614) 268-3828 or Suzie Latham at (614) 267-4350.

DIOCESAN KNIT-IN – The Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, is hosting a diocesan-wide knit-in on Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All prayer shawl or knit/crochet/sew ministries are invited to come and share their projects. Drinks and desserts will

be provided – you bring a brown bag lunch. Each ministry group is asked to bring a prayer shawl to donate to the Back in His Arms Again Ministry. To register by October 26th, contact Sandy Walsh at SCWalsh@aol.com or 614-342-6003; for more information contact Sandy or Erin Cordle at ecordle@colsdio.org or 614-241-2540.

16TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD FANTASY & FASHION SHOW benefiting St. Stephen's Community House. The event featuring a high tea, fashion show and display of elaborate gingerbread houses will be held at Jefferson Country Club, 7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive, Blacklick, Ohio, on Sunday, November 13 at 1 p.m.. Tickets are \$75 for adults, and \$25 for children. Reservations can be made through Renea Williams at (614) 294-6347 ext. 124 or email: Rwilliams@saintstephensch.org.

THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO developed educational materials to inform voters of the proposed state ballot issues set for November. The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official representative of the Catholic Church in public matters affecting the Church and the general welfare of the citizens of Ohio. Materials can be found on the Conference's website at www.ohiocathconf.org or by calling the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - BULLETIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection will be held on the weekend before Thanksgiving 0- November 19/20. Please include the following announcements in you bulletins the week before, the week of, and the week after the collection.

English

November 12 and 13

Next week, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change, through the generosity of parishioners like you. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD collection. To learn more, contact the diocesan CCHD director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org.

November 19 and 20

Today, we take up a collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and lift up the poor in the United States. The collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, legal advocacy to enforce fair wages, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD collection. To learn more, contact the diocesan CCHD director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org.

November 26 and 27

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important systemic changes in low-income communities all over the United States. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor, . . . to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). To learn more, contact the diocesan CCHD director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org.

Spanish

El 12 y 13 de noviembre

La próxima semana realizaremos la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés). Los obispos de los Estados Unidos fundaron CCHD hace 40 años cuando se dieron cuenta que la vida de los más necesitados no iba a mejorar hasta que no se cambiaran los sistemas y las políticas que mantienen a las personas en la pobreza. La CCHD, a lo largo de 40 años, ha financiado a grupos comunitarios que buscan justicia y producen cambios duraderos. Luche contra la pobreza en América. Defienda la dignidad humana. Contribuya a la colecta de la CCHD. Para mayor información o para participar en el trabajo de la CCHD, favor de llamar a la directora diocesana Srta. Erin Cordle al teléfono 614-241-2540, o visite nuestro portal electrónico www.usccb.org/cchd.

El 19 y 20 de noviembre

Hoy realizaremos la colecta que ayuda a luchar contra la raíz de la pobreza. A lo largo de 40 años, la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ha proporcionado fondos a los grupos que hacen posible unos cambios duraderos y ayudan a los pobres a salir adelante en los Estados Unidos. La colecta ha ayudado a conseguir fondos para guarderías infantiles de bajos recursos, asesoría legal para hacer respetar salarios justos, programas que enfatizan la educación y casas a precios módicos en vecindarios de bajos recursos. Luche contra la pobreza en América. Defienda la dignidad humana. Contribuya a la colecta de la CCHD. Para mayor información o para participar en el trabajo de la CCHD, favor de llamar a la directora diocesana Srta. Erin Cordle al teléfono 614-241-2540, o visite nuestro portal electrónico www.usccb.org/cchd.

El 27 y 27 de noviembre

¡Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano! Su generosidad será la base para importantes cambios sistémicos en comunidades de bajos ingresos en todo Estados Unidos. Mediante la CCHD y sus beneficiarios, ponemos de manifiesto la enseñanza católica y cumplimos con la misión de Jesús para "llevar a los pobres la buena nueva, . . . anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos" (Lc 4:18). Para mayor información o para participar en el trabajo de la CCHD, favor de llamar a la directora diocesana Srta. Erin Cordle al teléfono 614-241-2540, o visite nuestro portal electrónico www.usccb.org/cchd.