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On earth as it is in heaven – a litany

God of all power, you have given us life and have called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. As we remember those who are hungry, give us the courage and humility to respond in new ways, knowing that the extent to which we love those in need is the measure of our love for you.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all power, in your Son Jesus Christ, your desire that none might hunger nor thirst was embodied in our world. Give us your love for those in need, that we may work for justice empowered by your passion.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all power, by your Holy Spirit, you convict us, transform us, and lead us into renewal. Bring us together across our differences, and deepen us in love for one another, that we may be united in feeding the hungry and eliminating poverty in our world.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all healing, your heart inclines towards the cries of the hungry. Move the leaders of nations to create and support systems that protect the poor. Empower and encourage those who govern, that they may correct policies that are oppressive and advocate for those in need.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all healing, in your Son Jesus Christ, you opened your table to those who were neglected and overlooked. May we come to know your extravagant love more deeply, that in gratitude we may extend ourselves generously towards others.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all healing, by your Holy Spirit, you make us more into your image. Where our hearts are hardened by indifference, soften them; where we have failed to see others as you do, renew our vision; where we have given up hope for change in our world, revive our strength.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all provision, all that we are and all that we possess comes from you, and it is in you that we live and move and have our being. Make us good stewards of all that you have given to us, that our choices may be governed by justice, generosity, and compassion.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all provision, in the incarnation, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you assure us that there is no aspect of our lives that is beyond your care. May your sacrificial love for us undergird our compassion for others, that we might be your hands and feet in our world.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all provision, by your Holy Spirit you renew the minds and hearts of your people and provide discernment and guidance. Give our leaders wisdom as they make decisions that affect those in our own country and around the world who struggle to feed their families.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of all power, of all healing, and of all provision, apart from you we can do nothing. As we praise you this day, may our worship overflow into advocacy for those in need, generosity towards those who hunger, and hope in your never-ending mercy. **Amen.**

Source: Rev. Michelle Baker-Wright, for Bread for the World, www.bread.org. October 16 is World Food Day.

Bread for the World, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other Roman Catholic, and evangelical, mainline Protestant, African-American, and Latino Christian leaders have joined together to defend the lives and dignity of poor and vulnerable people in the current budget debate. They are urging Congress to create a "Circle of Protection" (www.circleofprotection.us) around nutrition and development programs. In a statement earlier this year they said elected leaders should reduce the national debt and lower budget deficits, but cutting time-tested programs will create more hunger and hardship for those already struggling to get by.

Action Steps: View "Hunger and Respect Life Month" during October at www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development; sign up to advocate at <http://old.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty>; use CRS hunger resources at <http://education.crs.org/educational-resources/hunger>.





World Food Day – October 16

"Those who eat the Bread of Christ cannot remain indifferent before those who, even in our days, lack daily bread."

— Pope Benedict XVI

For resources on World Food Day, please visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions.

Much of this (October) newsletter is devoted to the human rights issue of hunger, and our faith response.



Prison Reform/Prison Ministry

A day of input, prayer, reflection and tools for action. For graduates of JustFaith programs and for members of St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences. Presenters include Judge Mary Yu, Shannon O'Donnell, Joe Cotton, Al Larpenieur, Donna Christensen, Tom Wagner and former inmates. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, 9am-4pm. For information and to register, contact the Missions Office or visit our website – see below.



Youth on Mission Contest

Congratulations to St. Cecilia School, Bainbridge Island, for the winning entry of the 2011 Youth on Mission Contest, sponsored by Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (West region), and the Catholic Schools Department and Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle. View the winning entry at <http://missioneducationbestpractices.blogspot.com>. We will announce soon the details for the 2012 contest (available then at <http://resources.maryknoll.us>. Deadline for entries (grades K-12, parishes and schools) will be Pentecost, May 27, 2012.



Just Video Contest 2012

for High School Juniors and Seniors, sponsored by the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center.

Create a 3-5 minute video that informs and inspires the audience to act for justice (and win prizes while doing it!) Deadline: Entries must be postmarked or uploaded by March 30, 2012. Visit www.ipjc.org for contest details and entry form.



Youth Convention Speaker

Catholic Relief Services youth outreach manager, Ted Miles, will be a keynoter at this year's convention, Nov. 5/6. If you and others from your community will be attending, check also for his workshop, and visit the Missions Office display table!



World Mission Sunday, October 23

See elsewhere in this issue for more information.



Justice for Women: Latinas Connected for Change!

Justicia para la Mujer: ¡Latinas Conectadas para el Cambio!

