

*Bringing Good News to a Broken World:  
The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering*

February 10-15, 2006

PROGRAM BOOK



Capital Hilton  
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Washington, DC 20036

The *Catholic Social Ministry Gathering* is the annual coming together of social justice ministry leadership from national Catholic organizations and offices, dioceses throughout the nation. Held in the Nation's Capital, the meeting includes inspiring prayer and celebrations, challenging speakers, and social ministry strategy sessions. In addition, participants receive detailed briefings on priority peace and justice issues especially as they affect the poor and vulnerable. Social mission leaders come together to carry a common Catholic message to Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill.

February 10, 2006

Dear Colleagues:

All of us from seventeen national Catholic partner organizations welcome you **the 2006 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering!** You are one of 550 participants in this annual Gathering at this very important moment. As the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes for its second session, we gather to fulfill our obligations as Catholics to be a voice for those who are forgotten at home and around the world.

We come together after an incredibly difficult year. From the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast to the earthquake in Pakistan and Tsunami in the Indian Ocean, we have witnessed not only natural disasters, but how those with few resources suffer the most. We have also seen generosity and kindness to a degree never experienced before. Ask Catholic Charities USA or Catholic Relief Services how generous Catholics in particular have been. Less encouraging was how brief the dialogue about poverty was after these catastrophes: charity and justice are complementary. We applaud so much charity. Now is also time to continue to bring about greater justice. This is why we gather.

Over these days together, we will learn about important issues facing our nation and our world. We will have an opportunity to take a common message to the House and Senate and develop ongoing relationships with Congressional offices. We are allies in defending human life, promoting human dignity, reducing poverty, and building peace. In these days, we will explore important justice issues, strategize about ways to more fully carry out the social mission in our communities of faith, celebrate our liturgical richness, and connect one-on-one with each other.

As a prayerful people, we have designed the Eucharistic celebrations and prayer services to reflect the themes of charity and justice, peace and hope. This is also a time to come face to face with our own brokenness, but also celebrate what we, as Catholics, bring to the world: the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As you review this agenda, you will see that we have some outstanding speakers and excellent workshops. We hope that this experience is prayerful, educational and energizing. We believe it will reaffirm, once again, the importance of bringing Good News to this Broken World.

We will do everything we can to make this meeting work for you. If you have questions or problems, please see any of us.

The Planning Committee

Br. David Andrews, Roxana Barillas, Jean Beil, Janice Benton, Kathy Brown, John Carr, Tom Chabolla, Steve Colecchi, Tim Collins, Kathy Curran, Gerry Flood, Walt Grazer, Donna Grimes, Al Hernandez, Michael James, Tim Kautza, Jeff Korgen, Jim Kuh, Fr. Gene Lauer, Ramona Looney, Rachel Lustig, Sheila McCarron, Tracy McDonnell, Fr. Michael McNulty, Dan Misleh, Cynthia Morris-Colbert, Tom Quigley, Theodore Rectenwald, Andy Rivas, Joan Rosenhauer, Monica Scott, Thom Shellabarger, Fr. Andrew Small, Julie Trocchio, Tom Ulrich, Nancy Wisdo, Jim Woods, Mary Wright, and others who helped with committee work. See the acknowledgments at the end of this booklet.

## General Meeting Information

### REGISTRATION HOURS

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

- < Friday, February 10, 7:00 am until 6:00 pm
- < Saturday, February 11, 7:00 am until 6:00 pm
- < Sunday, February 12, 7:00 am until 6:00 pm
- < Monday, February 13, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm
- < Tuesday, February 14, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm
- < Wednesday February 15, 8:00 am until noon.

### 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 4 pm. Check out time is 12 noon. On Wednesday, luggage can be stored at the front of the lobby until departure time.

If you must leave early, you will be required to pay a \$25 "Early Departure Fee."

You need to pay all of your own incidental costs generated during your hotel stay.

### DAILY BULLETIN

On Sunday afternoon and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings you will find our own *Social Ministry Gathering Bulletin* with announcements, schedule changes, etc. on the chairs or tables. We do this to reduce the need for announcements from the podium. If you have vital information for the *Bulletin*, please see Dan Misleh.

### TAKE THE MEETING HOME WITH YOU!

A.V.E.R. Associates will record all plenary sessions—and four of the workshops during each workshop session. Order forms are in your registration folder.

