Faithful Citizenship:
Protecting Human Life and Dignity,
Promoting the Common Good

February 12 - 15, 2012
Washington, D.C.
**General Information**

**REGISTRATION HOURS**

- Saturday, February 11, 2012: 9:00 a.m.– 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 12, 2012: 9:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 13, 2012: 7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 14, 2012: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2012: 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Extended hours!

**EXHIBIT HOURS**

- Friday, February 10, 2012: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 11, 2012: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 12, 2012: 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 13, 2012: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 14, 2012: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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**SOCIAL MEDIA:** We encourage you to “like” the CSMG 2012 Facebook page to keep up with regular updates. Also, for those wishing to follow the conversation on Twitter, the meeting will be Tweeted live at [http://twitter.com/USCCBLive](http://twitter.com/USCCBLive), with the hashtag #CSMG. You can reach the CSMG 2012 Blog via Facebook, or at [http://csmg.wordpress.com/](http://csmg.wordpress.com/).

**DAILY BULLETIN:** Beginning Sunday afternoon and continuing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Bulletin will be distributed. The Bulletin will include important announcements and schedule changes. The Bulletin can be found on the chairs and/or tables in our main Gathering area. If you have an announcement or information that you would like to share with other attendees, please let Ian Mitchell or Yolanda Taylor-Burwell know no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before you wish the announcement to appear.

**CAPITOL HILL VISITS:** An important part of our time together is our visit to Capitol Hill. Please check in with your state captains for the times of your Senate visits. If you have not yet made an appointment with your Representative’s office, it may still be possible to schedule a meeting. The Capitol Switchboard number is 202-224-3121. Metro cards will be distributed as you depart the hotel on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, or at the registration desk if you schedule your Hill visits at another time. Metro cards are good for one round trip between Metro’s Woodley Park Zoo/Adams Morgan station and either Union Station (Senate side) or Capitol South station (House side).

**HEARING ENHANCEMENT EQUIPMENT:** A hearing enhancement system, like those used in theaters and churches, is available at the Gathering. Participants can sign out the equipment at the registration table. The system must be returned at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Sunday, February 12, 2012

9:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  Registration  Atrium (Exhibition Level)

10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall  Atrium

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Orientation: First-Time Attendees & Capitol Hill Visits 101  Virginia

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. State Captains Caucus Meeting  Nathan Hale

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Opening Plenary Session – Faithful Citizenship: A Look Back, a Look Around, a Look Ahead**  Salon 1

**John Carr**, Executive Director, Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB, will review the history of the US Catholic bishops’ statements on Faithful Citizenship and Political Responsibility. He will outline the process and principles of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which represents the bishops’ ongoing guidance for Catholics in public life. He will also explore elements of the political and ecclesial context in this election year and their implications for our work. Finally, the presentation will suggest some directions and dangers for Catholic leaders in sharing and applying this teaching in 2012 and beyond.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. BREAK  Atrium

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Opening Liturgy**  Salon 1

Principal Celebrant & Homilist: **Most Reverend Jaime Soto**, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento; Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Concelebrating: **Monsignor Ronny Jenkins**, General Secretary, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. BREAK  Atrium

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. **Dinner – CCHD Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of People Award**  Washington Rooms 1-6

The 2012 Sr. Margaret Cafferty Award is presented to **Women’s Justice Circles**, which organizes low-income women in the states of Washington and Oregon. The women work in partnerships with 55 parishes across four dioceses to promote solidarity, build leaders and empower women to address causes of poverty. Currently 75% of the Justice Circles take place among urban Latina immigrants and rural Latina migrant workers. Since 2000, low-income women have led efforts to restore state funding for affordable and farm worker housing; modify transit systems in Olympia and Spokane, WA; and sought changes in law enforcement practices relating to domestic violence.
Monday, February 13, 2012

7:00 a.m.–7:45 a.m.  
**Daily Mass**  
Washington 5

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
**Registration**  
Atrium

7:45 a.m.–8:45 a.m.  
**Catholic Charities USA Breakfast – Shaping the Future**  
Lincoln 2-4

Join **Rev. Larry Snyder**, President of Catholic Charities USA, as he presents 21st Century solutions to address the country's moral poverty crisis and calls all of us to be a part of and grow the drum line for justice.