The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center is pleased to invite all Latina women who reside in Western Washington to attend Justice for Women: Latinas Connected for Change!

The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center se complace en invitar a toda mujer Latina que resida en Western Washington a participar en Justicia para la Mujer: ¡Latinas Conectadas para el Cambio!

Saturday, November 5/el sábado 5 de noviembre
Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall

www.ipjc.org; (206) 223-1138; gcarcamo@ipjc.org.

(IPJC's Women's Justice Circles currently receive funding from Catholic Campaign for Human Development)



Catholic Advocacy Day

Save the Date: February 15, 2012
At the Capitol, Olympia



Sister Parish/Twinning conference

Save the Date: April 21, 2012

At St. Bridget parish church, Seattle

The annual Catholic African Connections conference but this year's event especially will be open to all involved in (or thinking about) partnerships beyond our borders.



October is Fair Trade Month

See elsewhere in this issue for more information.



Faith in Politics: Our Catholic Responsibility

November 2, Wednesday. Keynote Speaker: John Carr, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. 6:30-9:00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 3847 NE Glisan, Portland. Info: <http://www.archdpdx.org/jprespect>.

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World Mission Sunday October 23

"Mission involves everyone, everything and always... a gift to be shared." (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

"The Church is obliged to live and administer its own goods in such a way that the Gospel is proclaimed to the poor." (*World Synod of Bishops*)

On October 23 (the next to the last weekend in October each year), every parish in the world at the Table of the Lord is called to celebrate the Gospel challenge to be in solidarity with all the peoples, especially those most in need of the Good News.

Spiritual and material sharing enables all of us, rich or poor, to be evangelized and to serve. This annual weekend is called "World Mission Sunday," and is a time to reflect on and pray about mission – the essential work of the Church. Even the poorest parishes provide financial assistance for mission work beyond their borders. In this archdiocese we combine collection with several other national collections – all benefiting dioceses that cannot yet provide for their own pastoral services.

The World Mission Sunday collection in the Archdiocese of Seattle is actually a combination of a number of (inter) national collections. Our donations support the following Pontifical and U.S. Bishops' Conference entities. Please visit

their sites for pictures, stories, and accounts of our financial offerings at work:

- Society for the Propagation of the Faith
- Church in Latin America
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association
- Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa
- Catholic Home Missions (United States)

Links to the above entities can be found at our website, www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions. And also available there are more World Mission Sunday information and resources for schools and parishes. And look for the special bulletin insert in all parishes this month!

"In the Sunday Eucharist, the believing heart opens wide to embrace all aspects of the church. But ... far from trying to create a narrow 'gift' mentality, St Paul calls rather for a demanding culture of sharing, to be lived not only among the members of the community itself but in society as a whole." Blessed John Paul II (see 1 Corinthians 16:2)



Take Action! Tell Congress to Protect Important Foreign Assistance

According to the New York Times, the current budget crisis in the U.S. is forcing the first major budget cuts in overseas aid. Unfortunately, poverty-focused international assistance doesn't have a large, vocal constituency that will go to bat for it. Instead, it's one of the easiest areas to cut in the federal budget even though it only makes up less than 1% of the budget. The House of Representatives proposed reducing poverty-focused international assistance by over 13% in 2012 in addition to last year's cut of over 8%.

The cuts proposed to poverty-focused international assistance programs are disproportionate. To help your parish or JustFaith group understand the impact of these potential cuts, please visit www.crs.org/globalpoverty to learn more and find resources to share in your community.

Please contact your members of Congress and urge them to preserve poverty-focused international assistance in the FY 2012 budget. The website, www.crs.org/globalpoverty, can help you to act on this issue.



October is Fair Trade Month

Visit www.crsfairtrade.org for resources, including how to do a Work of Human Hands sale (easy!) in your parish, school, or workplace.

It's not too late for a committee or small faith group to put on a sale in November or December, offering alternative giving options for your community. The staff at SERRV, Catholic Relief Services partner, will work with you "first-timers." Or call us in the Missions Office for ideas or referrals to parishes who have fun and success with this faith-in-action program.

A brand new catalog and "how to" kit is available to help you select beautiful, easy to sell crafts. Help parishioners purchase ethical Christmas gifts and support artisans around the world struggling to live in dignity. Work of Human Hands sales are fun community events that build solidarity! Order your free information packet today: http://crs.org/act/us-materials/itemlist.cfm?cat_id=2

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise. Consumers should be continually educated regarding their daily role, which can be exercised with respect for moral principles without diminishing the intrinsic economic rationality of the act of purchasing." (Benedict XVI, in *Caritas in Veritate*, [God is Love])

But this is my belief:

that at the heart of Christianity
is a power that continues to speak to
and transform us.