### 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 224-3121. Your state captain will provide you with a Metro ticket and directions to get to Capitol Hill. We will convene on Capitol Hill in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room SD-G50 at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please be there

### 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. Thanks 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:

- < **Catholic Campaign for Human Development, USCCB**
- < **The Catholic Health Association of the United States**
- < **Catholic Relief Services**
- < **Catholic Charities USA**
- < **Social Development and World Peace, USCCB**
- < **The Society of St. Vincent De Paul**
- < **Ladies of Charity of the United States**

Other acknowledgments can be found at the end of the program book.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING 2006**  
**SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS**

**USCCB Dept of Social Development & World Peace**

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Washington, DC 20017  
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**USCCB Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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**USCCB Secretariat for African American Catholics**

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**USCCB Migration and Refugee Services**

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18 Bleeker Street  
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**Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities**

1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 650  
Washington, DC 20036  
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**National Catholic Rural Life Conference**

4625 Beaver  
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**National Council of Catholic Women**

200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 703  
Arlington, VA 22203  
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**Catholic Charities USA**

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**National Catholic Partnership on Disability**

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Washington, DC 20006-5409  
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**The Conference of Major Superiors of Men**

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**Ladies of Charity of the United States**

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## **WRAP-AROUND SESSIONS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006**

(A meeting room layout can be found on the second to last page of this booklet)

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Diocesan Directors**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Breakfast, Meeting,	Federal AB
12 noon -1:00 pm	Luncheon	Senate Room

### **Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities Reception and Dinner**

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Reception	Foyer 2
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner	Federal AB

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2006**

### **The Catholic Labor Network**

8:00 am– 9:00 am:	Liturgy	California Room
9:00 am – Noon:	Workshops	Ohio Room
12:30 – 2:00 pm:	Luncheon	Ohio Room

### **Catholic Relief Services: Diocesan Directors**

8:00 am – Noon:	Breakfast and Meeting	Federal AB
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### **Catholic Charities USA: Parish Social Ministries Leadership Team**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm:	Meeting and Luncheon	South American B
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### **The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities: Higher Education Meeting**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm:	Meeting with Breakfast and Luncheon	Statler AB
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm:	Breakouts	South American A, Pan American Room and Congressional Room

### **National Catholic Rural Life Conference Meeting**

Noon- 5:00 pm:	Meeting and Luncheon	New York Room
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### **The ROUNDTABLE Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors**

Noon – 1:45 pm:	Board Meeting	Massachusetts Room
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm:	New Members Orientation	Massachusetts Room
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm:	Symposium	Federal AB

**The ROUNDTABLE - Harry A. Fagan Award Reception and Banquet**

**Honoring: Mr. Jack Jezreel, JustFaith Ministries**

6:30 pm-7:30:	Reception	Senate Room
7:30 pm - 9:30: pm:	Dinner	Congressional Room

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2006**

**The Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities: Higher Education Meeting**

8:00 am - Noon:	Breakfast and Meeting	Statler AB
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**The ROUNDTABLE Annual Symposium and Membership Meeting**

7:30 am – noon and 1:30 - 3:00 pm:	Breakfast and Meeting	Federal AB
	Breakouts	above plus: California, South American A South American B

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm:	Meeting	Pan American Room
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**Hill Visits 101** (Orientation for those who will go to Capitol Hill for the first time)

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm:	Meeting	Statler B
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**State Captains Meet for Hill Visit Preparation**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm:	Meeting	New York Room
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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Eastern Region Meeting**

7:15 am – 9:30 am	Breakfast and Meeting	Federal A
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Meeting	Federal AB

**Environmental Justice Program Advisory Committee Luncheon**

12:15 pm - 1:35 pm (Invitation only)		Pan American Room
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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Eastern Region Meeting**

7:15 am – 9:30 am	Breakfast and Meeting	Federal A
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## Core Meeting Agenda

### The Annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering February 12-15, 2006

#### *Bringing Good News to a Broken World: The 2006 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering*

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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2006

- 3:15 pm **SKILLS AND STRATEGIES FOR MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS** Statler B  
(GOOD FOR FIRST-TIMERS!). If you've never visited a Congressional office before, this session is for you! Designed especially for first-timers, this workshop will cover what to expect and how to make your point effectively -- both on Tuesday afternoon, and in future visits to your Senators' and Representative's local offices.  
**Presenters:** *Rev. Andrew Small*, OMI, International Justice and Peace, USCCB; *Kathy Brown*, Catholic Relief Services; *Sharon Daly*, Catholic Charities USA
- STATE CAPTAINS MEETING:** New York Room  
Selected participants from each state will meet to begin preparing for Hill Visits (invitation only)
- 4:30 pm **OPENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY** Presidential Ballroom  
**Celebrant and Homilist:** *Most Reverend William Skylstad*, Bishop of Spokane, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
**Concelebrant:** *Monsignor David Malloy*, General Secretary, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- 6:00 pm **DINNER:** Hosted by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, USCCB Congressional/Senate
- 7:15 pm **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** Presidential Ballroom  
Welcome from *Msgr. Ray East*, Social Ministry Gathering Facilitator, Director, Office Of Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Washington
- PRESENTATION OF THE CCHD SR. MARGARET CAFFERTY AWARD:** *Mr. Craig Cuccia*, Co-founder and Executive Director, Café Reconcile, New Orleans
- 7:30 pm **OPENING PLENARY SESSION ~THE LESSONS OF KATRINA: GOOD NEWS FOR A BROKEN WORLD** Presidential Ballroom  
An evening of prayer, witness, and reflection on the implications of Hurricane Katrina for our work. How has this event changed our view of poverty and race? How did the Catholic community respond immediately after the event and what is the continuing response. What are the lessons learned and how does our faith inform the ongoing challenges of addressing poverty at home and abroad?
- Presenters:** *Mr. Tom Costanza*, Director, Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of New Orleans  
*Mr. Leroy Johnson*, Executive Director, Southern Echo;  
*Sr. Miriam Mitchell, S.H.Sp.* Chancellor, Diocese of Houma-Thibodeaux.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

