



# Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

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## 2018 Young Leaders Initiative



YLI Participants with Bishop Pates.

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## What is the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG)?

- An annual event in Washington, DC organized through the partnership of 16 national Catholic organizations.
- Rooted in the Sacraments, the Word of God and the Church's living Catholic social tradition, the gathering builds solidarity, knowledge, and skills among Catholics involved in social ministry. When we gather as one, we animate the Church's social mission for evangelization in the world.
- 500+ attendees are expected at the 2018 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering from Feb. 3-6, 2018.

## What is the Young Leaders Initiative (YLI)?

The Young Leaders Initiative invites the participation of colleges and universities in the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering.

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is a unique opportunity for students to:

- Meet national Catholic social ministry and advocacy leaders.
- Build knowledge of current Catholic social ministry priorities and initiatives.
- Develop advocacy skills to empower students to call for positive change.
- Voice concerns with legislators on issues of human life and dignity in the U.S. and internationally.
- Discover new ways of growth in faith, studies, and future work through Catholic social ministry and advocacy.

As universities and colleges, you play a vital role in the formation and education of young leaders. We invite your institution and specifically your students to participate in this unique and valuable opportunity.

## CSMG has welcomed these colleges and universities in recent years:

Australian Catholic University  
 Cabrini College (PA)  
 The Catholic University of America (DC)  
 Chaminade University (HI)  
 Clark University (MA)  
 College of the Holy Cross (MA)  
 College of St. Benedict/St. John's (MN)  
 College of St. Scholastica (MN)  
 Creighton University (NE)  
 Dominican University (IL)  
 George Washington U. (DC)  
 Georgetown University (DC)  
 Kent State University (OH)  
 Lewis University (IL)  
 Louisiana State University (LA)  
 Loyola University New Orleans (LA)  
 Lyke House – Clark Atlanta U., Morehouse College, and Spelman College (GA)  
 Marquette University (WI)  
 Maryland Institute College of Art  
 Modesto Junior College (CA)  
 Mount St. Mary (MD)  
 The Ohio State University  
 Our Lady of the Lake College (LA)  
 Purdue University (IN)  
 Seton Hall University (NJ)  
 Southeastern Louisiana University (LA)  
 St. John's University (NY)  
 St. Mary's University (TX)  
 Trinity Washington University (DC)  
 University of California-Merced  
 University of Dayton (OH)  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Maryland-College Park  
 University of Missouri  
 University of Notre Dame (IN)  
 The University of St. Thomas (MN)  
 Xavier University (LA)

## Who organizes participation in CSMG-YLI?

Universities and colleges designate a campus coordinator who arranges registration, travel, accommodation and all related funding for their group. Campus coordinators invite participation from a select group of student leaders who have demonstrated interest in Catholic social teaching and ministry (usually 2 to 6 student leaders).



YLI participants prepare to visit Capitol Hill.

Since our Church is strengthened and enriched by great diversity, the student selection process is an important opportunity for campus coordinators to identify and foster leaders of diverse cultures and abilities. While CSMG does not require the coordinator to attend, we strongly encourage a member of staff (or graduate assistant) with pertinent experience to accompany undergraduate students.

## How will students benefit from CSMG-YLI?

*The CSMG conference was an amazing experience. Coming from Hawaii, I never would have thought that I would get the opportunity to make a difference by visiting with our representatives in Washington, D.C. [It] allowed me to network and meet students from across the country who have the same passion for social justice that I do.*

*- Amber Alvarez,  
Chaminade University of Honolulu*

CSMG provides students an opportunity to integrate faith, education, and action in pursuit of a better world. During the three-day gathering, students join a community of professional, dedicated Catholic social ministry and advocacy leaders in their annual gathering to pray, learn, network and advocate for change. The experience has proven transformative for students who have attended in the past, influencing their continuing education and even career choices. Meeting leaders in the field opens doors for future contacts, internships and possible employment. Opportunities for follow-up, reflection and action back on campus will include national legislative advocacy in students' home districts, and participation in local programs of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

## How are CSMG-YLI participants funded?

Coordinators are asked to seek resources on campus allowing students to participate in this unique formative, educational, and professional experience. Possible sources of funding include student affairs, student government, campus ministry or Newman centers, academic departments, experiential or service learning programs, faith and justice centers, and sponsoring religious communities. Campus coordinators need to secure funding from their institution by the time participation forms are submitted (November 21, 2017 deadline) to ensure that registration can be completed by December 31, 2017 and accommodation and travel can be arranged at the most affordable rates.



