

Dear Life, Justice & Peace Ministers,

Mass for Life - As Pope Francis proclaimed last Saturday, "Human life is always sacred, valuable and inviolable. And as such, it must be loved, defended and cared for." On **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**, we will gather to celebrate the annual Mass for Life and honor the sacredness of all human life, especially in its most vulnerable forms. The Archdiocese has prepared a [new flyer](#) for you to use in promoting the Mass for Life and encouraging others to participate.

March for Life - Following the Mass for Life, everyone is encouraged to participate in the 37th Annual March for Life at the State Capitol in Olympia. The March marks the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. Make the most of the day by also scheduling meetings with your legislators before leaving Olympia. To find all of the necessary information and a letter from March organizers, click [here](#).

Bishop Elizondo on Immigration Announcement - Bishop Eusebio Elizondo who chairs the USCCB Committee on Migration welcomed the news that the Obama administration will defer deportations for many undocumented immigrants and their families.

"We have a long history of welcoming and aiding the poor, the outcast, the immigrant, and the disadvantaged. Each day, the Catholic Church in the United States, in her social service agencies, hospitals, schools, and parishes, witnesses the human consequences of the separation of families, when parents are deported from their children or spouses from each other. We've been on record asking the Administration to do everything within its legitimate authority to bring relief and justice to our immigrant brothers and sisters. As pastors, we welcome any efforts within these limits that protect individuals and protect and reunite families and vulnerable children," said Bishop Elizondo.

Bishop Elizondo added, "I strongly urge Congress and the President to work together to enact permanent reforms to the nation's immigration system for the best interests of the nation and the migrants who seek refuge here. We will continue to work with both parties to enact legislation that welcomes and protects immigrants and promotes a just and fair immigration policy."

Multi-Faith Coalition to Address Human Trafficking through the Lens of Compassion - Learn from dynamic speaker Amanda Hightower, Executive Director of Real Escape from the Sex Trade (REST), about her experience as an advocate for trafficking victims and survivors and how you and your faith community can help. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, brainstorm how faith communities can work against trafficking, and receive

practical resources. **Thursday, January 8th, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**, Isaac Orr Conference Room, 910 Marion Street, Seattle, WA 98104. To download the flyer for complete details, click [here](#).

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Multimedia Youth Contest

is a tool to engage young people in grades 7-12 in learning about poverty in the U.S., its root causes, and faith-inspired efforts to address poverty, especially through CCHD.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/multimedia-youth-contest/index.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/multimedia-youth-contest/concurso-juvenil-de-artes-multimedia.cfm>

The local deadline for entries is March 17, 2015 (to be sent to the Missions Office for local judging before going to the national office). For questions or advice please contact the national office (above links) or the Missions Office (below).

For a list of funded organizations in the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit

<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Missions/grants/cchd.aspx>

Wishing all of you a Blessed Thanksgiving,
Jim