

Good News *from the* MISSIONS OFFICE

Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle

710 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

December 2014

Dios te salve María, Señora de la paz

*Dios te salve María, Señora de la paz,
oramos por la paz en nuestro mundo;
haznos pacificadores.*

*Dios te salve María, Amiga de la gente
común, únenos a través de las líneas
económicas; juntos elevemos la causa
de los oprimidos.*

*Dios te salve María, Madre de México,
ayúdanos tanto a apreciar la cultura
de América Latina, como a trabajar
para poner fin a su pobreza.*

*Dios te salve María, Madre del Niño
Jesús, oramos por todos los niños que
son víctimas de la guerra y del hambre;
luchemos por ellos.*

*Dios te salve María,
Esposa del carpintero, José,
oramos por los derechos de todas las
personas que trabajan duro en todo
el mundo, permite que su dignidad
sea reconocida.*

*Dios te salve María, Mujer de todas
las generaciones, muévenos a hablar
por las personas mayores que carecen
de atención médica adecuada y refugio.*

*Dios te salve María, Madre sin hogar,
oramos por aquellos que no tienen un hogar;
permítenos abogar por la vivienda asequible.*

*Dios te salve María, Señora de todos los colores,
muéstranos cómo amar a todas las personas,
desafiando el racismo y la discriminación.*

*Dios te salve María, Madre de nuestro mundo,
haznos ciudadanos del mundo, trabajando por
la justicia y el bienestar en todo el mundo.*

Hail Mary, Lady of Peace

*Hail Mary, Lady of Peace,
We pray for the peace in our world;
make us peacemakers.*

*Hail Mary, Friend of common people,
Unite us across economic lines;
together let us raise up the cause
of the oppressed.*

*Hail Mary, Mother of Mexico,
Help us both appreciate Latin
America's culture and work to
end its poverty.*

*Hail Mary, Mother of the infant Jesus,
We pray for all children who are
victims of war and hunger;
let us stand for them.*

*Hail Mary, Wife of the carpenter, Joseph,
We pray for the rights of hardworking
laborers in all the world; let their
dignity be recognized.*

*Hail Mary, Woman of all generations,
Move us to speak for the elderly who
lack adequate health care and shelter.*

*Hail Mary, Homeless Mother,
We pray for those without homes;
let us advocate for affordable housing.*

*Hail Mary, Lady of all colors, Show us how to love all
people by challenging racism and discrimination.*

*Hail Mary, Mother of Our World,
Make us global citizens, working for justice and
wellbeing in all the world.*





Advent Day of Reflection Thursday, December 11, 10:00am – 3:00pm

“Christ, Illuminate Our Path”: An Advent retreat offered by your Missions Office and Catholic Relief Services at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades. For parish staff and volunteer leadership, open to all, lunch included: FREE. Facilitators: Jesús Huerta of CRS and Kelly Hickman of your Missions Office. A day of formation and reflection for all who are interested in and committed to enhancing global solidarity in our faith communities. This will be a faith sharing retreat with large group presentations, small group discussions, communal prayer, and time for individual prayer and contemplation.

The day will begin at 10:00am, with Mass at 9:00am for those who can arrive early. For more information or to register, visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/palisades or contact us in the Missions office (below).



Christmas Artwork Contest

Open to students in grades K-8 in Catholic schools or parishes. Winners' artwork will appear as e-greetings at www.MCAKids.org and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent 2015 and through the Christmas Season. Go to www.OneFamilyInMission.org for info and the entry form. Deadline is January 31, 2015.



Social Ministry Gathering in D.C.

Washington, DC. February 7 – 10, 2015
Sponsored by Justice, Peace and Human
Development department of the U.S. bishops'

conference, and by many other organizations. The theme is inspired by the words and vision of Pope Francis: To Go Forth: Encountering Christ in the Heart of the World. Visit www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org for more information.



JustFaith
MINISTRIES

JustFaith event February 14, 2015

Well, actually a day-long parish mission open to all people in western Washington, led by Jack Jezreel of JustFaith Ministries. Hosted by St. Louise parish, Bellevue, and co-sponsored with the Missions Office. Save the date (last Saturday before Lent!) and watch for more information in future newsletters.