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
**Exhibit Hall**  
Atrium

9:00 a.m.–9:20 a.m.  
**Opening Prayer**  
Lincoln 2-4

9:20 a.m.–10:35 a.m.  
**International Issues Plenary Session – Faithful Citizenship: Confronting Global Poverty**  
Lincoln 2-4

**Dr. Carolyn Woo**, President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will discuss the challenges CRS faces as it responds to the needs of poor people and communities in a rapidly changing world. As a woman of faith, she will connect the Catholic call to bring our values to the public square with her personal experiences, the programs of CRS, and our Government’s policies that impact global poverty and injustice.

10:35 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
**BREAK**  
Atrium

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
**State Delegations Meetings**

- California  
- Illinois  
- Maryland  
- New York  
- Texas  
- Virginia  
- All other states  

- Coolidge  
- Hoover  
- Wilson A  
- Wilson C  
- Harding  
- Wilson B  
- Washington 6

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.  
**Lunch Provided**  
Lincoln 2-4

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.  
**USCCB Pro-Life Activities – Culture of Life Luncheon**  
(pre-registration required)  
Lincoln 5

**Deacon Al Turner**, Executive Director of the Office of Black Catholics for the Archdiocese of Washington will present "Building a Culture of Life in the Black Catholic Community."
1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  **International Policy Workshops** (5 concurrent sessions)

**I1. Saving Lives and Livelihoods: Poverty-Focused International Assistance**

Poverty-focused international assistance saves lives. It helps people living in poverty feed their families, prevent common diseases in children, keep HIV positive parents alive to raise their children, and assist displaced people and refugees fleeing famine and violence. This workshop will give participants a better understanding of these life-saving and life-changing programs, and the impact of any future federal budget challenges and threats to conscience protection.

Moderator/Presenter: **Mr. Steve Hilbert**, Foreign Policy Advisor, International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenter: **Mr. Bill O'Keefe**, Senior Director for Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services

**1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. I2. What Next in Afghanistan and Pakistan?**

Catholic just war teaching lifts up principles of discrimination, proportionality and probability of success when force is employed. What is the probability of success for the use of military force in these countries? What other efforts are needed to stabilize Afghanistan and Pakistan? What moral obligations does the U.S. have toward the peoples of these two nations, particularly the human rights of women?

Moderator: **Dr. Stephen Colecchi**, Director, International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenters: **Dr. David Cortright**, Professor, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame

**Ms. Jill Marie Gerschutz-Bell**, Senior Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services

**1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. I3. Causes and Consequences of Migration**

People are uprooted from their homes by political violence, more frequent and intense droughts driven by climate change, and a lack of economic opportunities to support their families. Others are victimized by human trafficking and smuggling. This workshop will help participants to understand the factors that contribute to migration, and what can be done overseas to assist massive populations that have been dislocated. It will also explore current U.S. policies.
1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  
Moderator: **Mr. Kevin Appleby**, Director of Migration Policy and Public Affairs, Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB  

Presenters: **Ms. Jane Bloom**, U.S. Liaison Officer, International Catholic Migration Commission  
**Ms. Mary Delorey**, Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Catholic Relief Services

1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  

Religious freedom is the foundation of human rights and is tied to freedom of speech, association and assembly. When all religious communities are free they can contribute to societal justice and peace; when they are not free, conflict and violence grow. Christians face harassment in 67% of all countries, a larger share of the world’s countries than any other religious group. What are the implications of all this for U.S. foreign policy, and for American Catholics?

