

# Catholic Social Ministry Gathering



***Faithful Citizenship: Promoting Life  
and Dignity, Justice and Peace***

## PROGRAM BOOK

February 24—27, 2008

Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill  
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-737-1234

## **PRAYER CHAPEL**

A chapel is available for quiet prayer

**Monday and Tuesday  
(8:00 am – 10:00 pm)**

Just as we are journeying through the desert this Lent,  
you will need to journey through the hotel to find the chapel.

It is located in the **Grand Teton Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.**

To access the room, take the elevators beyond Congressional A & B  
(where the morning liturgies are held) up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Turn, and go all the way down the hallway.  
The Grand Teton is the last room on the left.  
Special blessings for those who find their way.

**Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Chapel  
Monday evening from 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

All are welcome!

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## General Meeting Information

### REGISTRATION HOURS

The Conference Registration desk will be open during the following times:

Friday, February 22, 7:30am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday, February 23, 7:30am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday, February 24, 7:00am - 6:00 pm  
Monday, February 25, 7:00am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 26, 7:00am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday February 27, 7:00am – 11:00 am

### WRAP-AROUND MEETINGS

Times and meeting rooms are listed in this booklet. Each of the partner organization will provide separate agendas for their meetings.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Check-in time at the hotel is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is Noon. On Wednesday, luggage can be stored at the front of the lobby until departure time.

#### Early Departure Fee

The Front Desk must receive 24-hour advanced notice prior to leaving or a \$100.00 fee will result.

#### Incidental Fees

You are responsible for your own incidental costs generated during your hotel stay.

### DAILY BULLETIN

Beginning Sunday afternoon and continuing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings we will distribute the **Social Ministry Gathering Bulletin** which will include important announcements, schedule changes, etc. The **Bulletin** can be found on the chairs and/or table in our main Gathering area. If you have an announcement/information that needs to be shared with the whole group, please let Cynthia Morris-Colbert or Yolanda Taylor-Burwell know no later than 5:00pm.

### CAPITOL HILL VISIT

Please check in with your state captains for the time of your Senate visits. If you have not yet made appointments with your Representative's office, it still may be possible to schedule a meeting. The Capitol Switchboard number is 202-224-3121.

### HEARING ENHANCEMENT

A hearing enhancement system, like those used in theaters and churches, is available at the Gathering. Receivers can be signed out at the registration table and returned at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you to National Catholic Partnership on Disability for the loan of this equipment.

### SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Tracy McDonnell, Music Director for St. Camillus Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, and the St. Camillus Choir have helped to design and celebrate our liturgies with music and prayer for the entire Gathering.

Several of the National partners have made significant financial investments to keep the registration fee low. Special thanks to:

- The Catholic Health Association of the United States
- Catholic Relief Services
- Catholic Charities, USA
- USCCB Departments:
  - Catholic Campaign for Human Development
  - Justice Peace and Human Development
  - Migration and Refugee Services
  - Pro-Life Activities
- The Society of St. Vincent De Paul
- Ladies of Charity of the United States

Other acknowledgments can be found in the back of the program book.

## Mark your Calendars!

2009 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

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## 2008 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

**W**elcome!

The 19 national Catholic partner organizations welcome you to the 2008 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering!



Our theme, “*Faithful Citizenship: Promoting Life and Dignity, Justice and Peace,*” places our Gathering at the intersection between faith and public life, “religion and politics” in this election year. In our work and in our time together, we bring together the Church’s moral principles, our everyday experience, our institutional capacity, and our leaders and people in a common call to defend and enhance human life and dignity.

At this Gathering and in this election year, we seek to build the “renewed kind of politics” called for in *Faithful Citizenship*:

*“focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls;  
focused more on the needs of the weak than on benefits for the strong; and  
focused more on the pursuit of the common good than on the demands of narrow interests.”*  
--*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 61*

This Gathering will help us to move beyond the partisan posturing and political combat of these days to stand with and advocate for the weak and vulnerable, those with little or no voice in our nation’s Capital. It will also help us to share strategies for bringing the message of *Faithful Citizenship* to our arch/dioceses and parishes.

We will share strategies and ideas, learn and address key issues, and make connections to strengthen our social mission and message in this election year. Over the next four days, we will practice *Faithful Citizenship* at a time of important debate and decision in our Capital and across our country.

We hope that you will find this time together prayerful, educational and energizing. Please use this Gathering to learn more about important issues, build bridges, strengthen skills, and express our solidarity in the pursuit of justice and peace in a world that needs more of both. We will do everything we can to make this Gathering work for you. Thank you for joining us. You are *Faithful Citizenship* in action!

*The CSMG Planning Committee*



On the Faithful Citizenship website for youth and young adults, the “theme song” is *Go Make A Difference*. We will be singing this song throughout our Gathering.

***Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.***

# Core Meeting Agenda

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

**3:00 pm**     **NEW PARTICIPANTS ORIENTATION/  
HILL VISITS 101: SKILLS AND STRATEGIES FOR  
MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS**     ***Congressional A***

If you're new to the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering or if you've never visited a Congressional office before, or if you want a refresher course, this session is for you! Designed especially for first-timers, this workshop will cover what to expect at the gathering and how to make your points effectively--both on Tuesday afternoon and in future visits to your Senators' and Representatives' local offices.