Catholic Advocacy Day: Thursday, March 26, 2015 “Proclaim Life and Justice for All”

Olympia (begin in the morning at St. Michael church, then to the capitol). All parishioners and parish staff at Catholic organizations are invited to attend this annual event to ensure that the Gospel message to care for our brothers and sisters is heard loud and clear in Olympia.

Details on agenda, registration and transportation available after January 1st at www.ipjc.org.

“As Catholics we are called to leadership in building community, advocating for justice and being part of the ongoing legislative process.” — Archbishop J. Peter Sartain



Mission Education Training Program: Going Forth in Joy to Share the Good News March 7-8, 2015

The Maryknoll Mission Education Training Program in partnership with the Missions Office provides teachers and ministers practical tools and strategies to:

- Identify as missionaries and mission educators
- Discover and relate the Mission Story in Scripture
- Form students/school communities as evangelizing communities rooted in Gospel values
- Engage students in relationship and service to the world around them, locally and globally, in accordance with Church teaching and best practice

Location: Chancery conference room, Seattle. Limited accommodations available for commuters at the Maryknoll House in Seattle.

Learn more and register or contact Kevin Foy at 206-322-8831; seattle@maryknoll.org.



December 1 World AIDS Day

Resources: check our web site (below) and worldaidsday.crs.org as the date approaches.



World Day of Peace message ...to be

issued by Pope Francis on January 1. Check out now a two-page handout for a summary, prayer, and action ideas at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm

GOOD NEWS is published monthly, September through Summer, by the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Distributed to Catholic leadership in the Archdiocese of Seattle and those concerned with the needs of the poor, locally and internationally.

Much of this newsletter, and other resources, can be found at:
www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions

STAFF:

J.L. Drouhard Director
Kelly Hickman Assistant Director
Veronica Fehrenbach Administrative Assistant

(206) 382-4580 or (800) 869-7028

E-mail: missionsoffice@seattlearch.org



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

CCHD Strategic National Grantees

The Strategic National Grant Program is a core fund of Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). It is discretionary, and responds to timely opportunities relevant to the priorities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote human life and dignity, advance justice and address the root causes of poverty. Strategic National Grants serve as a catalyst for organizations working to promote justice and economic development on a significantly larger scale than the community-based organizations that typically receive support from CCHD.

[For a list of those grants in western Washington, please visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions.] Awardees demonstrate a commitment to pursuing significant goals related to the root causes of poverty or promoting economic development on a statewide, regional or national basis. A grant can continue for up to five years.

2014-2015 Grants in Archdiocese of Seattle

Catholic Charities agencies in Washington State: \$492,580

The grant was awarded to the three Catholic Charities agencies in Washington State - Catholic Charities Spokane, Catholic Charities of Yakima, and Catholic Community Services of Western Washington.

The funded project, “**The Life to Justice Initiative**,” represents the concerted vision of the Washington State Catholic Conference - the bishops of the state with their Directors of Catholic Charities - to unify the Catholic principles of Life and Justice in a concrete way which reaches every parish in the state. The Charities agencies are using the grant to accelerate development of **Prepares**, an initiative to create the capacity within every parish to provide pregnancy and parenting support resources for pregnant mothers, fathers, and children up to age five.

Additionally, the grant will connect **Prepares** to two specific initiatives to assist Farmworker and African American communities to lay claim to their fair share of justice and economic development.

The African American Initiative will form a network of African American leaders to organize Black families as effective change advocates, enabling them to access tools and resources that can lift them out of poverty and create their own future, including better access to education, home ownership, and community involvement. **The Catholic Farmworker Initiative** will train leaders in Skagit Valley to engage effectively with

government decision makers and service providers in the areas of health, education and housing, and promote statewide awareness of the economic and opportunity barriers experienced by all farmworkers. Both of these communities will benefit from the **Prepares** program’s mission to provide low-income Washington families with resources, services and referrals resulting in healthy birth outcomes and committed, knowledgeable parents.

Catholic Education Latino Empowerment Initiative (various size grants)

The Archdiocese of Seattle and the Dioceses of Camden, Oakland and Richmond have been awarded support to develop innovative ways to expand opportunities for Hispanic and Latino students to attend Catholic schools. Hispanic and Latino students from low-income communities are generally under-represented in Catholic schools. This initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with the Alliance for Catholic Education. If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the position of Manager of Hispanic Enrollment at the Archdiocese of Seattle, please visit the online application at www.seattlearchdiocese.org (“Chancery Jobs”).

