Bearing Witness:

Life and Justice for All





Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Washington, DC January 25-28, 2020

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Welcome to the 2020 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

"Our defense of the innocent unborn . . . needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred . . . are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty."

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate
 (Rejoice and Be Glad), no. 101

Welcome to the 2020 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, where more than 500 leaders, including bishops' staff, representatives of religious orders and congregations, parish leaders, university and college faculty, students, and emerging Catholic leaders gather to witness to life and justice, gain knowledge and skills for ministry, connect with other leaders, build bridges, and advocate as one voice on Capitol Hill.

Inspired by their faith to pray, connect, learn and act on pressing domestic and global challenges affecting vulnerable and disenfranchised communities, Catholics

attend this transformative Gathering to put their faith in action for the common good. For more than 30 years, this convening has offered opportunities to engage in intellectual, spiritual, and professional leadership development and formation to further resource and strengthen parishes, dioceses and communities across the U.S.

The theme this year is *Bearing Witness: Life* and *Justice for All.* The Gathering represents an important collaborative opportunity to bring together colleagues who work on issues impacting life and human dignity across the spectrum such as: capital punishment, human trafficking, family separation, incarceration, maternal and child health and many more. We hope this will be a chance to open our hearts and minds and create a space to work together towards the common good.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the 16 national Catholic organizations that work closely with the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development to organize the CSMG. We are deeply grateful for their collaboration and dedication to the Church's social mission. We encourage you to connect with them and are excited for you to participate in the engaging program we have put together that underscores the Church's commitment to a consistent ethic of life. We hope that this time will be an opportunity to reflect and to find inspiration to build new bridges that help protect the life and dignity of our vulnerable brothers and sisters.



Bring your own water bottle. To better care for God's creation, plastic single-use water bottles will not be utilized during meals or refreshments, please plan to bring your own, re-usable water bottle. Re-fill stations will be widely available throughout the Gathering.

General Information		
REGISTRATION HOURS	West Registration Desk	Lobby Level (west promenade)
Friday, January 24, 2020	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
Saturday, January 25, 2020	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Sunday, January 26, 2020	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Monday, January 27, 2020	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
EXHIBIT HOURS	Ambassador Ballroom	Lobby Level (west promenade)
Saturday, January 25, 2020	1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Sunday, January 26, 2020	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Monday, January 27, 2020	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (exhibit break-down should not begin before 5:00 p.m.)	

SOCIAL MEDIA: Join the conversation on Twitter using #csmg20. Don't forget to follow CSMG on Facebook @WeAreSaltAndLight to share your own highlights of the Gathering.

RECEIVE OUR LATEST UPDATES: Our CSMG mobile app will help you make the most of the Gathering and is now available at no cost in the Apple and Android app stores by searching for "CSMG Community." The CSMG Daily Bulletin will be e-mailed each day to all registered participants, with paper copies available at CSMG Registration. The bulletin includes important daily announcements and any schedule changes or updates, so make sure to look out for it. A copy of the bulletin will also be posted daily at CSMG Registration.

EVALUATION SURVEY: Your feedback is important to the organizers of CSMG and helps us continue to make improvements to the Gathering. Our CSMG mobile app (see above) provides a simple way that you can immediately return feedback on many of our CSMG sessions to staff. Facilitators will also make brief evaluation forms on paper available at the end of informational sessions and presentations for those without access to smartphones and mobile devices. Upon conclusion of the Gathering, a brief final evaluation will be e-mailed to all participants. The final evaluation will cover different points from the app/paper evaluations —please make sure to complete it promptly.

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. A handout with additional tips on travel to Capitol Hill is available at the CSMG Registration Desk.

MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND RECORDING POLICY

- 1. **Professional media** organization representatives are required to obtain advanced accreditation to attend the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (see CSMG Media Accreditation at www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org).
- **Social media** use is encouraged at CSMG. However, CSMG participants are responsible
- for their own use of social media during the Gathering, and are asked to be respectful of other participants, and to follow normal courtesies in this regard. Note the following exception about sessions that are closed to media.
- Closed to media sessions will be announced or posted at the beginning of some meetings

- or noted in program materials. We ask participants to respect the confidentiality of these sessions to make them as productive as possible. No social media posting, recording, or reporting of any kind is permitted from sessions announced as closed to media.
- 4. Recording of entire CSMG sessions for posting, sharing, or distribution is not permitted. Please direct any questions about recording or sharing of CSMG keynotes, plenaries, or other presentations to Ivone Guillen, Program Coordinator.
- 5. CSMG participants consent to being recorded. Official CSMG representatives will be recording some CSMG events and
- functions in part or in full, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) may make them available after the meeting for official purposes. By your attendance at CSMG, you hereby agree that you may be photographed, videoed, or recorded and that such photography, video, and/or recording will be owned by USCCB and may be edited, modified, and distributed by USCCB in any format chosen by USCCB.
- 6. If you missed our vigil Mass for Sunday (on Saturday), the latest Sunday Mass in the area is at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2665 Woodley Road, NW, approximately 3 blocks north of the Omni (202-234-1488).