**3:00 pm**     **STATE CAPTAINS MEETING**     ***Congressional B***

The leaders of each state delegation will meet to begin preparing for Hill Visits.

**4:30 pm**     **OPENING MASS**     ***Ticon/York/VForge***

*Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Robert Lynch, Bishop of St. Petersburg and Outgoing Chair, Catholic Relief Services Board*

**6:00 pm**     **DINNER**     ***Regency A***

Hosted by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**7:00 pm**     **WELCOME / PRESENTATION OF THE CCHD  
SR. MARGARET CAFFERTY AWARD**     ***Regency A***

*Presentation of the 2008 CCHD Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of People Award to The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, represented by Mr. Gerardo Reyes-Chavez and Ms. Brigitte Gynther*

**7:30 pm**     **OPENING PLENARY SESSION:**     ***Ticon/York/VForge***

***The Challenge to Love, The Call to Hope:  
Global Perspectives on Catholic Social Mission***

*His Eminence Oscar Cardinal Rodriguez, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras and President of Caritas Internationalis*

What is the mission of Catholic Social Ministry leaders in a world broken by war, haunted by poverty, justice and despair?

Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, a powerful voice for the Church's social mission, will help us examine our responsibilities as believers, leaders, and advocates. Using Benedict's XVI's challenging encyclicals on love and hope, the Cardinal will offer a global perspective on what it means to be "faithful citizens" in an election year in the world's most powerful democracy.

Cardinal Rodríguez served as President of the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM) from 1995 to 1999. He has been a member of several Pontifical Councils, including the Council for Social Communications; the Council for Justice and Peace; and the Commission for Latin America. He was the Vatican's spokesperson with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank on the issue of Third World debt.

# Core Meeting Agenda

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

7:00 am **DAILY MASS** *Congressional A*  
Celebrant: Reverend Larry Snyder, Catholic Charities USA

8:00 am **BREAKFAST AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA POVERTY  
IN AMERICA DISCUSSION** *Ticon/York/VForge*

Reverend Bryan N. Massingale, STD, Associate Professor of Theology at Marquette University and author of Catholic Charities USA's issue brief, "Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good," will speak to the reality witnessed by so many working at Catholic Charities across the country – the deep connection between race and poverty.

9:00 am **MORNING PRAYER** *Ticon/York/VForge*

9:20 am **PLENARY:** *Ticon/York/VForge*

***Directions and Dangers for Faithful Citizenship:  
Political and Ecclesial Context for Social Mission in an Election Year.***

*Mr. John Carr, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development*

The US Catholic Bishops have called "forming consciences for faithful citizenship" the central role for the Church in public policy. John Carr, the Executive Director of the new USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development will outline challenges and opportunities, directions and dangers for social ministry leaders in advocating for human life and human dignity in this election year. He will also offer a moral and policy framework for the message we take to Capitol Hill.

10:15 am **BREAK**

10:30 am **DOMESTIC PLENARY:** *Ticon/York/VForge*

***Putting the Poor and Vulnerable First During this Election Year***

*Dr. Norman C. Francis, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA*

Too often our nation leaves the poor and vulnerable behind -- in New Orleans and on the Gulf coast; in our cities and rural communities; and in our economy. Dr. Francis will help outline, focus and lift up the moral imperative to overcome poverty in the United States. He will help us understand the continuing challenge of poverty in the United States through his experiences as a distinguished academic leader and a survivor of Hurricane Katrina. He will share ideas and approaches to help lift families out of poverty through individual initiatives and societal change and will discuss the role the Catholic community can play as faithful citizens in this essential challenge.

Dr. Francis has served as president of Xavier University, the only historically black Catholic university, since 1968. He is also co-chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

11:45 am **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

11:45 am **STATE DELEGATIONS MEETING** *Ticon/York/VForge*  
Join colleagues from your state and prepare for Tuesday's Hill visits.

# Core Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008 (continued)

2:00 pm **INTERNATIONAL PLENARY:** *Ticon/York/VForge*

## ***Campaigning Against Global Poverty***

*Ms. Lesley-Anne Knight, Caritas Internationalis*

Within the context of the USCCB/CRS Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty, Lesley-Ann Knight will offer reflections on international poverty, human development and conflict.

Ms. Knight is the Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working throughout the world. She is the first woman to hold this position. A British citizen, born in Zimbabwe, Ms. Knight has more than 25 years of experience in international development and has worked in Africa, Latin America and Europe.

3:15 pm **BREAK**  
Stop by the Catholic Charities, USA Hospitality Room

***Bunker Hill***

## **EXHIBITOR HALL**

***Regency Foyer***

3:45 pm **DOMESTIC HILL BRIEFINGS**  
(2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS—CHOOSE ONE)

## **Putting the Poor First**

***Ticonderoga***

A central moral test of society is how poor families and vulnerable people are treated. There are over 36 million people (or 12 percent of the population) living in poverty in our nation. Below are two specific opportunities to advocate in Congress for the poor and vulnerable.