Funding for grants comes from a CCHD collection held in dioceses throughout the country. In this archdiocese our CCHD collection takes place in all parishes in mid-September. More information on CCHD: www.usccb.org/cchd.



Good News Tweets!

From the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS). And you can follow us on Twitter, too! @MissionsOffice



CCHD @EndPovertyUSA

CCHD is justice for immigrants! In 2014, CCHD invested over \$4 million in immigrant communities bit.ly/1tgC6gS #powerofCCHD



Catholic Relief @CatholicRelief

We will continue to stand with the people of the #Philippines in the long road to recovery ahead. #TyphoonHaiyan



Pontifical Missions @1missionfamily

"The work of proclaiming the Gospel is never done." Archbishop Sartain #USCCB14

Very Blessed!

December 22, 2014, Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

1 SM 1:24-28; 1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD; LK 1:46-56

What does it mean to be blessed by God? As Luke writes it, Mary sings out, “Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed!” Mary’s exclamation to Elizabeth might today be said more like, “Oh my God! Now I’m blessed!” Surprise, delight, JOY, all bursting forth uncontrollably in public song to pregnant Elizabeth. Mary, the unwed, pregnant teenage girl from the outskirts of the Roman Empire and yet chosen to bear God’s son, can’t help but respond to God’s action in her life by singing, “Oh my God! Now I’m blessed!”

In choosing Mary, God is telling “all generations” that being poor, unwed, young, female, pregnant, and on the margins puts you in God’s favor—you *are blessed*.

It is a reversal of fortune found elsewhere in Luke (Lk 6:20-21, for example), supporting the gospel’s major theme of God’s favor to the poor. We learn over and over again through the Gospels, the lives of the saints, Church tradition and history, and in our encounters with those we marginalize in our society, that the ways of this world rarely align with the ways of God’s kingdom. To be blessed is to be empowered by God’s love, to embody the vision of God’s kingdom—however reversed from our norms that might be.

This past summer I was fortunate to be included on a delegation to Ghana with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). On the trip we witnessed several CRS development projects, including the SHARPER project in the Catholic Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga, which is *Strengthening HIV/AIDS Response Partnerships with Evidence-based Results*. It was there that I met Joanna, a woman living with HIV/AIDS who, like Mary, felt so blessed that she was bursting with eagerness to tell us her story.

Joanna stood before our group and boldly proclaimed how

**God has cast
down the mighty
from their thrones
and has lifted up
the lowly.
He has filled
the hungry
with good things,
and the rich
He has sent away
empty.**



the SHARPER project had transformed her life from being stigmatized and suffering poor health, to receiving treatment, proper nutrition and care, and invaluable support from the community. Joanna boasted that she plans to soon return to her job as a school teacher, which she was forced to leave due to her illness. Like Mary, unwed, female and on the margins of her society, Joanna dared to see herself as blessed, worthy and loved.

I ran into Joanna at the Cathedral Mass the following day and she came up to me to grab my hand and give me a huge hug. Her embrace was powerful, firm, confident and joyful. It was the embrace of a woman who sees God’s working in the world and knows that we are all so very blessed.

*Written by Kelly Hickman, Missions Office Assistant Director.
Photo: Joanna and Kelly at the SHARPER project in Navrongo-Bolgatanga, Ghana. Photo by Chris West/CRS.*



Read the Good News (and other items!) on our website.

Holy Land “sacramentals”

From October 1st to 10th this year, I joined 27 other pilgrims, from St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver, for a journey to the Holy Land. One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) project in the southern part of Bethlehem called Ubeidyeh. The project is called the “Women’s Solidarity Project.” The bus ride on Wednesday afternoon, October 8th, was through very narrow streets. The looks from pedestrians made clear that they did not often see large tour buses full of pilgrims. As had been our experience in Bethlehem and other towns in the West Bank, we saw simple dwellings that made clear these folks lived very simply.

When we arrived at the CRS center we were greeted by Hanan Nasrallah, CRS Senior Project Officer in Jerusalem/Gaza/West Bank. We gathered in a small room with Hanan and several Palestinian women (see photo) who were part of the project. Hanan explained that this project involved women doing traditional Palestinian embroidery and selling these items at a very reasonable price.

