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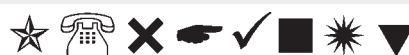
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[for voters and those of non-voting age!]

Decode the message below to learn why it is important for adult Catholics to vote in 2012.



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How might voting in 2012 give adult Catholics a chance to do what the message says? List three examples.

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Catholic social teaching

from *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions* (USCCB)

Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the eucharist.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

"The next millennium requires a new kind of politics, focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls, more on the needs of the poor and vulnerable than the contributions of the rich and powerful, more on the pursuit of the common good than the demands of special interests. . . ." (U.S. bishops, *Faithful Citizenship*)

Prayer

(based on Benedict XVI's *Caritas in Veritate*, from Catholics Confront Global Poverty, www.crs.org/globalpoverty)

Father, your truth is made known in your Word. Guide us to seek the truth of the human person.

Teach us the way to love because you are love.

Jesus, you embody Love and Truth. Help us to recognize your face in the poor.

Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people.

Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world. Empower us to seek the common good for all persons.

Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Reader:

View the *Good News* newsletter on our web site! For the most current edition and issues dating back one year, please visit: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions.

Prefer to go green? Let us know! Email missionsoffice@seattlearch.org and we'll remove you from our mailing list and instead email you each month with a link to the electronic version of the newsletter. It's that easy!



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.



Youth on Mission Contest

Congratulations to Holy Rosary School, Edmonds (pre-K-4, Division I), and to St. Paul School, Seattle (5-8, Division II) for the winning entries of the 2012 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 one of the winning entries at <http://www.maryknoll.us/mepd/resources.htm>.

Details for the 2013 Mission Possible Contest: *Side by Side, Arm in Arm* are available at <http://resources.maryknoll.us>. Deadline for entries (grades K-12, parishes and schools) will be May 20, 2013.



Youth Convention Speaker

Catholic Relief Services instructor and former Campus Ambassador, Josue Guadarrama, will be a keynoter at this year's convention, Nov. 3/4. If you and others from your community will be attending, check also for his workshop, and visit the Missions Office display table (mmmm, fair trade chocolate...)



Women's Justice Circles: Interactive Workshop Series for the Development of Women Leaders

The series is composed of five workshops in Spanish, three being held this fall in Seattle and two that will be held this winter in Sunnyside, responding to the need of Spanish-language training of those who attended Latinas Connected for Change! (Note: the Circles currently receive funding from Catholic Campaign for Human Development.)

For more information visit www.ipjc.org.



Just Video Contest 2013

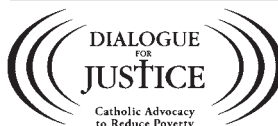
for High School Juniors and Seniors, sponsored by the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. Create a 3 - 5 minute video that informs and inspires the audience to act for justice (and win prizes while doing it!). Deadline: Entries must be postmarked or uploaded by April 15, 2013.

Visit www.ipjc.org for contest details and entry form.



World Mission Sunday October 21

See elsewhere in this issue for information.



Dialogue for Justice Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Help build a regional advocacy network in western Washington and prepare for the 2013 Washington state legislative session:

1. **Nov. 8, Thur.**, 6:30–9:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish, Bellingham
2. **Nov. 10, Sat.**, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
St. James Cathedral, Seattle
3. **Dec. 1, Sat.**, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
St. Michael Parish, Olympia

For information, email dialogueforjustice@ccsww.org or call Josephine Tamayo Murray (CCS) at (206) 328-5701. Learn more about Dialogue for Justice at www.ccsww.org/dialogueforjustice.

Catholic Advocacy Day - Save the Date: March 22, 2013. At the Capitol, Olympia.



The Church in the Middle East: From Compassion to Solidarity

Presenter: Catholic Relief Services' former regional director in the Middle East, Mark Schnellbaeher.
Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00pm
St. James Cathedral Hall, Seattle.

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October is Fair Trade Month. Last year about 20 of our parishes held a Catholic Relief Services' Work of Human Hands consignment sale, providing an easy, fun and faith-in-action experience for gift-givers. We hope that we can count on you to host a Work of Human Hands Sale in your parish or school in November or December to help raise awareness and celebrate economic justice in your community! For LOTS of information, resources and tips on how to hold a sale, visit www.crsfairtrade.org or if you have questions or doubts about holding a consignment sale, call 800-685-7572 and the customer service staff at CRS' partner, SERRV, will help you out. Staff, faculty and volunteer leaders will be interested also in shopping online for items for baptism, first Eucharist and confirmation (check out the Gifts of Faith Collection). And of course you can always contact us in the Missions Office (where we will be holding our own sale for Chancery staff!).