*Budget Priorities:* As Congress shapes the 2009 budget, the safety net should be strengthened and not weakened during this time of economic hardship. This briefing will provide an overview of the budget, as well as information on specific programs that serve poor families, vulnerable people and low-wage workers.

*The Pregnant Women Support Act* (S. 2407 and H.R. 3192) provides for programs that help pregnant women and newborn children, reduces the need for abortion, and supports new parents. Specific elements that provide health care, nutrition, and child care to poor women and their unborn children will be outlined.

## **Affordable Housing**

***Yorktown/Valley Forge***

Catholic social teaching supports the right to decent, safe and affordable housing for everyone. The affordable housing crisis extends across the country and the subprime mortgage lending crisis has made it much worse. This briefing will review specific legislation that would invest in and increase the availability of affordable housing and assist low-income families who are in jeopardy of losing their homes.

4:30 pm **BREAK**

# Core Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008 (continued)

**4:45 pm**    **INTERNATIONAL HILL BRIEFINGS**  
(2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS—CHOOSE ONE)

**Global Poverty/Global Health**

***Ticonderoga***

The Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty of USCCB and CRS supports increases in poverty-focused foreign aid, including PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief). At the same time, USCCB and CRS have serious concerns regarding changes that could undermine PEPFAR provisions that save lives, reduce its emphasis on proven behavior change strategies (abstinence, faithfulness, partner reduction, decision making, etc.), and divert resources to family planning and reproductive health services that are likely to include abortion. Participants will be briefed on important messages the Congress needs to hear regarding foreign aid and PEPFAR.

**Justice and Peace in Israel/Palestine**

***Yorktown/Valley Forge***

Fostering a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians by encouraging strong U.S. leadership for peace has been a high priority for USCCB for many years. CRS is on the ground providing humanitarian and development assistance in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. After years of inaction, a peace process has been revived. At the November international peace conference in Annapolis and the subsequent visit of President Bush to the Middle East, the ambitious goal of reaching an agreement in 2008 was set. Congress can take actions that will support or undermine efforts to establish a workable and just two-state solution. Participants will be briefed on ways to encourage Congress to act in a bipartisan manner to support a just peace.

**6:00 pm**    **BREAD FOR THE WORLD RECEPTION**    (Optional)

***50 F Street, NW  
Suite 500***

***Washington, DC 20001***

Join Bread for the World staff at their offices for refreshments and a chance to share some good news about our common efforts to confront hunger at home and abroad.

**7:00 pm**    **WRAP AROUND SESSIONS**  
(St. Vincent de Paul, ACCU, and JustFaith)

***Refer to Wrap Around  
Information on pages 14—16***

**7:30 pm**    **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

***Grand Teton***

All are welcome to drop by and spend time with our Lord. If you wish to sign up for a specific time, the schedule will be posted on the chapel door all day Monday.



Learn more. Visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)

# Core Meeting Agenda

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

**7:00 am**     **DAILY MASS**     **Congressional A**  
Celebrant: Reverend David Garcia, San Fernando Cathedral

**8:00 am**     **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND STATE DELEGATIONS MEETING** (OPTIONAL)     **Ticon/York/Forge**

Join colleagues from your state and prepare for the Hill Visits this afternoon.

**8:45 am**     **MORNING PRAYER**     **Ticon/York/Forge**

**ISSUE WORKSHOPS**

*In addition to the priority issues that will be taken to Capitol Hill, Catholic Social Ministry Gathering partners are engaged on a wide array of domestic and international concerns. Please choose one domestic and one international issue workshop.*

**9:15 am**     **INTERNATIONAL ISSUE WORKSHOPS** (CHOOSE ONE)

**I:1 Middle East: Challenges for U.S. Policy**

**Lexington**

The Middle East is a region of great concern to the Church and U.S. policy makers. This workshop will explore the complex and interrelated conflicts in the Middle East with a particular focus on Iraq, Israel-Palestine and Iran. Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love will outline challenges for U.S. policy in this volatile region. Mr. Bill O'Keefe will describe CRS' humanitarian efforts and Dr. Stephen Colecchi will summarize the activities and policy of the US Bishops' Conference on the Middle East.

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Colecchi, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, Catholic University of America; Mr. Bill O'Keefe, Catholic Relief Services

**I:2 Global Poverty: A Moral Imperative**

**Capitol A**

The Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty addresses trade, aid and debt relief policies to reduce global poverty and disease. Grassroots advocacy has been a critical part of the Campaign's successes, e.g. the recent House passage of The Global Poverty Act (H.R. 1302). This bill requires the President to implement a comprehensive strategy to combat global poverty. Drawing on USCCB policy and the vast experience of CRS on the ground, this workshop will offer concrete ways to act on the moral imperative to eliminate extreme poverty. It will also highlight key advocacy opportunities to focus on combating Global Poverty in this election year.

