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Inspired by Pope Francis

“None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice.” Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, #201

“God shows the poor his ‘first mercy.’ This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians... This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us.” Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, #198

Education

- Promotes the US Bishops parish social ministry document: *Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish*
- Presents classes, workshops & materials on Catholic social teaching, peace, justice and charity, parish social ministry, respect life, Faithful Citizenship, etc. for clergy, parish Social Concerns Committees and other interested persons
- Provides Catholic social ministry and leadership training, resources and on-going support for parish-based Social Concerns/Parish Social Ministry Committees or other groups
- Coordinates education and global solidarity efforts of Catholic Relief Services programs like CRS Rice Bowl

Social Justice and Respect Life

The goals of the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe are to make Catholics aware of the social teaching of the Church, to help facilitate action prompted by that awareness, to be a voice for the poor and the powerless and to be a resource to parishes as they develop Social Justice outreach. The Office is a collaborative partner with the other offices of the Pastoral Ministries Division.

- Administers the local grant process for the CRS Rice Bowl fund
- Coordinates advocacy for immigrants and refugees through *Justice for Immigrants* and other USCCB campaigns.

Advocacy

- Cooperates with the legislative advocacy work of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Cooperates with national legislative work of US Conference of Catholic Bishops Department of Justice Peace and Human Development, the Pro-Life Secretariat, & Catholic Relief Services
- Encourages participation in public life through the document of the US Bishops, *Faithful Citizenship*
- Sends out action alerts on local & national legislative issues

Respect Life

- Coordinates Respect Life activities in the Archdiocese
- Promotes the "consistent ethic of life" from "womb" to "tomb"
- Supports "Project Rachel" post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church

Empowerment

- Directs the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This is an anti-

poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

- Administers local CCHD grant applications & national CCHD Grant Process for community organizing and economic development
- Directs CCHD Internship
- Supports evangelization efforts of the African American Catholic Community (AACC) whose mission in the context of our multi-cultural church is to support and reinforce the African American Catholic family and individuals
- Supports the AACC Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship for African American students attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Events

- Annual Sanctity of Life Awareness & Unity Day Mass
- Annual African American Catholic Community Martin Luther King Mass & speaker
- *JustFaith* facilitator training Annual Journey to Justice Retreat Day
- Fair Trade training
- CRS Parish Speaker Tours for social ministry training events