7:00 am	<p><b><u>DAILY EUCHARIST</u></b>  <b>Celebrant:</b> <i>Fr. Larry Snyder</i>, President of Catholic Charities USA.</p>	Congressional/ Senate
8:00 am	<p><b><u>CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY BREAKFAST</u></b></p> <p>After a night of reflection on the theological, spiritual and social mission implications of Hurricane Katrina, join Candy Hill, Sr. Vice President of Social Policy at Catholic Charities USA and guests for the action implications of the hurricanes. Using the encyclical letter <i>Deus Caritas Est, (God is Love)</i>, of Pope Benedict XVI as a guide, the presentation will focus on the action of loving God in one another.</p> <p>Join us for a hot breakfast and great discussion. <u>You need not to have previously signed up!</u></p>	Presidential Ballroom
9:00 am	<p><b><u>MORNING PRAYER</u></b></p> <p>Led by <i>Msgr. Ray East</i></p> <p>(Please look for your State designation at the tables this morning and sit with your partners from your state.)</p>	Presidential Ballroom
9:30 am	<p><b><u>PLENARY: GOOD NEWS FOR A BROKEN WORLD: WHAT’S “GOOD” AND WHAT’S “BROKEN”</u></b></p> <p><i>Mr. John Carr</i>, Secretary, Social Development and World Peace, USCCB, reflects on the challenges and opportunities we face as leaders of Catholic social mission. He will examine ecclesial and political forces that shape our work and offer directions and dangers for the road ahead.</p>	Presidential Ballroom
10:15 am	<p><b><u>BREAK</u></b></p>	Upper Lobby
10:45 am	<p><b><u>BREAKING THE CONFLICT TRAP: GLOBAL CONFLICTS AND GLOBAL POVERTY</u></b></p> <p>A World Bank report argues that civil war “is development in reverse.” This panel will explore the relationship between global conflicts and global poverty. What makes some countries prone to civil war? What can the international community do to reduce the incidence of civil wars? What can be done to more effectively aid countries in post-conflict situations, preventing relapses into conflict?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dr. Stephen Colecchi</i>, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> <i>Mr. Ian Bannon</i>, Manager, Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction, World Bank;  <i>Mr. Hippolyt Pul</i>, Deputy Regional Director for Program Quality, West Africa Region, Catholic Relief Services;  <i>Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love</i>, Professor, Department of Politics, Catholic University of America and Consultant to the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on International Policy.</p>	Presidential Ballroom
12:00 pm	<p><b><u>LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN</u></b></p>	
1:30 pm	<p><b><u>PERSPECTIVES FROM CAPITOL HILL:</u></b> <i>Senator Harry Reid</i>, D-NV, Senate Democratic Leader.</p> <p>Senator Reid will share his unique perspective as a pro-life Democrat and Senate leader on our work and how people of faith can impact public policy. (Senator Mike DeWine, R-OH, will offer a Republican perspective on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill.)</p>	Presidential Ballroom
2:00 pm	<p><b><u>THE U.S. POVERTY DISCUSSION THAT SHOULD HAPPEN.</u></b></p> <p>Three unique perspectives on poverty in the United States will help us examine the inadequate responses to poverty (especially evident after the Katrina catastrophe) and offer suggestions for how the Catholic community can help ease poverty through our education, organizing and advocacy work.</p>	Presidential Ballroom

**Moderator:** *Ms. Margaret O'Brien Steinfels*, Co-Director, Fordham Center on Religion and Culture  
**Presenters:** *Dr. Peter Edelman*, Professor of Law, Georgetown University;  
*Rev. Richard Cizik*, Vice President for Government Affairs, The National Association of Evangelicals.

3:15 pm

**BREAK**

Upper Lobby

3:45 pm

**INTERNATIONAL ISSUE BRIEFINGS** (choose one)

**Foreign Aid: New Directions but Old Problems**

The Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty promotes poverty reduction through debt relief, just trade and foreign aid. This session will help explain how foreign aid should be directed to those who need it most. The briefing – for beginners as well as those who are familiar with the annual foreign aid appropriation process – will prepare people to argue the case for more and better-targeted foreign aid and will equip participants to lobby their Members of Congress on key foreign aid priorities.