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Brown, Catholic Relief Services

Presenters: Mr. Gerry Flood, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace; Ms. Annemarie Reilly, Catholic Relief Services

# Core Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 (continued)

## **I:3 Linking Trade and Human Rights in Latin America**

***Congressional C/D***

Recent U.S. policy towards Latin America appears narrowly focused on two issues: promoting free trade and enhancing security. Congress has just passed a new trade agreement with Peru and in 2008 the Administration will continue to push for passage of a similar agreement with Colombia. In addition, the Administration launched a new security cooperation agreement with Mexico, called the Merida Initiative, which will channel \$1.5 billion to Mexico over the next three years mainly for law enforcement and counter-narcotics measures. Leading experts will discuss the implications of current U.S. policy on human rights in the hemisphere, proposing ways to forge cooperation around a broader development agenda than one focused on free trade and security.

Moderator: Reverend Andrew Small, OMI, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Ms. Lisa Hugaard, Latin America Working Group; Reverend Antonio Sandoval, Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean

## **I:4 Water of Life: A Source of Conflict**

***Concord***

Over one billion people lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation. Five million people die each year from water related diseases. Demand for water, whether for agricultural, industrial or household use, is exceeding supply and with global warming, the problem will grow. The Holy Father called water an "inalienable right" and encouraged international cooperation to resolve water scarcity problems since "access to water can often spark real conflicts." Two international specialists will discuss how we can urge that higher priority be given to funding water projects for the poor.

Moderator: Reverend Michael McNulty, SJ, Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Presenters: Dr. Albert Wright, Africa Water Task Force; Dr. Dennis Warner, Water and Sanitation, Catholic Relief Services

## **I:5 The Impact of Security Measures on Immigrants, Refugees and Development**

***Columbia A***

In the wake of 9/11, the U.S. has undertaken a 3-D strategy: utilizing Defense, Diplomacy, and Development to promote security. The U.S. has also adopted security measures that have had a severe impact on the ability of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Relief Services to serve the needs of vulnerable populations.

The session will examine how immigrants, migrants, asylees and refugees are viewed and treated within this new security paradigm. It will also examine how the focus of humanitarian assistance in some cases has shifted away from the needs of at-risk populations toward a narrow focus on U.S. security, thus exacerbating dire humanitarian situations and contributing to a lack of security in the long run.

Moderator: Ms. Daisy Francis, Catholic Relief Services

Presenters: Ms. Sara Feldman, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Migration and Refugee Services; Dr. Lisa Schirch, Eastern Mennonite University

# Core Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 (continued)

## **I:6 Sudan and Darfur: Ending the Nightmare**

***Columbia C***

The tragic conflict in Darfur continues. The deadly fighting has also spread to neighboring Chad and has ignited lingering problems in the Central African Republic leading to more violence, death and displacement. At the same time, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the government in Khartoum and the Government of Southern Sudan hangs on a thread with very little progress on troop redeployments, border demarcation, oil revenue management, and elections. This session will review the current situation, options for U.S. policy, CRS humanitarian efforts and how USCCB has acted to address the overall situation.

Moderator: Mr. Steve Hilbert, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Mr. Ted Dagne, Congressional Research Service (invited); Mr. Paul Miller, Catholic Relief Services

## **I:7 Banning Indiscriminate Weapons: Nukes, Landmines and Cluster Bombs**

***Capitol B***

Church teaching clearly rejects the use of weapons that cannot discriminate between combatants and civilians. Although the Cold War ended over a decade ago, the U.S. and Russia still stockpile a large number of nuclear weapons. Recent efforts to fund the Reliable Replacement Warhead program have sparked fears of another arms race even as the international community works to constrain the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran. The use of landmines and cluster bombs continues to maim and kill hundreds of innocent civilians long after conflicts end. Two noted speakers will discuss what we can do to ban these indiscriminate weapons.

Moderator: Ms. Virginia Farris, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Mr. Daryl Kimball, Arms Control Association; Ms. Lora Lumpe, U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines

**10:30 am** **BREAK**

Stop by the Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Room

***Bunker Hill***

**EXHIBITOR HALL**

***Regency Foyer***

**11:00 am** **DOMESTIC ISSUE WORKSHOPS** (CHOOSE ONE)

## **D:1 Housing: As If People Matter**

***Capitol A***

America is facing a growing affordable housing crisis, one that forces millions of our people into homelessness each year. Millions more live on the brink of homelessness or in severely substandard homes as they struggle to meet enormous increases in housing and utility costs – costs which have for a number of years largely outpaced wages. This workshop will examine how both using the legislative process and developing community resources can help people live in communities with dignity.

Moderator: Ms. Candy Hill, Catholic Charities USA

Presenters: Mr. Ralph McCloud, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Campaign of Human Development; Mr. Thomas Shellabarger, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Domestic Social Development

# Core Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 (continued)

## **D:2 The Facts of Immigration: Responding to the Myths**

**Capitol B**

This workshop will examine some of the hot-button issues of the immigration debate and how diocesan staff can effectively respond to them. "They take our jobs and resources," "My grandparents came here legally, why can't they?" and "They are lawbreakers" are some of the arguments made against immigrants. Experts will focus on effective and factual responses to these and other relevant issues. An overview of the current political climate and prospects for reform legislation also will be given.

