



# 2020 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

January 25 - 28, 2020, Washington, D.C.

**Diversity Scholarship Application  
EXTENDED deadline is Friday, November  
8, 2019.**

## Diversity Outreach Initiative

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) is an annual event in Washington, D.C. organized through the collaboration of 16 national Catholic organizations. We are rooted in the Sacraments, the Word of God and the Church's living Catholic social tradition. The gathering builds solidarity, knowledge, and skills among social ministry leaders. When we gather as one, we animate the Church's social mission for evangelization of the world.

The Church is strengthened and enriched by great diversity and CSMG is committed to working with collaborating organizations to identify and foster leaders of diverse cultures, backgrounds and abilities. Every year,



CSMG 2018 participants with Msgr. Ray East, St. Teresa of Avila, Washington, D.C.

### Past CSMG Participants Comments:

- CSMG had an important impact on me, the unity of Catholics from diverse groups across the US gathering to share and teach based on one belief in social justice, is what we need to speak up about issues and take action.
- This is the most impactful gathering of Catholics I have ever encountered and I hope to continue to take part in future gatherings.
- Certainly i will spread the word about my experience and how beneficial it has been to attend CSMG. Also, i am already looking for new ways to engage more in advocating and organizing about issues of those in need.
- I have become more aware of which organizations are working on certain issues, and how their organization has open doors for many.

Diversity Outreach Initiative (DOI) participants are awarded scholarships to assist them in participating in the exciting briefings, workshops and presentations of CSMG, and to raise their voices on Capitol Hill to advocate for policies that promote human life and dignity in the U.S. and internationally. CSMG collaborating organizations call upon members of their own staffs, diocesan directors, clergy and religious, and CSMG Young Leaders Initiative Campus Coordinators to encourage leaders of diverse backgrounds and experience to share their gifts with our annual Gathering.

## Diversity Strengthens our Ministry and Advocacy

CSMG DOI participants bring a richness of perspectives, skills, voices and vision to Washington D. C., enhancing the interaction of Catholic social ministry colleagues from around the country and

the world. We are committed to fostering these meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships that nourish all of us in our ministry, for the good of our Church and the world.

At CSMG, participants learn about great resources and connect with colleagues who can help them meet challenges they face in their communities. We encourage Catholic leaders from cultural, ethnic, and disability communities too often overlooked to take advantage of all the ways CSMG can broaden their networks, enhance growth in their ministry or profession, and serve the common good.



DOI scholarship recipients on advocacy day at the Capitol.

## Eligibility and Application

Leaders and potential leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural and disability communities who are also active in Catholic institutions, parishes, schools, and social service agencies are encouraged to apply for scholarship assistance to attend the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering. As part of the application process, applicants will be asked to obtain a recommendation from one of the following: a CSMG committee member at a collaborating organization; a campus coordinator for our Young Leaders Initiative; or a diocesan director in a related area like social action, human life & dignity, or cultural/disability concerns.

Priority is given to new applicants who 1) demonstrate

leadership; 2) currently work with a national CSMG collaborating organization or diocesan social action office; or 3) meet the diversity criteria of this initiative and live in a USCCB designated home mission diocese. So that we can make this opportunity available to as many people as possible, CSMG participants are normally limited to no more than three years of scholarship assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative. Returning applicants will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Scholarship assistance will be extended only for registration and/or hotel fees, and will not be provided for participant travel to and from Washington, D.C.

Application and recommendation forms can be downloaded from CSMG at: [www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org](http://www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org), or by contacting our staff at the address below. **All forms must be signed, dated, and submitted by e-mail, or post by November 8, 2019.** Scholarships will be awarded, and recipients notified by December 2019.



Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento at CSMG with recipients of the 2013 Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award.

### The Diversity Outreach Initiative is made possible by the support of the following CSMG Collaborating Organizations:

Catholic Charities USA  
Catholic Relief Services  
National Assoc. of Black Catholic Administrators  
National Catholic Partnership on Disability  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Black and Indian Mission

United State Conference of Catholic Bishops  
  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
Dept. of Justice Peace & Human Development  
Office of Cultural Diversity  
Office of Migration and Refugee Services  
Secretariat for Pro-Life



CSMG 2013 Young Leaders Jamie Visser and David Gayes, Dominican University (from right) leading morning prayer with Donna Grimes, Assistant Director for African American Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB.

*Recipients of the CSMG Diversity Scholarship come from dioceses from across the US. Here are the dioceses that the 2019 recipients represent.*

Diocese of Arlington  
Diocese of Atlanta  
Diocese of Austin  
Diocese of Beaumont  
Diocese of Belleville  
Diocese of Birmingham  
Diocese of Brownsville  
Diocese of Charleston  
Diocese of Chicago  
Diocese of Denver  
Diocese of Galveston-Houston  
Diocese of Indianapolis  
Diocese of Joliet  
Diocese of Las Cruces  
Diocese of Los Angeles  
Diocese of Metuchen  
Diocese of Miami  
Diocese of New Orleans  
Diocese of Oakland  
Diocese of Orange  
Diocese of Philadelphia  
Diocese of Rapid City  
Diocese of Richmond  
Diocese of Rochester  
Diocese of Sacramento  
Diocese of Salt Lake City  
Diocese of San Antonio  
Diocese of San Jose  
Diocese of Santa Fe  
Diocese of Seattle  
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau  
Diocese of St. Petersburg  
Diocese of Washington