Moderator: **Ms. Virginia Farris**, Foreign Policy Advisor, International Justice and Peace, USCCB  

Presenters: **Dr. Thomas Farr**, Director of Religious Freedom Project, The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University  
**Mr. Knox Thames**, Director of Policy and Research, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  
**I5. Commodities, Extractives and Trade Policies: Impacts on Global Poverty**  

Excessive speculation in food and other commodities can mean hunger in poor communities. Trade policies can have a significant impact on indigenous agricultural production. The regulation or lack of regulation of extractive industries can poison communities, contribute to conflict or displace indigenous peoples from their lands. This workshop will examine how these economic policies, and related attempts at regulation, can affect poverty.
1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.  Moderator/Presenter: **Mr. Richard Coll**, Foreign Policy Advisor, International Justice and Peace, USCCB  
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Hoover

2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.  BREAK  
Atrium

3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  **Legislative Issue Briefings**  
These informative sessions will focus on priority issues and will help participants prepare for their Capitol Hill visits.  
Lincoln 2-4

5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.  BREAK  
Atrium

5:30 p.m.  **Dinner** (on your own)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  **Optional Reception: JustFaith Ministries & Partners**  
*(open to all)*  
Please stop by for a snack, a drink, and to learn more about JustFaith Ministries, its programs, and its collaboration with Bread For the World, CCHD, CRS, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and Pax Christi USA. Come share your thoughts, ideas, and questions, and meet some JFM grads!  
Thomas Paine

7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.  **Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Benediction**  
Wilson A

7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.  The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Voice of the Poor Committee will meet to share experiences, discuss objectives for 2012, and talk about issues related to the condition of the poor and disenfranchised, for the purpose of helping Vincentians to live their faith. This will be an interactive discussion. Contact: jack.murphy@att.net, or 302-528-1994.  
Wilson C
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

7:00 a.m.– 7:45 a.m.  Daily Mass  
Lincoln 6

7:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.  Registration  
Atrium

7:45 a.m.– 8:45 a.m.  Continental Breakfast (open to all attendees)  
Salon 1

8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  Exhibit Hall  
Atrium

8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m.  BREAK  
Atrium

9:00 a.m.–9:20 a.m.  Opening Prayer  
Salon 1

9:20 a.m.–10:35 a.m.  Domestic Issues Plenary — One Church, One Agenda  
Salon 1

Dr. Arturo Chavez is the President and Chief Executive Officer of MACC, the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, Texas. His talk will focus on our character as one Church with one agenda rooted in human dignity. Dr. Chavez is an expert in Catholic social teaching, and is a member of President Obama’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

10:35 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  BREAK  
Atrium

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Domestics Policy Workshops (5 concurrent sessions)  
Delaware A

D1. Liberty and Justice for All: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities Concerning Religious Liberty in the United States

There is growing concern about the ongoing erosion of religious liberty in our country. During their November 2011 meeting, the bishops decided to make the defense of religious liberty a Conference-wide priority. This workshop will examine Catholic teaching through the lens of respect for human life and dignity and religious liberty, and in light of our nation’s founding principles and laws. Presenters will discuss the recent U.S. Health and Human Services mandate that Catholic employers will be forced to pay for “services” that violate Catholic teaching. It will also address the denial of the human trafficking contract to USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services; state legislation prohibiting Catholic Charities from carrying out adoption services in accordance with our faith; and the recent Supreme Court decision in Hosanna-Tabor Church v. EEOC.
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  **Moderator:** Ms. Kathy Saile, Domestic Social Development, USCCB  
Delaware A  
(continued)

**Presenters:** Mr. Anthony Picarello, Esq., Associate General Secretary and General Counsel, USCCB  
Dr. Hilary Chester, Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB  
Sr. Melanie DiPietro, SC, JD, JCD, Catholic Charities USA

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  **D2. The Housing Crisis in America: Its Effect on the Economy and How to Protect Families**  
Delaware B

The foreclosure crisis continues to ravage local communities. Federal programs have been important but insufficient to handle to scope of the problem. At the same time, affordable housing programs in the federal budget have been decimated by round after round of budget cuts. In *Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops highlight the importance of fighting for safe and affordable housing. This workshop will look at the importance of housing to a larger economic recovery, the state of federal affordable housing policy, as well as the local initiatives that are helping families avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes.