South  
American AB

**Moderator:** *Fr. Andrew Small, OMI*, Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

**Panelists:** *Ms. LaVita LeGrys*, Associate Director, Office of Government Liaison, USCCB; *Mr. Gerald Flood*, Counselor, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB; *Mr. Theodore Rectenwald*, Africa Policy Advisor, USCCB; *Mr. William O'Keefe*, Senior Director for Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services

**Toward a Responsible Transition in Iraq**

This briefing will explore the current reality in Iraq and review the position of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as it is articulated in the January 2006 statement, "Toward a Responsible Transition in Iraq." Participants will be equipped to bring the bishops' message to the Hill at this critical time when a civil and substantive dialogue is needed to chart a way forward.

Federal AB

**Moderator:** *Mr. Walter Grazer*, Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

**Presenters:** *Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love*, Professor, Department of Politics, Catholic University of America and Consultant to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on International Policy; *Dr. Stephen Colechi*, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB.

4:30 pm

**BREAK**

4:45 pm

**DOMESTIC ISSUE BRIEFINGS** (choose one)

**Death Penalty Legislation: Protecting Rights, Limiting Expansion**

Congress is debating the "Streamlined Procedures Act" and the "Patriot Act". This briefing will explore the implications of these pieces of legislation and prepare you to urge Congress not to eliminate basic protections for those on death row and to not expand the federal crimes that are subject to the death penalty.

South  
American AB

**Moderator:** *Mr. Andy Rivas*, Domestic Policy Advisor at the USCCB on criminal justice issues.

**Presenter:** *Ms. Lara Flint*, Counsel to Senator Feingold.

**Working toward Just Immigration Reform**

The briefing will update participants on the status of the immigration reform debate, summarize the position of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' on immigration reform, and prepare you for the difficult questions about immigration which may be raised in Capitol Hill meetings, including arguments made by opponents of immigration.

Federal AB

**Presenter:** *Mr. Kevin Appleby*, Director, Public Policy, Migration and Refugee Services, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

5:30 pm **BREAK**

5:45 pm **RECEPTION: BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

Join Bread for the World and their Executive Director, *Rev. David Beckman* for a drink and a chance to share some good news about our common efforts to confront hunger at home and abroad.

Senate

7:00 pm **EVENING FREE**

Really! Check in with the hotel concierge for a list of area restaurants.

**OPTIONAL EVENT:** you may be interested in hearing *Fr. Dean Brackley, S.J.*, Author and Professor of Theology, University of Central America, San Salvador, El Salvador speak about “What would Oscar Romero say about the times we live in.” The address is sponsored by and will take place at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 900 N. Capitol Street, NW (near Union Station). 7 pm reception; 7:30 address.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

7:00 am **DAILY EUCHARIST:**

**Celebrant:** *Fr. Eugene Lauer*, Executive Director, National Pastoral Life Center.

Congressional/  
Senate

8:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND STATE DELEGATIONS MEETING**

Please join colleagues from your state over breakfast and prepare for the Hill Visits this afternoon. Signs will be posted on tables in the Presidential Ballroom

Presidential  
Ballroom

9:00 am **MORNING PRAYER**

*Msgr. Ray East*, Presider

Presidential  
Ballroom

**ISSUE WORKSHOPS:** Besides the priority issues that we will take 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.

9:30 am **Domestic Issue Workshops**

**D:1 Housing: Creating Opportunity for Affordable Housing**

This workshop will examine the prospect of a National Affordable Housing Fund to develop new units of housing for very low income people and families, to protect and refurbish existing units, and to involve low income communities and groups, including churches, in meeting the growing demand for such housing units.

**Moderator:** *Ms. Ruth White*, Catholic Charities USA.

**Presenter:** *Ms. Sheila Crowley*, President of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Pan American  
Room

**D:2 Protecting the Social Safety Net**

This workshop will review how programs that serve low-income children, families, elderly and people with disabilities are faring in Congress. The discussion will include TANF reauthorization, other provisions of the '06 budget reconciliation bill, and the budget priorities for fiscal year 2007.

**Moderator:** *Mr. Thomas Shellabarger*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Presenters:** *Ms. Deborah Weinstein*, Executive Director of the Coalition on Human Needs, *Ms. Ellen Nissenbaum*, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

South  
American AB

**D:3 Immigration: Justice for Immigrants Campaign**

This workshop will feature an overview of the Justice for Immigrants Campaign. The discussion will include and overview current legislative proposals to reform U. S. Immigration

Massachusetts  
Room

Laws and Policies and a summary of “best practices” for the implementation of JFI at the (Arch)diocesan level.

**Presenters:** *Mr. Kevin Appleby*, Director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Migration and Refugee Public Policy Office; *Mr. Leo Anchondo*, National Manager for the Justice for Immigrants Campaign.

**D:4 Health Care and the Uninsured: Medicaid Challenges**

New York  
Room

The Medicaid program is an essential health care safety net for low-income, disabled and elderly Americans. Almost two million more people relied on Medicaid for their health insurance in 2003 than in 2002. This session will examine efforts at the state level to make significant changes in Medicaid programs through HHS-granted state waivers and the impact these waivers could have on people who depend on Medicaid for their health care. We will also learn about the changes to Medicaid passed as part of the budget reconciliation bill in early February, and touch on the health care proposals in the President’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2007.