Special thanks to our CSMG 2020 Masters of Ceremonies



Monsignor Ray East is the son of the late Thomas and Gwendolyn East. The grandson of Baptist missionaries to South Africa, he was born in Newark, New Jersey. Raised in San Diego, he graduated from the University of San Diego. His position with the National Association of Minority Contractors brought him to Washington, DC where he later experienced a call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1981 by Cardinal Hickey. Msgr. East has served in six Washington parishes and is currently pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Anacostia, Washington, DC. This parish, known for its community organizing and social justice ministry, is served by the Contemplative branch of the Missionaries of Charity of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. He has worked in the areas of Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization.



Christina Lamas made her way into the field of youth ministry after ten years of volunteering at her home parish, where she was drawn to empower young people to find ways to actively live out their faith and to continue to grow in their relationship with Christ in their daily living. She went on to hold multiple positions within the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Currently, she is serving as the executive director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. She brings to NFCYM 20+ years' experience in catechesis and youth ministry. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California. She holds numerous certificates in catechesis, adult faith formation, pastoral care, building intercultural competence, and youth ministry. Christina was born and raised in Southern California. Christina and her daughter, Isabella, reside in Maryland.

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Pre-Gathering Meetings and Special Events

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Catholic Labor Network Council Room

(open to all)

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Catholic Relief Services Annual Diocesan

Directors Meeting (directors only) Diplomat Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Catholic Labor Network Meeting & Luncheon (fees apply) Capitol Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. U.S. Native Americans: How the U.S. Church Can Learn

from the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission

(invite only) Senate Room

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)

Forum Room **Meeting** (open to all)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Society of St. Vincent de Paul Open Meeting

(please bring your lunch – visitors welcome) Governor's Room

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Annual Diocesan Directors Meeting

(directors only) Diplomat Ballroom

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, Pastoral

Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (PCMRT)

Cabinet Room (invite only)

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Program

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration** West Registration

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall** (set-up) Ambassador Ballroom

1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Exhibit Hall** (open) Ambassador Ballroom

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Young Leaders Initiative Welcome Brunch

for all participants in YLI and campus delegations) Congressional Room

This welcome brunch is for all participating in YLI to connect with those from other campuses, begin the conversation about what's happening on other campuses and identify ways to make CSMG the most valuable

experience possible.

Presented by students of the University of Dayton.

Sponsored by USCCB Secretariat of Catholic Education

12:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. **Diversity Initiative Welcome Luncheon**

(fees apply for non-scholarship recipients) Empire Ballroom

Diversity scholarship recipients are invited to attend a free Welcome Luncheon. The agenda will include networking, lunch, brief comments from the Diversity Committee about the Diversity Scholarship program and suggestions on how to get involved and maximize their CSMG experience.

There will be ample time for an interactive Q&A session.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet other Diversity scholarship recipients and learn how you can take advantage of the opportunities at CSMG!

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Orientation for First-Time Participants**

Hampton Ballroom

First-time participants in the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering will review program highlights for these days, and tips for making the most of the Gathering.

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Advocacy Training 101 (optional - intended

for those new to legislative advocacy)

Hampton Ballroom

Join in an interactive introduction on how to present the Catholic perspective to Members of Congress. Especially useful for first-time participants, but all are welcome.

2:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **State Captains Caucus** (by invitation)

Cabinet Room

State Captains for CSMG Capitol Hill Visits will gather to receive instructions and materials for their state delegations.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Keynote Presentation—Our Call to Holiness:** Life and Justice for All

Regency Ballroom

"If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, [Mt. 25:31-46] offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me' (vv. 35-36). . . . Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty." (Gaudete et Exsultate, nos. 95, 101)

It is our responsibility as Catholics to bear witness to the Church's commitment to a consistent ethic of life in every corner of our society. We are called to protect the life and dignity of all those who are vulnerable and embody Christ's image, from the unborn to migrants, our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are threatened by war, poverty, racism, or climate change, persons with disabilities, and persons on death row.

As missionary disciples of Jesus, this mandate should be reflected in the way we live our faith, our family and public life as well as the communities we serve through the Church's social ministries. It is through our active participation that we can continue to proclaim and bring the good news of the Kingdom of God to earth.

Opening Keynote Remarks: Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Consultant, Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; Co-Chair, National Dialogue Initiative with Muslims; Chair, Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; Consultant, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

Cardinal Blase Cupich was born on March 19, 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska, to Blase and Mary (Mayhan) Cupich. He is one of nine children, with five sisters and three brothers.