**Moderator:** Mr. Sean Wendlinger, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, USCCB  
**Presenters:** Ms. Jeanne (Reitz) Fekade-Sellassie, National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, NeighborWorks America  
Dr. Doug Rice, Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  **D3. Protecting Human Life, Caring for Creation: Safeguarding Children from Mercury and Toxic Air Pollution**  
Harding

Learn how unborn and young children are uniquely vulnerable to exposure to toxic chemicals (such as mercury in the environment) and what the Church and others in the faith community are doing to protect children from harmful air pollution. This workshop will also examine how the impact of toxic air pollution on children’s health brings together environment and life issues. It will outline how the work of the Church in this area is shaped by Catholic teaching on protecting human life and caring for creation. Future policy opportunities to safeguard children from toxic air pollution and educational resources will also be shared.
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Moderator/Presenter: **Ms. Cecilia Calvo**, Environmental Justice Program, USCCB

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Presenters: **Mr. Richard Doerflinger**, Pro-Life Activities, USCCB

**Rev. Mitch Hescox**, Evangelical Environmental Network

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **D4. The Farm Bill: Food, Farming, and the Good of People and Creation**

In his World Food Day 2011 message, Pope Benedict XVI stated that “the liberation from the yoke of hunger is the first concrete expression of the right to life...” It is through this lens that the Church will approach the next Farm Bill. The Farm Bill is scheduled for reauthorization this year and debates on how to reduce the federal deficit will drive this process. Plans have already been proposed calling for a reduction in Food Stamps which is one of the important nutrition programs contained in the Farm Bill.

In this session, representatives of diverse Catholic partner organizations will explore the different components or “titles” that make up the Farm Bill and share their priorities. In addition, we will explore how farm subsidies can be targeted or redirected to support both poor farmers who need help and hungry people. The presenters will also discuss ways to inform Congress and the Administration of the need to protect nutrition programs that feed hungry people at home and abroad; conservation programs which promote stewardship of creation; and programs that help strengthen rural communities.

Moderator/Presenter: **Mr. Anthony Granado**, Domestic Social Development, USCCB

Presenters: **Mr. James Ennis**, The National Catholic Rural Life Conference

**Ms. Lucreda Cobbs**, Catholic Charities USA

**Mr. Bruce White**, Catholic Relief Services

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11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  **D5. Tools for Educating and Advocating on Poverty and Unemployment**

In *Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops point out that the "economy must serve people, not the other way around." Earlier this year, president of the USCCB and Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan wrote about the moral scandal of poverty and unemployment. He encouraged priests and bishops to preach, educate, and advocate on these issues. The poverty and unemployment rates remain high as more and more families struggle to live in dignity. This workshop will explore poverty and unemployment in America as well as the new Supplemental Poverty Measure, and highlight the tools and resources USCCB has developed to respond to Cardinal-designate Dolan’s call.

**Moderator/Presenter:** Mr. Thomas Mulloy, Domestic Social Development, USCCB

**Presenter:** Ms. Donna Grimes, Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB

12:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.  **Capitol Hill Visits / Lunch (on your own)**

**Note** – Congressional Visits and the reception that follows will be held on Capitol Hill.

Every participant is encouraged to visit his/her members of Congress and their staff to advocate on our priorities, and leave behind the Capitol Hill Message. We also encourage you to schedule meetings in your home districts with your senators and representatives throughout the year as you continue to build relationships with these offices. **Staff will distribute one round-trip Metro fare card to each person going on a visit to Capitol Hill.**

4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  **Capitol Hill Reception**

Russell Senate Building,
Kennedy Caucus Room,
Third Floor

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.  **Entertainment: Ms. Judy McDonald**