The women involved in this project had particularly challenging situations in their homes. The challenges involved children who were disabled in some way. Given the difficulty of day to day



life on the West Bank for a well-bodied person, with no social safety net, these families are particularly vulnerable. The families of these women benefited from their work by the income the project generated.

We heard from the women themselves, with Hanan translating, and they told of how this project empowered them to use their own special talents to help provide for their families. Following the presentation we were able to

purchase items. The work was stunningly beautiful. I purchased a wallet, a small case for my rosary, and a hand-made stole.

These “everyday” items serve as little “sacramentals,” continuing to remind me of the good work CRS does throughout the world, and in particular, for these twenty families in southern Bethlehem.

Fr. Gary Lazzeroni

[Note: Our thanks to Fr. Gary! If any other parish group from the Archdiocese of Seattle plans a future visit to the Holy Land and would like to visit with CRS and one of its partners, please contact us in the Missions Office. Our thanks also to all who support this Project, and all women artisans through CRS Fair Trade, especially the Work of Human Hands sales this season!]



For the U.S. Women of Faith Murdered in El Salvador

(December 2 marks the anniversary of the deaths of the four U.S. churchwomen in El Salvador.)

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice;
Blessed are Sr. Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan,
Sr. Ita Ford and Sr. Dorothy Kazel,
Whose hunger and thirst for justice,
And compassion for those who suffer,
Brought them to El Salvador
During a dark time of repression and violence.

Blessed are those who mourn:
Blessed are these women of great faith
Who mourned with their flock,
Who were moved by the suffering
Of the people El Salvador,
So many missing, so many tortured,
So many murdered.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice’s sake:
Blessed are these women of great faith
Who were kidnapped, raped and brutally killed
In December of 1980, martyrs for justice and peace,
And models of discipleship who followed
A Christ who mourned and suffered.

May the memory of these women
Be a blessing to us, and a call for us
To confirm our vocation of discipleship,
To hunger and thirst for justice,
To mourn for those who are oppressed,
To witness to the ways of peace,
And to find God “in the least of these.”

May the souls of Sr. Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan,
Sr. Ita Ford and Sr. Dorothy Kazel

Rest in peace,
And may their memory be a
Light for us.

In Christ’s name we pray, Amen

Source: www.educationforjustice.org, by Jane Deren. For a recent video update, visit www.nytimes.com and search for “Killed in El Salvador: An American Story.”

MISSIONS OFFICE

Archdiocese of Seattle
710 9th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Seattle, WA
Permit No. 9840

Good News *from the* Missions Office

December 2014 – Page Six

The Missions Office is Pontifical. (What?!)

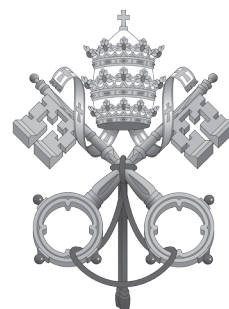
Given the title “Pontifical” in 1922, the Pontifical Mission Societies have a special responsibility in the Universal Church. They are under the direct canonical jurisdiction of the Pope, who, together with the entire body of Bishops, reminds the faithful of their Baptismal call to mission, as they gather basic support for more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and Latin America. The Pontifical Mission Societies include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Missionary Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. In the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Societies are represented by your Missions Office.

To support the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies:

- Pray daily for the Church’s missionary work – Our Father * Hail Mary * Glory Be * St. Francis Xavier, pray for us. * St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us. (Thérèse and Francis Xavier are patrons of the missions.)
- Offer your personal sacrifice – your sickness or other situation of need – in union with the sufferings of the crucified Christ for the redemption of the world.
- Give generously on World Mission Sunday – annually, the next-to-last Sunday of October.
- Encourage mission vocations through the Society of St. Peter

Apostle through a donation of \$700 to support the education of a mission priest for one year or \$300 to support one year’s education for a male or female Religious novice.

- Remember the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Missionary Childhood Association or Society of St. Peter Apostle when writing or changing your Will.
- Offer regular help through MISSION magazine (free!) or through mail appeals.
- Encourage your school or parish to participate in the Missionary Childhood Association and use MCA’s mission education materials (e.g. the World Mission Rosary).
- Be a part of the Propagation of the Faith’s Charitable Gift Annuity Program. Through this program, you will be helping the Church’s worldwide missionary efforts well into the future.



To learn more about the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, visit www.onefamilyinmission.org or contact us in the Missions Office.