Cardinal Cupich was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha on August 16, 1975. He was pastor of two parishes in Omaha. He was appointed Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota by Pope John Paul II on July 7, 1998, and was ordained and installed on September 21, 1998. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the sixth Bishop of Spokane, Washington on June 30, 2010, and installed on September 3, 2010. Cardinal Cupich was appointed Archbishop of Chicago by Pope Francis on September 20, 2014 and installed as the ninth Archbishop of Chicago on November 18, 2014.

On October 9, 2016, Pope Francis named him a Cardinal and he was elevated to the College of Cardinals in a consistory on November 19, 2016 at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Cardinal Cupich obtained his BA in Philosophy from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1971. He attended seminary at the North American College and Gregorian University in Rome, where he received his Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology in 1974, and his MA in Theology in 1975. Cardinal Cupich is a graduate of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he received a Licentiate of Sacred Theology in 1979 and Doctorate of Sacred Theology in 1987, both in Sacramental Theology, with his dissertation entitled, "Advent in the Roman Tradition: An Examination and Comparison of the Lectionary Readings as Hermeneutical Units in Three Periods."

Additionally, Cardinal Cupich was Secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. from 1981-1987, and served as Chair for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People from 2008-2011 and for the National Catholic Educational Association from 2013-2015.

In 2016, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Cupich to the Congregation for Bishops and in 2017, to the Congregation for Catholic Education. Cardinal Cupich also serves on USCCB committees.

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Personal testimony from Terri Steinberg, mother of a wrongfully convicted prisoner previously on death row

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Break**

Ambassador Ballroom

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Welcome Mass** (anticipatory vigil Mass for Sunday)

Blue Room

Principal Celebrant and Homilist:

Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Consultant, Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; Co-Chair, National Dialogue Initiative with Muslims; Chair, Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; Consultant, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

Sponsored by USCCB Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs—V Encuentro

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **CCHD Dinner: Sister Margaret Cafferty** Development of Peoples Award

(all registered CSMG participants welcome)

Regency Ballroom



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is proud to present the 2020 Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award to Ronnie Moore of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In the 1960s, Ronnie led protests against Louisiana's use of literacy tests for African Americans registering to vote and was incarcerated 17 times. He went on to work with Tulane and the Housing Authority of New Orleans to reform public housing in the city. He developed the first AmeriCorps program in the country for returning citizens and brought this program, Re-entry 72, to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He continues to mentor, consult, and advise emerging organizations serving the returning citizen population, and has trained members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, other Catholics, and returning citizens to advocate for removing barriers for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons.

The CCHD's Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award is presented annually to a group or individual working on the margins that has demonstrated outstanding witness to Gospel values and action on behalf of justice.

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Special Event

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Catholic Charities USA Breakfast

(all registered participants welcome)

Regency Ballroom

Join Catholic Charities USA in their mission to alleviate, reduce and prevent poverty in America. Our mission is to serve, advocate and convene the Church and others of good will to do the same. Come hear about our work in disaster operations, immigration and refugee services, social enterprise and workforce development, advocacy and social policy initiatives, affordable housing, Catholic identity and leadership development, integrated health and nutrition, and other foundational services for children, youth and families.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Program

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs
–V Encuentro Remarks

Regency Ballroom

8:45 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Opening Prayer

Regency Ballroom

9:05 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. Welcome and Introduction of Speakers

Regency Ballroom

9:20 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **Panel Discussion with Q&A—Building Bridges:**Sharing Best Practices of Life and Justice for All

Regency Ballroom

West Registration

"May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony." – Pope Francis, April 29, 2017

It is no secret that the Church can sometimes fall victim to polarization and disunity. As the faithful take up the call to respond to wide-ranging concerns, they sometimes perceive their work as competing, instead of contributing to a wider mission. What can we do, as leaders in ministry, to build bridges of understanding and unity? How can we help Catholics overcome division and work together to protect the lives and dignity of all people?

The panelists featured in this discussion are expert "bridge builders" who have worked in their particular ministry settings to engage Catholics in embracing a consistent ethic of life. They have successfully helped Catholics of diverse political persuasions to work together on issues of common concern. In this conversation, they will draw from their experiences to share best practices and tips. Following the panel discussion, participants break into small groups to unpack the conversation, hear additional best practices, and reflect on how to build bridges in their own ministry settings.

Panelists



F. DeKarlos Blackmon, OblSB, Director for the Secretariat of Life, Charity, and Justice, Diocese of Austin

F. DeKarlos Blackmon was the Supreme Knight, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board of the Knights of Peter Claver (2010-2016). He serves as the Secretariat Director of Life, Charity, and Justice for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin. He has been actively involved in pastoral ministry, outreach, promoting civic improvement, and developing youth.