**Moderator:** *Ms. Kathy Curran*, Domestic Social Development, USCCB

**Presenter:** *Prof. Cindy Mann*, Georgetown University

**D:5 Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty:**

Ohio Room

The USCCB kicked off its Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty in March of 2005. This workshop will discuss what the Conference has done in the past year and what it plans to do. There will also be reports on the victories and setbacks in the states, and what the challenges are for the future regarding this important issue.

**Presenter:** *Mr. Andy Rivas*, Domestic Policy Advisor at the USCCB on criminal justice issues.

**D:6 Agriculture and the 2007 Farm Bill:**

California  
Room

What will be in the next farm bill and what is the future of American agricultural policy? This workshop will discuss several of the issues that will be debated in the next farm bill, such as food and nutrition, trade, conservation and rural development policies. This will be an opportunity to speak with two of the leading agricultural staff members working in congress on this important and wide ranging topic.

**Presenters:** *Mr. Mark Halverson*, Minority Staff Director & Chief Counsel for the Senate Agriculture Committee; *Mr. William O’Conner*, Majority Staff Director for the House Agriculture Committee (invited).

10:30 am **BREAK**

Regency Foyer

11:00 am **International Issue Workshops**

**I:1 Are People Becoming Commodities? Trafficking: its causes and impacts**

Pan American  
Room

Despite its complexity, globalization will be judged by its impact on the lives of people and communities. This workshop will tackle the growing issue of trafficking within the context of globalization. It will examine how economically insecure people, especially women, are increasingly at risk. The social consequences of increased trade are often not considered when trade agreements are drafted. This can leave countries with weak social safety nets further incapacitated in providing basic services.

**Presenters:** *Sr. Mary Ellen Dougherty*, Program Coordinator, Migration and Refugee Services, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; *Ms. Mary DeLorey*, Policy and Advocacy, Latin America and Caribbean Region, Catholic Relief Services

## **I:2 Trade: The New Name for Development**

Success for the poor in the latest round of global trade negotiations (Doha Round) will depend on major changes in the way rich countries support their agricultural sectors. This workshop offers an update on trade talks after the Hong Kong meeting of the World Trade Organization last December and will look at concrete ways of sharing national and international trade policies – especially around agriculture – with local groups and parishes.

**Moderator:** *Ms. Joan Rosenhauer*, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Social Development and World Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

**Presenter:** *Fr. Andrew Small*, OMI, Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

**Panelists:** *Ms. Tina Rodousakis*, Community Engagement, Catholic Relief Services; *Ms. Kathleen O'Toole*, National Church Outreach, Bread for the World; *Mr. Len Calabrese*, Executive Director, Commission on Catholic Community Action, Diocese of Cleveland

South  
American AB

## **I:3 Haiti: Will Elections Bring HOPE?**

A wide-ranging discussion of the current situation in Haiti will explore these potential hot issues: the first round of elections that should have taken place on February 7, congressional efforts to revisit the extension of tariff relief such as the HERO and HOPE bills and other incentives to the struggling Haitian economy, kidnappings and gang criminality and the condition of Fr. Jean-Juste. We will seek to examine our role as Church in addressing the situation.

**Moderator:** *Mr. Tom Quigley*, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Panelists:** *Rev. Seamus Finn*, OMI, Director, Oblate Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation; *Mr. Timothy Reif*, Democratic Chief Trade Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means; *Ms. Jenny Russell*, Haiti Project Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services; *Ms. Sharmi Sobhan*, Executive Director, Fonkoze USA.

Massachusetts  
Room

## **I:4 The Challenge of Global Climate Change**

This workshop will explore: likely climate change impacts, particularly on the poor; key federal and state legislation and policy initiatives; and the Church's perspective on climate impacts on local communities, development projects and emergency services.

**Moderator:** *Rob Gorman*, Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, LA

**Presenters:** *Dr. Michael MacCracken*, Chief Scientist for Climate Change Programs, Climate Institute and formerly Executive Director, US Government's National Assessment Coordinator's Office; *Ms. Judi Greenwald*, Director of Innovative Solutions, PEW Center on Global Climate Change; *Mr. Jared M. Hoffman*, Regional Director, Latin America and Caribbean Region, Catholic Relief Services

New York  
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## **I:5 Campaigning for Peace in the Holy Land**

For Israelis and Palestinians the political situation remains complex and uncertain. This workshop will explore the current reality in the Holy Land, the prospects for a just peace in light of elections and Prime Minister Sharon's illness, and the engagement of the Church. We will also look at how people can get involved in the Catholic Campaign for Peace in the Holy Land.

**Presenters:** *Ms. Christine Tucker*, Director of Peacebuilding Initiatives, Catholic Relief Services; *Dr. Stephen Colecchi*, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Ohio Room

## **I:6 Africa: Lands of Conflict and Promise**

The Office of International Justice and Peace and Catholic Relief Services will together examine ongoing conflicts, as well as prospects for peace and reconciliation, across the continent, with particular attention to situations in the Sudan, the Horn and Central and West Africa. Special emphasis will be placed on how American Catholics might best assist the peoples of Africa to work toward a brighter future.