Judy McDonald (www.judymcdonald.net), based in San Diego, California, has been a natural comedian all her life. An alumnus of University of San Diego, Judy has been performing stand-up since 1994. In college, she worked at KFMB Studios in radio and television. Judy’s professional experience includes appearances on the Dennis Miller show, the Weather Channel and opening for such comedians as Paula Poundstone, Mark Curry, Caroline Rea and Mitch Hedberg. She performs at universities, corporate and private events, and is a regular at the La Jolla Comedy Store in San Diego.
Wednesday, February 15, 2012

7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  Registration  Atrium
7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.  Catholic Relief Services Annual Breakfast  Salon 1
8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  Exhibit Hall  Atrium
8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.  BREAK  Atrium
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  Strategy Sessions: (4 concurrent sessions)  

SS1. Faithful Citizenship in 2012: Directions and Dangers  Hoover

This session will review the principles of the bishops’ statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. It will also outline the process and implications of the bishops’ decision to keep *FCFC* as the teaching of the USCCB, with the addition of a new introductory note. Most of the session will be a discussion of the opportunities and challenges, directions and dangers for diocesan leaders in sharing the message of *FCFC* in this election year. There will be time for questions, and sharing experiences and lessons learned. The session will conclude with an overview of the resources on *FCFC* available on the web and for diocesan leaders.

Presenters:

Mr. Thomas Grenchik, Dept. of Pro-life Activities, USCCB

Mr. John Carr, Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB

Ms. Jill Rauh, Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  SS2. Respectful, Civil Dialogue  Coolidge

In our increasingly polarized world and Church, we are challenged to be neighbor, and brother and sister, to all. Yet sometimes we can’t even talk or listen to each other in a respectful way. The ability to discuss topics of importance, disagree constructively, and ultimately find ways to work together as followers of Christ is essential to addressing the pressing problems of our world today. This strategy session will address key attitudes and habits that foster civil dialogue, and examine which guidelines in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* have been helpful to this end. There will also be significant small group time for discussion of challenges and opportunities.

Facilitator: Ms. Susan Stevenot Sullivan, MTS, Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. **SS3. Think and Act Anew**

Our 21st Century problems – like poverty and unemployment – are going to require 21st Century solutions. And, these solutions will only be uncovered if we bring our innovation and imaginations to the discussion. Bring an idea to this session and join other concerned ministers and advocates to identify and inspire action to reduce poverty. Together we can exercise our “faithful citizenship” and build a national dialogue that includes poverty and dispels the myths about poverty around the world.

Facilitator: **Ms. Rachel Lustig**, Catholic Charities, USA

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. **SS4. Becoming Neighbors**

As Catholics, we are all aware of the answer to the question, “who is my neighbor” as we work to encourage the inclusion and fuller participation of all God’s People in the life and ministry of the Church. Come to explore how *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and its guidelines support our vision of neighbor that honors the cultural, racial, generational, socio-economical and physical ability diversity across our church. We will also reflect on how building our intercultural competency skills contribute to our formation in Catholic social teaching and builds invitational parishes.

Facilitator: **Ms. Kim Mazyck**, Catholic Relief Services

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Closing Liturgy**

Celebrant: **Most Reverend Richard Pates**, Bishop of Des Moines; Chairman, Committee on International Justice and Peace

12:00 p.m.–12:40 p.m. **BREAK**

12:40 p.m.–2:30 p.m. **Luncheon and Closing Plenary Session – Politics of 2012: Actors, Issues, and Implications of this Election Year**

**Mark Shields** and **David Brooks** of the *PBS News Hour* will offer their analysis of the forces and actors at work in the 2012 Presidential campaign. They will also assess the broader political and legislative landscape and its implications for those who seek to defend human life and dignity, and pursue justice and peace in our nation and world.

**Closing and Final Blessing**

**Monsignor Raymond East**, Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Washington D.C.
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