As I found to my surprise and alarm,
it could speak even to me:
not in the sappy, Jesus-and-cookies tone
of mild-mannered liberal Christianity,
or the blustering, blaming hellfire
of the religious right.

What I heard, and continue to hear,
is a voice that can crack
religious and political convictions open,
that advocates for the least qualified,
least official, least likely;
that upsets the established order
and makes a joke of certainty.
It proclaims against reason
that the hungry will be fed,
that those cast down will be raised up,
and that all things,
including my own failures,
are being made new.
It offers food without exception
to the worthy and unworthy,
the screwed-up and pious,
and then commands everyone to do the same.

— Sara Miles, Take This Bread



Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace...

October 27 marks the 25th anniversary of the first great interreligious meeting in history: the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, Italy. Pope Benedict XVI will attend and participate at events in Rome and Assisi, as will many representatives of religions and non-religious based peace efforts. Among resource websites: <http://spiritodiassisi.wordpress.com/english>.

Also.... From JustFaith Ministries, a new module for small faith groups:

In the Spirit of St. Francis and the Sultan: Muslims & Christians Working Together for the Common Good

This JustMatters module is unique for at least two reasons. One, it is the first module to bring people of different faiths together to work for the common good. Second, and more importantly, it brings Muslims and Christians together to stand as a sign of Muslim-Christian good will and cooperation.

Information on the new module (and other programs): www.justfaith.org. (The Missions Office, as a liaison with JustFaith and local groups, can provide some financial assistance if needed.)

"... strive together as in a race to do works of justice."

— Qur'an Sura al-Ma'idah 5:48

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers? The priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan?" The answer came, "The Samaritan, the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same." — Luke 11:36-37



Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) invites you to participate in the **2012 Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest**. CCHD is the domestic, anti-poverty program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CCHD developed the contest in response to the bishops' statement, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, in which the bishops of the United States encourage "new initiatives to integrate the social teachings of the Church more fully into educational and catechetical programs and institutions."

The Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest is a tool to engage young people in learning about the reality of poverty in the United States and our Catholic response, especially through CCHD's work to empower low-income persons to address the causes of poverty in their communities.

The contest is designed to be used *across disciplines*; student "artwork" can be of any form – for example, video, short story, painting, song, photography, etc. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

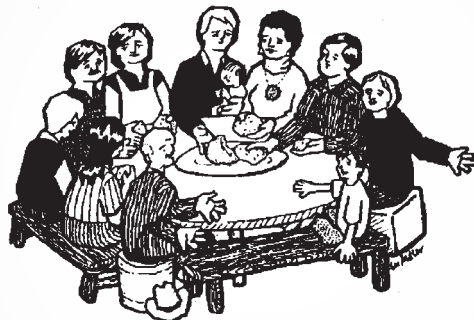
Schools and parishes can participate in the contest in five easy steps. Using the contest materials available at <http://old.usccb.org/cchd/youth.shtml>, educators teach youth about poverty and its causes, our faith response, and the work of CCHD. Students then create art, based on the 2011-12 contest theme, **Put Faith in Action! Uproot Poverty Together**. After creating art, the students become educators of others, sharing what they learned with classmates, families, and the community.

Schools and parishes submit art entries to the diocese (in Archdiocese of Seattle – to the Missions Office, which will facilitate selection of winners for each age category (grades 7-9 and grades 10-12). The archdiocesan winning entries will be sent to the CCHD national office for judging in the national contest. The national CCHD office will then select a national grand prize winner and other winners. The national grand prize winner will be awarded his/her prize on the main stage of the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

Entries are to be sent to Missions Office no later than **March 9**. We look forward to your participation!

Hunger feels like pincers,
like the bite of crabs,
it burns, burns and has no fire.
Hunger is a cold fire.
Let us sit down soon to eat
with all those who haven't eaten;
let us spread great tablecloths,
put salt in the lakes of the world,
set up planetary bakeries,
tables with strawberries in snow,
and a plate like the moon itself
from which we can all eat.
For now I ask no more
than the justice of eating.

From "The Great Tablecloth" (Pablo Neruda)



Tener hambre es como tenazas,
es como muerden los cangrejos,
quema, quema y no tiene fuego:
el hambre es un incendio frío.
Sentémonos pronto a comer
con todos los que no han comido,
pongamos los largos manteles,
la sal en los lagos del mundo,
panaderías planetarias,
mesas con fresas en la nieve,
y un plato como la luna
en donde todos almorcemos.
Por ahora no pido más
que la justicia del almuerzo.