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Appleby, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Migration and Refugee Services

Presenters: Mr. Frank Sharry, National Immigration Forum; Ms. Michele Waslin, American Immigration Law Foundation

## **D:3 Fairness in the 2008 Farm Bill: Update and Lessons Learned**

**Columbia A**

Over the past year, the Catholic community worked to reshape our food and farm policies to build a more just framework that better serves small and moderate-scale family farms, promotes good stewardship of the land, overcomes hunger here and abroad, and helps vulnerable farmers and their families in developing countries. Representatives from Catholic organizations who led a joint effort to seek important reforms in the 2008 Farm Bill will provide details about how we fared on our priorities and offer reflections on this important collaboration that involved our various national networks, state Catholic conferences and other coalitions.

Moderators: Ms. Roxana Barillas, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Domestic Social Development; Reverend Andrew Small, OMI, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Ms. Lucreda Cobbs, Catholic Charities USA; Ms. Dannie Diego, Catholic Relief Services; Mr. Robert Gronski, National Catholic Rural Life Conference

## **D:4 Health Care as a Human Right - from Womb to Tomb**

**Columbia C**

The need to reform the US health care system is emerging as a top policy issue in the national debate. This session will provide a perspective on health care as a human right at all stages of life in the context of the national debate on health care reform. Presenters will address the common themes in policy proposals, principles of Catholic teaching and health care policy, and models of engaging advocates in the health care debate.

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Saile, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Domestic Social Development

Presenters: Ms. Kathleen Curran, Catholic Health Association; Ms. Deirdre McQuade, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Pro-Life Activities; Mr. Desmond Brown, Catholic Charities USA

# Core Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 (continued)

## **D:5 Gulf Coast Recovery from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina: Galvanizing the Commitment to Confront Persistent Poverty and Inequity**

***Lexington***

This workshop will offer a model that communities can use to work in solidarity across the nation on an equitable and inclusive recovery agenda in the context of the greatest natural disaster to hit the United States.

The Equity and Inclusion Campaign is a policy advocacy effort aimed toward galvanizing the federal commitment to confront persistent poverty and inequity during the Gulf Coast recovery. Local, regional, and national organizations are coordinating their voices and power to influence Congress and the current and future administrations, so that historically disenfranchised groups have sustained access to the material and political resources necessary to improve their lives and opportunities as communities rebuild.

Moderator: Mr. Thomas M. Costanza, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans and Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership

Presenter: Ms. Jainey Bavishi, The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation

## **D:6 Environmental Toxins and Children – Unborn and Born**

***Concord***

In their exposure to chemicals and toxins, children are disproportionately susceptible to environmental harm due to their developing systems. This workshop will explore the effect of environmental exposure on the health of children, born and unborn. Ms. Sheila McCarron will discuss the distinctive perspective the Church brings to this issue in light of Catholic social teaching. Dr. Philip Landrigan will provide the latest science and health analysis of the environmental toxins which pose the greatest threat to children. Ms. Carol Stroebel will explore policy opportunities to protect children from environmental harm.

Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Calvo, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office of Domestic Social Development

Presenters: Ms. Sheila McCarron, National Council of Catholic Women; Dr. Philip Landrigan, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Ms. Carol Stroebel, Children's Environmental Health Network

## **D:7 The Moral Dimensions of Climate Change: Putting the Poor First** ***Congressional C/D***

This workshop will examine the underlying legislative structure for national climate change policy and the prospects for the bishops' top priority that the needs of low-income people at home and abroad take precedence. Experts on climate change policy, domestic poverty and international relief and development will outline ways that our goals can be met through this legislation. Concrete ideas on how you can help influence this debate will also be offered.

Moderator: Mr. Dan Misleh, Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

Presenters: Mr. Eben Polk, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University (invited); Mr. Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; John Furlow, United States Agency for International Development

**12:15 pm**

### **LUNCH**

Boxed lunches will be available.

***Ticon/York/VForge***

# Core Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 (continued)

**12:15 pm BLESSING AND SEND-OFF**

*Ticon/York/VForge*

*Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta and  
Past President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Staff will be available outside the hotel and on Capitol Hill to assist with questions or directions.

**1:15 pm HILL VISITS**

***Please note that the Hill visits and the session below will be held on Capitol Hill.***

It is important that Senators and Representatives and their staff hear from us and make reducing poverty and building peace priorities. You are encouraged to visit with your Members of Congress and their staff, voice your concerns and leave behind the Hill packet.

We also encourage you to schedule a meeting with the Senator or Representative the next time he or she is in their home community during an upcoming recess (March 17-30, 2008).

**4:30 pm CRS-SPONSORED RECEPTION AND HILL VISIT REPORT SESSION**

**- to -  
6:30 pm**

Join your colleagues, share experiences, and enjoy refreshments while discussing your visits on Capitol Hill.

*Dirksen Senate Office  
Building Room G50*

*Enter at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street and C  
Street, NE Entrance*

**5:30 pm PERSPECTIVES FROM CAPITOL HILL**

*Dirksen Senate Office  
Building Room G50*

*Welcome: Senator Robert Casey (D-PA)  
Comments: Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL)  
Representative Bart Stupak (D-MI)*

From their differing perspectives of party and experience, Catholic laymen who serve in the Congress will offer reflections on our agenda of human life and dignity. They will outline some of the challenges and choices our nation faces, share how Catholic principles can help shape the debate, and discuss how we can help lift up the moral and human dimensions of key issues of justice and peace. From their perspectives as Members of Congress who are Catholic, how can we together, "defend life and dignity, and pursue justice and peace".