Fair Trade and Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person

"Every economic decision and institution must be judged in light of whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person."

– U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Human dignity comes directly from God. Fair trade recognizes this by creating economically just, long-term trading partnerships between diverse people from all over the world.

Dignity of Work

"The economy should serve people not the other way around."

– U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

All the principles of fair trade embody this principle of Catholic social teaching. Fair trade promotes the dignity of workers by ensuring fair wages and by helping vulnerable producers maintain their livelihoods when traditional economic structures shut them out.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Fair trade recognizes the dignity of the work performed by traditional artisans and farmers, and ensures that they are fairly compensated. When you choose fair trade products, you are exercising a preferential option for the poor.

Rights and Responsibilities

"If you want peace, work for justice." – Pope Paul VI

Every person has basic rights that flow from our human dignity, and we all have the responsibility to respect the rights of others and to work for economic justice. Fair trade

is a tangible way to respect the right to work of the poor and vulnerable.

Community and Participation

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act." – Pope Benedict XVI

People have a right and a duty to participate in society and to seek the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. When you buy fair trade products, you are participating in the economy in a morally just way.

Stewardship of God's Creation

"The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity." – Pope Benedict XVI

Treating the environment with respect and ensuring that resources will be available for future generations is a core principle of fair trade. Fair trade means that we are good stewards of the planet by protecting both God's people and the planet through our economic choice.

Solidarity

"We are one human family... we are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. [This is] at the core of the virtue of solidarity."

– U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

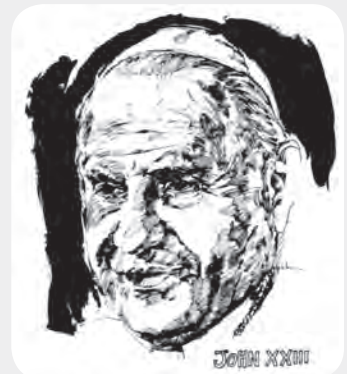
Fair trade means we recognize and respect the hard work that farmers and artisans do. By purchasing their coffee, chocolate and crafts, we stand in solidarity with them by supporting their economic livelihoods.

Quotes from a Pope (Blessed John XXIII)

"The [Second Vatican] council now beginning rises in the Church like the daybreak, a forerunner of most splendid light."

"One may not take as the ultimate criteria in economic life the interests of individuals or organized groups, nor unregulated competition, nor excessive power on the part of the wealthy, nor the vain honor of the nation or its desire for domination, nor anything of this sort."

"See everything; overlook a great deal; correct a little."



Prayers on World Food Day, October 16

(and for other times of the year)

From *Augustinian Secretariate for Justice and Peace* and a prayer service at www.midwestaugustinians.org/justpaxworldfoodprayer.html. Other resources for World Food Day will be available on our website: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions.



An Opening Prayer

Let us take a few quiet moments to give thanks and to pray for our neighbors who will not eat enough this day, that they may be filled, and for our nation and those who shape its policies, that the elimination of hunger may truly become a national priority. And let us pray for ourselves, that we may be filled with such love for those who hunger that we commit ourselves to unaccustomed actions that will send a strong, determined signal to world leaders to work for an end to hunger in our bountiful earth.

All: **Amen**

A Closing Prayer

Most gracious God, who gives the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all your creatures, we give thanks to you for abundant harvests and plentiful food. We pray for those in our land who are denied these gifts, and we seek your forgiveness for our complicity in their want. We pray for those whose voices are not heard and for those who do not hear. Forgive us when our choices are selfish ones, and forgive us especially when we do not choose to raise our own voice against the pain of those among us who suffer needless want.

Most of all, God, we give you thanks for the revelation of your love in Jesus Christ, who came that everyone might have abundant life. We pray in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen**

In *Economic Justice for All*, the bishops stated that "the problem of hunger has a special significance for those who read the Scriptures and profess the Christian faith. From the Lord's command to feed the hungry, to the Eucharist we celebrate as the Bread of Life, the fabric of our faith demands that we be creatively engaged in sharing the food that sustains life. There is no more basic human need."

Mission Forum

Topic: Human Trafficking and the Interfaith Response

Speakers: Sister Joyce Cox, BVM and Emily LaHood

Location: Maryknoll Mission House

958 16th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

Ph: (206) 322-8831; **Email:** seattle@maryknoll.org

Friday, October 19

7:00 – 9:00pm

Sponsored by Missions Office and Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

About the Speakers

Sister Joyce Cox is a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the Director for Ecumenism/ Interreligious Dialogue and Director for Religious in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Sister Joyce has been active in a variety of ecumenical and interfaith relationships and activities for over twenty-four years. She is the co-founder of "Children of Abraham," Christian, Jewish and Muslim Dialogue that began



one month before 9/11 and with Sanaa Joy Carey, Muslim co-founder, was active in creating knowledge and understanding of Interfaith over a period of four years. Sister Joyce continues to participate in several other dialogues.