## Next steps to participate:

### Now

- Consider how CSMG can form students on campus for leadership.
- Investigate funding options. Identify others who might want to help.

### Through Fall 2017

- Submit the YLI Interest Form by November 21, 2017 (see form on p. 6) to indicate your intent to join us.
- Select student participants (ideally from 2 to 6 students, and with even numbers of men and women students so that rooms can be shared to reduce cost).
- Determine if a staff person will accompany students to CSMG.
- Look out for an e-mail from CSMG staff confirming participation in YLI and inviting your group to register. Complete online registration for CSMG by December 31, 2017. **It is important that you not register until you have received confirmation of participation and instructions from CSMG staff.\***
- Complete hotel accommodation and travel arrangements before the close of the Gathering's discounted hotel room rate in January (watch for announcement of date on the CSMG web page).
- Take advantage of informative resources and opportunities to prepare those attending the Gathering.

### February, 2018

- Attend CSMG (Feb. 3-6) in Washington, D.C.

### February – May 2018

- Bring the experience back to campus!

#### **\*Note:**

CSMG cannot provide a refund to any campus groups, staff, or students who incur additional expenses by registering outside the process designated for the Young Leaders Initiative, as per instructions.



Young Leaders participants with Jonathan Reyes (Executive Director, USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development), Ralph McCloud (Director, Catholic Campaign for Human Development), and CSMG participants from the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

*...It was inspiring to me to see so many people, from all over the country, speaking out for the poor and vulnerable—"being a voice for the voiceless." I had the opportunity to hear numerous people speaking with the CST lexicon that I learned in my core course last semester, people who were also living out the documents through their careers and vocations. I think this conference helped me to become a better-informed citizen and to see how my faith and politics do not have to be mutually exclusive.*

- Clara Hageman,  
University of Notre Dame





## **Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Collaborating Organizations:**

Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
Catholic Charities USA  
Catholic Climate Covenant  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Catholic Labor Network  
Catholic Relief Services  
Catholic Mobilizing Network  
The Conference of Major Superiors of Men  
Ladies of Charity, USA  
National Association of Black Catholic Administrators  
National Catholic Partnership on Disability  
Catholic Rural Life

National Council of Catholic Women  
Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Department of Justice Peace and Human Development
- Office of Cultural Diversity
- Department of Catholic Education
- Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities
- Office of Migration and Refugee Services

## **CSMG 2018 Young Leaders Initiative Team:**

**Chair:** Lexie Bradley, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

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Lindsay McDermott, Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Lou Charest, Catholic Relief Services, University Programs

Nick Cardilino, University of Dayton, Campus Ministry

**For further information, visit [www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org](http://www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org).**



## Participation Form CSMG 2018 – Young Leaders Initiative

Complete and return by November 21, 2017.

*NOTE: Do not register until you have received a confirmation notice from CSMG staff with instructions specific to YLI participants.*

Name of College /University: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of primary coordinator for CSMG on campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution Department Bldg. Number/Suite/Unit/Floor

Street/P.O. Box City State Zip Code

Office  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact if any: \_\_\_\_\_

(A secondary staff member assisting in coordination for CSMG-YLI on campus.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students who will attend CSMG: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of staff who will attend CSMG: \_\_\_\_\_

(While it has been most effective for a staff member to accompany students, this is not required. *One* member of staff from each institution may register for CSMG at the special registration rate for the Young Leaders Initiative.)

### **Return this form by e-mail or fax to the following address by November 21.**

ACCU Intern, Young Leaders Initiative Committee, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
Mailing Address: Phone: (202) 457-0650  
One DuPont Circle NW, Ste. 650 Fax: 202-728-0977  
Washington, DC 20036 E-mail: [intern3@accunet.org](mailto:intern3@accunet.org)

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