***Return to the Hyatt Regency***

**7:30 pm ENTERTAINMENT: THE CAPITOL STEPS**

*Regency Ballroom*

**- to -  
9:30 pm**

Back by popular demand! With fresh material coming straight from the campaign trail and Capitol Hill, this group puts the "mock" in democracy. If you've never seen them before, you want to be in the hall. If you have, you won't want to miss their take on Congress and the elections.

# Core Meeting Agenda

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

**7:30 am**     **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

Join CRS for a simple breakfast and hear about the ongoing success of the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl Program.

***Ticon/York/  
VForge***

**9:00 am**     **STRATEGY SESSIONS**

*These strategy sessions are true working sessions with opportunities for participants to share strategies that will help all of us address the topics more effectively. The presenter(s) have 30 minutes to get the conversation started by sharing best practices for capacity building on the topic. In the following hour, small groups will discuss work and report back to the larger group on best practices and innovative strategies for doing our work more effectively.*

**S:1 Pro-Life and Pro-Justice: Avoiding Divisions and Promoting Collaboration**

***Capitol B***

This session will explore ways for those in social ministry and pro-life ministries to work together to promote human life and human dignity. Participants will explore strategies on how to resist divisions among people over pro-life concerns and justice and peace issues.

Moderator: Ms. Deirdre McQuade, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,  
Office of Pro-Life Activities

Presenter: Ms. Becky Reiners, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

**S:2 Solidarity with Africa: The Synod of African Bishops 2009**

***Valley Forge***

This strategy session will take its cue from the 2001 U.S. Bishops' pastoral, "Called to Solidarity with Africa," and will explore the upcoming 2009 Synod of Bishops for Africa on the theme of "Reconciliation, Justice and Peace." Participants will learn about advocacy issues, events and practical resources. Africa is a growing strategic interest of the United States in terms of natural resources (especially oil) and its impact on global security. This session will equip parish and diocesan leaders with knowledge and ways to act in solidarity with the Church in Africa, especially in connection with the Synod.

Moderator: Mr. Steve Hilbert, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,  
Office of International Justice and Peace

Presenters: Reverend Rocco Poupolo, S.X., Africa Faith and Justice Network;  
Mr. Ntama Bahati, Africa Faith and Justice Network;  
Sr. Charlotte Cook, United States Catholic Mission Association

**S:3 Developing Strategies and Sharing Best Practices for Building a Community of Faithful Citizens in Your Diocese (for Diocesan leaders)**

***Ticonderoga***

Diocesan leaders will discuss the challenges and opportunities of sharing the message of Faithful Citizenship and engaging the Catholic community in our dioceses during the upcoming election year.

Moderator: Ms. Joan Rosenhauer, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,  
Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development

Presenter: Ms. Barbara Budde, Diocese of Austin, Texas, Office of Social Concerns/Parish Social Ministry

# Core Meeting Agenda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 2008 (continued)

## **S:4 Becoming a Community of Faithful Citizens:**

**Congressional A**

### **How Does Our Parish Get There? (for Parish leaders)**

Parish leaders will explore how to raise awareness of Catholic teaching on faith and politics and build a culture of faithful citizenship among their fellow parishioners.

Moderator: Ms. Rachel Lustig, Catholic Charities, USA

Presenter: Mr. Michael Griffin, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office of Faith Formation and Social Justice, Pax Christi Church

## **S5: Immigration – Reframing the Immigration Debate**

**Yorktown**

This session will discuss “where the action is” in the immigration debate in light of the challenge of achieving comprehensive federal immigration reform.

Moderator: Mr. Chris West, Catholic Relief Services and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Migration and Refugee Services.

Presenter: Ms. Jill Gerschutz, The Jesuit Conference

**10:30 am** **BREAK**

**10:45 am** **CLOSING MASS**

**Columbia A/B**

*Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Bishop of Orlando, Chairman, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace*

**12:15 pm** **LUNCH**

**Regency A**

**12:45 pm** **CLOSING PLENARY**

**Regency A**

### ***The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship: Political and Ecclesial Perspectives***

*Mr. John Allen Jr., National Catholic Reporter, and  
Mr. Mark Shields, The News Hour*

John Allen, the widely read and much respected reporter and analyst of Catholic trends and events will offer his reflections on the ecclesial context for faithful citizenship. His knowledge of the universal church and his insights about Catholic teaching and public life will help us understand and appreciate the theological resources and the ecclesial realities within the Catholic community which shape the call to faithful citizenship.

Mark Shields, the syndicated columnist and PBS commentator will offer insights on the political forces shaping the unprecedented campaign and unpredictable election. He will examine issues and candidates, primaries and parties, and their impact on the nation’s choices in November. He will also offer reflections on the implications and consequences of these realities for our efforts to protect human life and dignity and to advance justice and peace.