She is a frequent presenter and facilitator on ecumenical and interfaith topics at local, regional and national levels. Her current focus is centered on the possibility of forming a Coalition of ecumenical and interfaith organizations working for the abolition of Human Trafficking. She also joins with others supporting the Invictus Foundation, an organization working with veterans who have PTSD where unmet needs and services are becoming more and more dramatic.

Emily LaHood is a staff member at the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, where she focuses on human trafficking through educational outreach and advocacy work.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the celebration of World Mission Day has a very special meaning. The 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and of the opening of the Year of Faith and of the Synod of Bishops on the theme of the New Evangelization contribute to reaffirming the Church's desire to engage with greater courage and zeal in the *missio ad gentes* so that the Gospel may reach the very ends of the earth."

— Pope Benedict XVI, message for World Mission Sunday, October 21, 2012



our suffering and our struggle for what is right and just in the world. The God whom we find in Jesus is a God who is the "servant of all."

On this World Mission Sunday, we are reminded that our mission is the mission of Jesus. It is a mission of service to the world and not one of domination over the world or the world's people. Pope Benedict in [a previous] message for World Mission Sunday writes: "...the Church works not to extend her power or assert her dominion, but to lead all people to Christ, the salvation of the

world. ... The Church's mission is to spread hope "contagiously" among all peoples." It is a mission that is as big as the whole world. We are invited to see things from and learn from a perspective much bigger than our own self or family or nation or political or ethnic group.

Questions for reflection on the Gospel reading on World Mission Sunday:

Where do you see people competing to dominate and control others?

Or where do you see people in our world trying to be "servants" to all?

What person or persons in your life has been a powerful "Good News to all" example of someone who gives herself /himself in service to others?



Reflection on the Gospel reading for October 20/21.

Mark 10:35-45, by Fr. John Bucki, SJ;
www.educationforjustice.org.

The scriptures today offer a radical critique of the values that seem to dominate our world. Our culture seems to idealize those who are "the greatest" – those who have power over others, or political control, or the most wealth and influence, or the highest rating in the polls, or the most exposure in the media. Jesus instead invites the disciples into lives of service not power – into lives of sacrifice not domination -- into community and the common good and not just one's own personal well-being. Catholic Social Teaching invites us into a commitment to social change, a special option for the poor, a desire for community and solidarity between all people, and a preference for nonviolence rather than violence.

The scriptures today also remind us that God wants to be connected with our humanness and weakness. God shares

For the Holy Father's thoughts for World Mission Sunday, and for other resources, visit www.seattlarchdiocese.org/missions.



Walking with the Two Feet of Love in Action

Catholic disciples on mission are called to put Two Feet of Love in Action! This foundational tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways we can respond to the Gospel call to put love in action: **social justice** (addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people) and **charitable works** (short-term, emergency assistance for individuals). Around for many years, the model has been revised in the light of Pope Benedict XVI's teachings on justice as *foundational* to social action; the common good; the integral importance of community and relationship; and the virtue of charity which enlivens and motivates our work. Pope Benedict XVI's call for a New Evangelization sets a helpful framework for introducing the model to new audiences.

A brochure, facilitator's guide, and handouts are available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to help you educate others about the Two Feet of Love in Action. Adult and teens' version of resources; the resource for teens includes tips to adapt activities for participants with disabilities (provided by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability).

<http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development>



Most resources available in Spanish.

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New look; new resources!

CRS is updating Rice Bowl for 2013 to make it an even more useful Lenten resource for parishes, schools, families and individuals. The new CRS Rice Bowl can deepen parishioners' Lenten experience by helping them understand and participate in the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. New and engaging activities (English and Spanish) for families, individuals and classes can help bring Lenten spirituality to life while providing participants an opportunity to make an important difference in the lives of people in need both in the U.S. and around the world.



Pope Benedict XVI has declared the Year of Faith as an intentional time for Catholics to deepen our faith in Christ. In light of this time of spiritual renewal, we invite all Catholics to animate their Lenten season through CRS Rice Bowl. This faith formation program highlights the beauty of our Lenten trio: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The new Rice Bowl website will be live on October 16 (World Food Day). Check it out at www.crsricebowl.org.