"El gran mantel" (Pablo Neruda)

However we say it or do it – let's be Good News

"... the dismissal at the end of Mass: 'ite, missa est'...recalls the 'missio', the task of those who have taken part in the celebration to bring to everyone the Good News they have received and with it, to bring life to society."

— Pope Benedict XVI

From the commentary on changes in the Roman Missal (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website):

Following our response of "Amen" to the final blessing, Mass is concluded with the dismissal, said or sung by the Priest (or a Deacon, if one is present). With the new Missal, our three current dismissal formulas will be replaced by four options.

The first corresponds to the actual Latin dismissal, which is familiar to many: "Ite, missa est." In fact, this is where the word "Mass" comes from — "missa est" — which at its most fundamental level means "it is sent" or "it is the dismissal." More than a mere declaration that it is time to leave, this has

the function of emphasizing our Christian call to "mission" (a word with the same Latin origins).

Pope Benedict XVI spoke of this in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Apostolic Exhortation he released in 2007 as a follow-up to the 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Holy Eucharist. He said our participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy should translate into a life in imitation of Christ, such that from the Sacred Liturgy should spring forth the "missionary nature of the Church." He wrote that it would be helpful to "provide new texts" for the final blessing "in order to make this connection clear" (no. 51). Therefore, the Holy Father himself selected the three other dismissal formulas that we shall receive, and they were added to the Latin text of the *Missal*.

Our response at the dismissal remains the same: "Thanks be to God." What else can we do except give thanks to God?

PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT	NEW TEXT
Dismissal	<p>Go in the peace of Christ.</p> <p><i>Or: The Mass is ended, go in peace.</i></p> <p><i>Or: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.</i></p>	<p>Go forth, the Mass is ended.</p> <p><i>Or: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.</i></p> <p><i>Or: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.</i></p> <p><i>Or: Go in peace.</i></p>

Facts About Hunger Facts About Hunger Facts About Hunger

Compiled by Seeds of Hope

- Hunger is the world's number-one health risk. It kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. *World Food Program (WFP)*
- One in seven people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight. *WFP*
- There are more hungry people in the world than the combined populations of USA, Canada and the European Union. *WFP*
- 925 million people do not have enough to eat, and 98 percent of them live in developing countries. *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2010*
- Asia and the Pacific region is home to over half the world's population and nearly two-thirds of the world's hungry people. *FAO*
- Women make up a little over half of the world's population, but they account for over 60 percent of the world's hungry. *United Nations Economic and Social Council*
- Sixty-five percent of the world's hungry people live in only seven countries: India, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Ethiopia. *FAO*
- There are 583 million undernourished people in Asia, 236 million in sub-Saharan Africa, 51 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 15 million in the Near East and northern Africa. *WFP*
- The cost of hunger to developing countries is estimated to be 450 billion US dollars a year. *WFP*
- Undernutrition contributes to 5 million deaths of children under the age of 5 each year in developing countries. *UNICEF*
- One out of four children – roughly 146 million – in developing countries is underweight. *UNICEF*
- More than 70 percent of the world's underweight children (aged five or less) live in just 10 countries, with more than 50 percent located in South Asia alone. *UNICEF*

- 10.9 million children under the age of 5 die in developing countries each year. Malnutrition and hunger-related diseases cause 60 percent of the deaths. *UNICEF*
- Iron deficiency is the most prevalent form of malnutrition worldwide, affecting an estimated 2 billion people. Eradicating iron deficiency can improve national productivity levels by as much as 20 percent. *World Health Organization (WHO)*
- Iodine deficiency is the greatest single cause of mental retardation and brain damage, affecting 1.9 billion people worldwide. It can easily be prevented by adding iodine to salt. *UN Standing Committee on Nutrition*
- It takes the World Food Program 25 cents to feed a hungry schoolchild a cup of food with all the nutrition he or she needs for the whole day. *WFP*
- Fifty percent of all cultivated food in the world is grown by peasant farmers. *Bread for the World*

Give us courage

Blessed Lord, you who know each one of our fears, release us from them all by your love and give us the courage to act:

- ~ against rejection,
and for your love.
- ~ against oppression,
and for justice.
- ~ against poverty,
and for life abundant.
- ~ against sickness,
and for wholeness.
- ~ against loneliness,
and for companionship.
- ~ against violence,
and for peace.
- ~ against death,
and for life.



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