California  
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**Presenters:** *Mr. Daniel Griffin*, Regional Representative for the Horn of Africa, Catholic Relief Services; *Mr. Theodore Rectenwald*, African Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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| 12 noon | <b><u>LUNCH:</u></b> Box lunches will be available. Please be prepared to make your way via Washington's METRO system to the Room SD-G50 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Staff will be posted around outside the hotel, around the Metro system and on Capitol Hill to assist with directions you need to go. Your state captain will provide you with a round-trip METRO ticket.   | Presidential Ballroom                      |
| 1:00 pm | <b><u>PERSPECTIVE FROM CAPITOL HILL</u></b> Senior White House Advisor, <i>Mr. Michael Gerson</i> , Assistant to the President for Policy and Strategic Planning (invited) and <i>The Honorable Mike DeWine</i> , Ohio, will address the Gathering before in Room SD-G50 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building before we go to our appointments in the House and Senate Office buildings.  | Dirksen Senate Office Building Room SD-G50 |
| 2:00 pm | <b><u>HILL VISITS:</u></b> It is important that Senators and Representatives and their staffs hear from us and make reducing poverty and building peace priorities as they begin the second session of the 109 <sup>th</sup> Congress. You are encouraged to visit with staff of your members of Congress, 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 your own community during an upcoming recess (next week, March 20-24 and April 10-23). |  |
| 4:30 pm | <b><u>CRS-SPONSORED RECEPTION AND HILL VISIT REPORT SESSION:</u></b> Join your colleagues, have a drink and share stories about your visits to Capitol Hill.   |  |
|         | <b><u>RECEPTION</u></b>  | Foyer 2                                    |
|         | <b><u>REPORT BACK SESSION</u></b>  | Federal AB                                 |
| 6:00 pm | <b><u>A CULTURE OF LIFE AND THE PENALTY OF DEATH:</u></b> Join your colleagues to view the "world" premier of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' new video on ending the use of the death penalty. We will be joined by prominent Catholics who have been at the forefront of ending the death penalty including Bud Welch and Kirk Bloodsworth. We hope you find this tool useful in your own efforts. We will also have an opportunity to thank Nancy Wisdo for her leadership and wish her well as the new Associate General Secretary at the USCCB.                      | Presidential Ballroom                      |
| 6:30 pm | <b><u>DINNER</u></b>   | Congressional/Senate                       |
| 7:30 pm | <b><u>ENTERTAINMENT: The Capitol Steps.</u></b> Back by popular demand! With fresh material coming straight from Capitol Hill on a daily basis, 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 new take on politics!   |  |

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

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| 7:45 am | <b><u>CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' OPERATION RICE BOWL BREAKFAST</u></b><br>Join CRS for a simple breakfast and hear about the ongoing success of the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl.  | Presidential Ballroom |
| 9:00 am | <b><u>STRATEGY SESSIONS:</u></b> These interactive strategy sessions will explore the challenges, opportunities, and tools in three key areas:<br><b>S:1 Turnout: More than the Perfect Flyer</b> -- Nothing can be more frustrating than creating a spectacular event with renowned speakers that few people attend. In this session, participants will explore ways to attract a diverse audience through relational methods and proven marketing strategies.<br><b>Presenter:</b> <i>Ms. Cecelia Titizano</i> , Director, Social Ministry Office, Diocese of Stockton; <i>Mr. Peter J. Quaranto</i> , Director, Uganda Conflict Action Network | Federal A Room        |
|         | <b>S:2 Strategic Relationships: Bringing Forth the Kingdom</b> -- The social mission of the church is done by all of us. This means that we need to expand our partnership with other diocesan  | Federal B             |

ministries and to be strategic in our efforts to be more inclusive. This strategy session will bring forward ideas for expanding those circles of partnerships to be more inclusive so that we can all be more effective.

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**Presenters:** *Mr. George Horton*, Director, Department of Social Development, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York; *Ms. Dee Rowland*, Chair: The Roundtable and Director, Social Action, Diocese of Salt Lake City; *Sr. Kathleen Ryan SND*, Commission on Catholic Community Action, Diocese of Cleveland.

**S:3 Catechesis and the Social Mission of the Church: It Can Only Work Together** -- During this strategy session, social ministry directors will (1) participate in an interactive discussion of the National Directory for Catechesis; (2) investigate creative ways to integrate the Church's social teaching into catechesis; and (3) strategize how to use this new document to work more closely with parish and diocesan offices of education and catechesis to promote social justice in the life of the Church.

Pan American  
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**Presenters:** *Mr. Dan Mulhall*, Assistant Secretary for Catechesis and Inculturation, USCCB; *Mr. Michael Griffin*, Pastoral Associate, Pax Christi Catholic Community, Eden Prairie, MN.