**1:45 pm** **CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL BLESSING**

**Regency A**

Msgr. Ray East, Gathering Facilitator

**2:00 pm** **Adjourn**

**Thank you for attending the 2008 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering. See you in 2009!**



## Wrap Arounds and Other Events

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

#### **The ROUNDTABLE Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors**

7:30 am to Noon	Symposium with Breakfast	Capitol Room
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Membership Meeting	Capitol Room

#### **Exhibitors Room**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm		Regency Foyer
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#### **The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities: *“Integrating Justice and Peace Resources”***

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Meeting	Columbia A
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#### **National Catholic Partnership on Disability**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Meeting	Concord
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#### **New Participants Orientation/Hill Visits 101**

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Meeting	Congressional A
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#### **State Captain’s Meeting**

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Meeting	Congressional B
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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

#### **PRAYER CHAPEL**

8:00 am – 7:30 pm	Open for private prayer	Grand Teton
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

#### **Exhibitors Room**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm		Regency Foyer
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#### **Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Room**

8:30 am – 5:00 pm		Bunker Hill
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#### **The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities: *“Catholic Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Teaching Justice and Peace to a New Generation”***

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Meeting (Invitation only)	Congressional A
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#### **JustFaith Reception**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Reception (Invitation only)	Grand Canyon
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#### **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Voice of the Poor**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm		Capitol B
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## Wrap Arouns and Other Events

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

#### **Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Room**

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Bunker Hill

#### **CHAPEL**

8:00 am – 10:00 pm

Open for private prayer

Grand Teton

#### **Exhibitors Room**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Regency Foyer

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

#### **Exhibitors Room**

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Regency Foyer

#### **Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Room**

8:30 am – 11:00 am

Bunker Hill



# Partnering Organizations



## Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 650  
Washington, DC 20036  
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[www.accunet.org](http://www.accunet.org)



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Charities  
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Sixty-Six Canal Center Plaza, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-549-1390  
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## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

10 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10023  
212-877-3041  
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## The Catholic Health Association of the United States

1875 Eye Street, NW Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20006-5409  
202-721-6300  
[www.chausa.org](http://www.chausa.org)



## Catholic Relief Services

228 W. Lexington St  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
410-625-2220  
[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)



## The Conference of Major Superiors of Men

8808 Cameron Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-588-4030  
[www.cmsm.org](http://www.cmsm.org)



## JustFaith

P.O. Box 221348  
Louisville, KY 40252-1348  
502-429-0865  
[www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org)



## Ladies of Charity United States of America

P.O. Box 31697  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
[www.famvin.org/LCUSA](http://www.famvin.org/LCUSA)



## National Catholic Partnership on Disability

415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Suite 95  
Washington, DC 20017-4501  
202-529-2993; tty: 202-529-2934  
[www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)



## National Catholic Rural Life Conference

4625 Beaver Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-270-2634  
[www.ncrlc.com](http://www.ncrlc.com)



## National Council of Catholic Women

200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 703  
Arlington, VA 22203  
703-224-0990  
[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)



## Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors National Pastoral Life Center

18 Bleecker Street  
New York, NY 10012-2404  
212-431-7825  
[www.nplc.org](http://www.nplc.org)



## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

58 Progress Parkway  
St. Louis, MO 63043  
314-576-3993  
[www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org)



## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

3211 Fourth Street, NE Washington, DC  
202-541-3000  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

202-541-3210 [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)

## Migration and Refugee Services

202-541-3352 [www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs)

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## Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

202-541-3070 [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)

Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development

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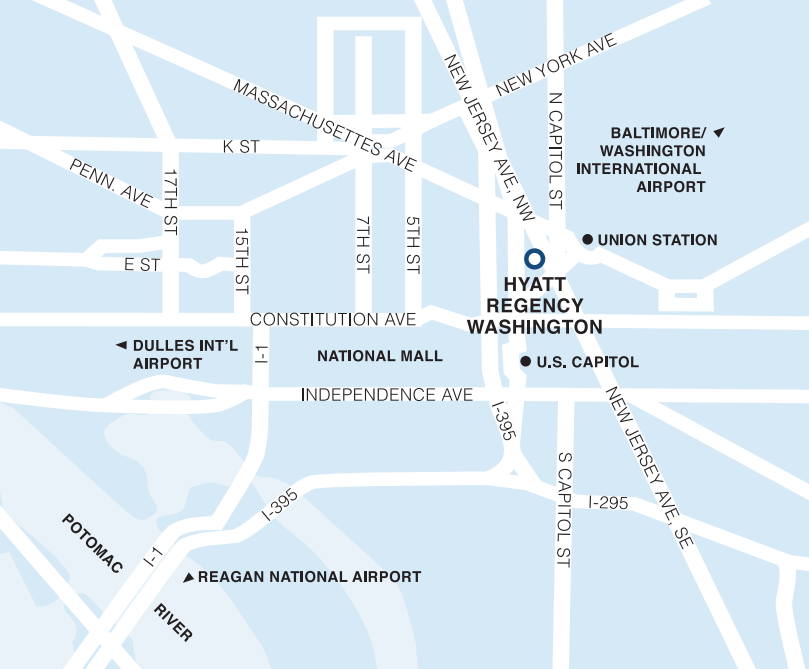
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**And thank YOU for coming to Washington to learn from one another, to pray, to network and to deliver a message to Congress that demonstrates an ongoing commitment by the Catholic community.**