**S:4 Pro-Life and Pro-Justice: Avoiding Divisions and Promoting Collaboration** -- For the Catholic community, our traditional pro-life convictions and our commitment to justice and peace are essential and complementary reflections of the teaching of the Gospel and the doctrine of the Church. Participants will explore how we can resist divisions among our people over pro-life concerns and justice and peace issues. They will also discuss how we can deepen and broaden Catholic understanding of our commitment to human life and dignity.

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**Presenters:** *Mr. Jerry Freewalt*, Director, Parish Social Concerns Ministry, Diocese of Columbus; *Ms. Deirdre McQuade*, Director of Planning and Information, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB.

**S:5 Understanding the "Magic" of Fund Development** -- This strategy session will help participants learn how to find funding opportunities in the broad context of searching inside and outside one's own diocese. Participants will understand what was foundational to success stories, gather resources, and learn how to use Catholic and non-Catholic structures to develop funds for their programs.

Massachusetts  
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**Presenters:** *Mr. Mark Melia*, Director, Annual Giving and Support, Catholic Relief Services; *Sr. Georgette Lehmuth, OSF*, President and CEO, National Catholic Development Conference.

10:30 am **BREAK**

10:45 am **CLOSING LITURGY: Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio**, Bishop of Brooklyn; Chairman, Domestic Policy Committee, USCCB.

Presidential  
Ballroom

12:15 pm **LUNCHEON**

12:45 pm **MORAL PRINCIPLES AND PARTISAN POLITICS: NEW CONSENSUS OR OLD BATTLES?**

Congressional/  
Senate

**Introductions:** *Ms. Dee Rowland*, Chair, The Roundtable

**Speakers:** *Mr. Mark Shields*, Syndicated Columnist, PBS Commentator on the *News Hour* and *Mr. David Brooks*, PBS Commentator on the *News Hour*, and a Columnist for *The New York Times*.

This session brings together the two people millions turn to every Friday night to make sense of politics. They bring differing perspectives, but a common commitment to civility, principle, and the role of faith in public life.

1:45 pm **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

*Msgr. Ray East*

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**CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL BLESSING**

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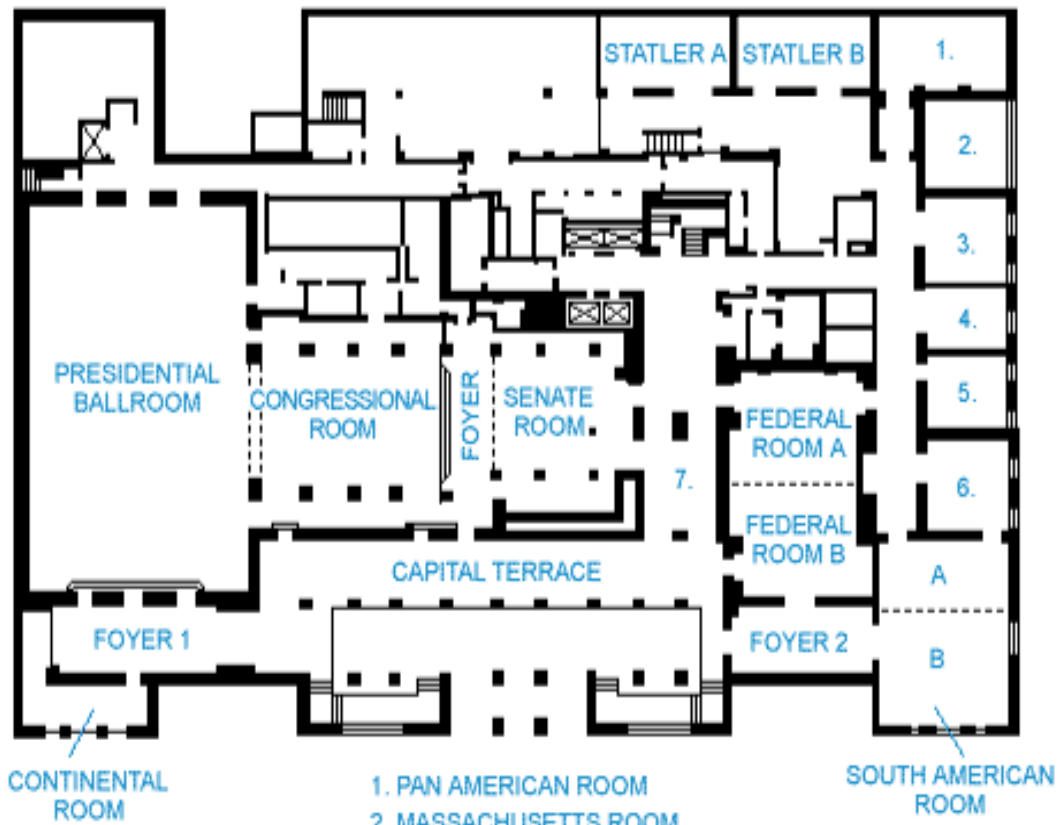
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**And thank YOU for coming to Washington, to learn from one another, to pray, to network and to deliver a message to Congress that demonstrates an ongoing commitment by the Catholic community to bring Good News to a broken world.**

## CAPITAL HILTON - SECOND FLOOR



- 1. PAN AMERICAN ROOM
- 2. MASSACHUSETTS ROOM
- 3. NEW YORK ROOM
- 4. MICHIGAN ROOM
- 5. OHIO ROOM
- 6. CALIFORNIA ROOM
- 7. UPPER LOBBY

**OVERVIEW: 2006 CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING**

	<b>Friday, Feb. 10</b>	<b>Saturday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>Sunday, Feb. 12</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 13</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 14</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 15</b>
<b>Breakfast / Morning</b>	<p><b>8 – 9~</b> CCHD Diocesan Directors</p> <p><b>9 – 5~</b> CCHD Diocesan Directors</p>	<p><b>8 – 9~</b> Catholic Labor Network Liturgy</p> <p><b>8am – 3 pm~</b> CCUSA Parish Social Ministry Leadership Team</p> <p><b>8am – 5:15 pm~</b> ACCU Higher Education Meeting</p> <p><b>8:30 – Noon~</b> CRS Diocesan Directors Meeting</p> <p><b>9 – Noon~</b> Catholic Labor Network</p>	<p><b>7:30 – Noon~</b> ROUNDTABLE Symposium</p> <p><b>8 – Noon~</b> ACCU Higher Education Meeting</p>	<p><b>7~</b> Daily Mass</p> <p><b>7:15 – 9:30~</b>SVDP Breakfast Meeting</p> <p><b>7:45 – 8:45~</b> CCUSA PSM Breakfast</p> <p><b>9~</b> Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>9:30~</b> Plenary: John Carr</p> <p><b>10:45~</b> Plenary: International Panel</p>	<p><b>7~</b> Daily Mass</p> <p><b>7:15 – 9:30~</b>SVDP Breakfast Meeting</p> <p><b>8 – 9~</b> State Delegations Breakfast</p> <p><b>9~</b> Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>9:30~</b> Domestic Issue Workshops</p> <p><b>11~</b> International Issue Workshops</p>	<p><b>7:45~</b> Operation Rice Bowl Breakfast</p> <p><b>9 – 10:30~</b> Strategy Sessions</p> <p><b>10:45~</b> Closing Liturgy</p>
<b>Lunch / Afternoon</b>	<p><b>Noon~</b> CCHD Diocesan Directors Luncheon</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> ROUNDTABLE Board</p> <p><b>12:30 – 2~</b> Catholic Labor Network Luncheon</p> <p><b>Noon – 5~</b> Nat'l Catholic Rural Life Conference</p> <p><b>2 – 2:45~</b> ROUNDTABLE New Members</p> <p><b>3 – 6~</b> ROUNDTABLE Symposium</p>	<p><b>1 – 3~</b> National Catholic Partnership on Disability</p> <p><b>1:30 – 3~</b> ROUNDTABLE Symposium continues</p> <p><b>3:15– 4:15~</b> State Captains Meeting</p> <p><b>3:15– 4:15</b> Hill Visits 101</p> <p><b>BEGIN CORE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>4:30~</b> Opening Liturgy</p>	<p><b>Noon~</b> Lunch (on your own)</p> <p><b>1:30~</b> Senator Harry Reid</p> <p><b>2:00~</b> Plenary: Domestic Panel</p> <p><b>3:45~</b>Hill Briefings: Iraq/Foreign Assistance</p> <p><b>4:45~</b> Hill Briefings: Immigration/Death Penalty</p>	<p><b>Noon~</b> Box Lunch</p> <p><b>1:00~</b> Senator Mike DeWine (on Capitol Hill)</p> <p><b>2 – 4~</b> Capitol Hill Visits</p> <p><b>4:30~</b> CRS Reception</p> <p><b>5:00~</b>Hill Visit Feedback and Evaluation</p>	<p><b>12:15~</b> Closing Luncheon</p> <p><b>12:45~</b> Shields and Brooks</p> <p><b>1:45~</b> Adjournment and Closing Prayer</p>
<b>Evening</b>	<p><b>5:30 – 9~</b> CCHD/CRS/ Higher Ed Reception and Dinner</p>	<p><b>6:30 – 9:30~</b> ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>Harry A. Fagan Award Reception and Banquet</p>	<p><b>6~</b> Dinner/CCHD Award</p> <p><b>7:15-7:30~</b> Welcome/Intros</p> <p><b>7:30~</b> Opening Plenary: Bringing Good News/Katrina</p>	<p><b>5:45~</b> Bread for the World Reception</p> <p>EVENING OUT</p>	<p><b>6~</b> Death Penalty Video Premier</p> <p><b>6:30~</b> Dinner</p> <p><b>7:30~</b> Entertainment: The Capitol Steps</p>	