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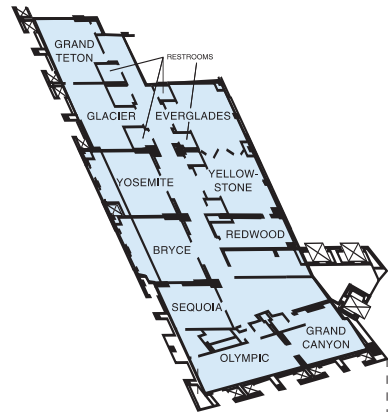
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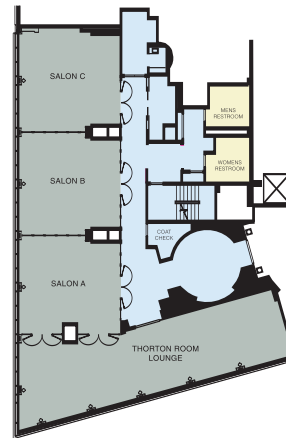
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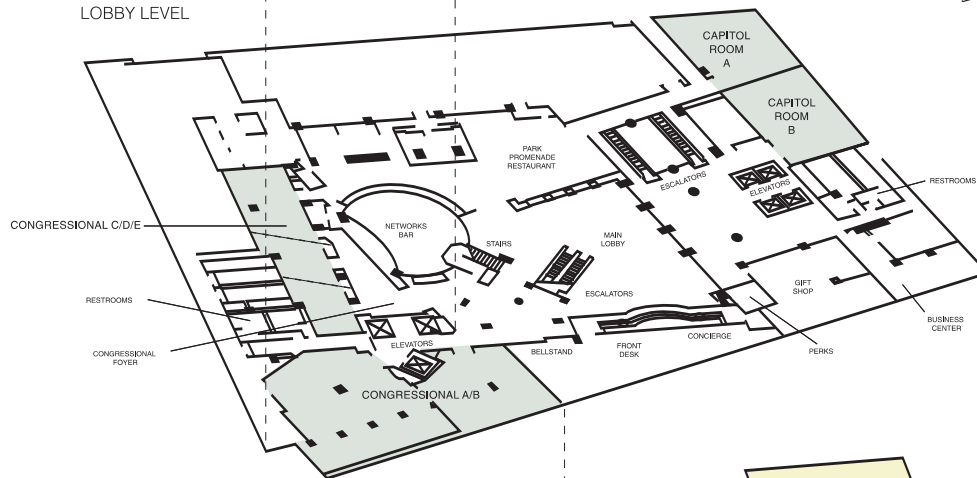
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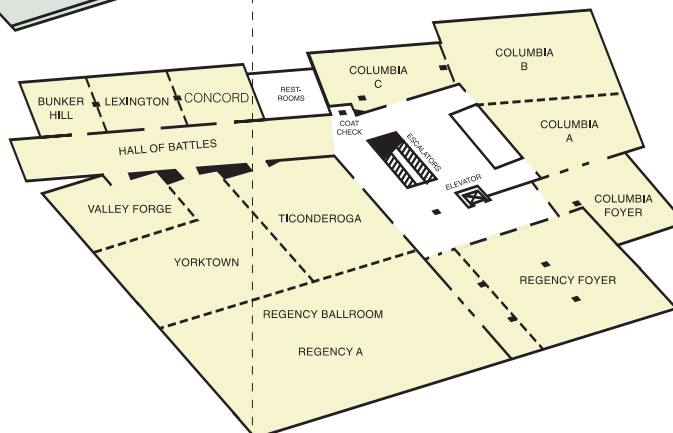
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# AT- A - GLANCE: 2008 CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

	Thu., Feb. 21	Fri., Feb. 22	Sat., Feb. 23	Sun., Feb. 24	Mon., Feb. 25	Tue., Feb. 26	Wed., Feb. 27
<u><b>MORNING</b></u> 7:00 am – 11:59 am		8:30-3:45~ CCHD Diocesan Directors	8-3~Catholic Labor Network 8-Noon~CRS Diocesan Directors Meeting 9-3~CCUSA Parish Social Ministry 10-2:30~ National Catholic Rural Life Conference/Catholic Coalition on Climate Change	7:30-3~ ROUNDTABLE Symposium	7~ Daily Mass 8 am-10 pm ~Chapel 8-9~ Breakfast: CCUSA Poverty Discussion 8:30-5~ CCUSA Hospitality Room 9~ Morning Prayer 9:20~ Opening Plenary 10:30~ Domestic Plenary	7~ Daily Mass 7:45-8:30~ Continental Breakfast 8 am-10 pm~ Chapel 8-12:30~ CCUSA Hospitality Room 8:30~ Morning Prayer 9:15~ International Issue Workshops 11~Domestic Issue Workshops	7:30~ CRS Operation Rice Bowl Breakfast 8-11~ CCUSA Hospitality Room 9-10:30~ Strategy Sessions 10:45~ Closing Mass
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