In addition to his work in liturgy and education, he serves as a member of the speakers' corps of Loyola Press, the Catholic Charities of Central Texas Board of Directors, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin Board of Directors, the American Legion, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. DeKarlos has served as a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on African American Affairs, and a member of the Saint Peter Claver Foundation Board of Directors. DeKarlos was the President and Deputy President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights, and served as an Adjunct Professor in the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

In 2011 and 2012, DeKarlos joined other influential Christian leaders from throughout the country at the White House to address various societal and pastoral needs of the country, including the environment, immigration, fatherhood and families, and human trafficking. He holds paramount the responsibility to bring faith into the public square—standing arduously for the hard right as opposed to the easy wrong. Blackmon presents workshops on catechesis, liturgy, pastoral ministry, Catholic education, and leadership throughout the country. DeKarlos is married to Kanobia A. Russell-Blackmon.



Kathleen Buckley Domingo, Senior Director, Office of Life, Justice and Peace and Director of Government Relations, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Kathleen Domingo serves as Senior Director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace and Director of Government Relations for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She leads the efforts to educate and advocate on social issues including abortion, immigration, homelessness and poverty, adoption and foster care, elderly and end of life services, human trafficking, and care for creation.

Kathleen directs OneLife LA, a large-scale annual event held in downtown Los Angeles celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life. With speakers such as Nick Vujicic, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Patricia Heaton, Karen Gaffney and Bishop Charles E. Blake, OneLife LA gathers people from every community in Southern California for celebration and service.

She is the creator of Respect Life Week, an interdisciplinary service-learning program for students grades K-12 that immerses them in the understanding of the dignity of every person and encourages students to be positive, local leaders.

Kathleen is a national speaker, writer, and organizer, connecting Catholic social doctrine to contemporary social issues and public life. Kathleen serves as Chair of the Board of Human Life Action and participates in Los Angeles

city and county task forces for human trafficking, homeless outreach, elder care-giving, and foster care.

Kathleen holds a BS from the University of San Francisco as well as a Certificate from its St. Ignatius Institute. She earned a Master's degree in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family in Washington, DC.

Kathleen and her husband Rocky, along with their two sons Joseph and Owen, are members of St. Andrew Parish in Pasadena, CA.



Wayne E. Romo, Director of University Ministry, St. Mary's University

Wayne E. Romo was born and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas and is a professional Catholic Campus Minister at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies and a Masters of Theological Studies from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. In 1987, Wayne began his ministry as a Catholic Campus Minister where he continues to serve the Church today. Over the 30 plus years that Wayne has been in college and university ministry, mentoring and assisting the college and university faculty, staff and students to embrace and advocate for a consistent ethic of life has been at the core of what motivates him in his Catholic faith. With the guidance of the teachings of the Catholic faith and many partners in the ministry, leading and guiding the campus community to practice a faith life that is consistent with the ethic of life has been the most rewarding opportunity he could ever ask for. It is his hope through the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering that he can be a catalyst and a partner in assisting others in their faith to learn best practices in serving young adults as they seek to define values and meaning in their life that enriches their faith in God, themselves and one another.

Wayne enjoys the celebration of life he is living as a husband of 27 years and father to a 22-year-old genius son. His marriage and his child continue to call him to every day renew his desire and passion to live a life that is consistent with an ethic of life.



Sr. Anne Victory, HM, RN, MSN, Chair, Board of Directors for U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Sr. Anne Victory, HM, RN, MSN, currently serves as the Director of Education for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking. She spent 32 years as a clinician, educator and administrator in nursing and served as Director of Staff Education and Vice President of Mission at Community Health Partners in Lorain, OH (now named Mercy Health). She completed eight years as a member of the Leadership Team for the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in 2009, and has served on the Collaborative's Steering Committee since its founding in 2007. She is also Board President of the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, a national network of Catholic sisters who are addressing the issue of human trafficking across the country.

Sr. Anne graduated from St. John College, Cleveland, OH with her RN and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She received an MS degree in nursing from Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Anne has a postgraduate certificate from the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, "Working with Groups." She designs and has given presentations on various aspects of human trafficking to a wide variety of audiences, including junior high and high school students, university students, professionals in social services, healthcare, law enforcement, church groups, civic groups and the general public. A major portion of her recent work has been with health care systems in Cleveland to implement human trafficking protocols into their services and with colleges and universities to integrate the topic into the curricula for the helping professions.

Moderator



Darius A. Villalobos, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

Darius A. Villalobos serves as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). He previously served in the Archdiocese of Chicago in a variety of ministry roles, including youth ministry, young adult ministry, and catechesis. He currently serves on the National Advisory Team for Young Adult Ministry of the USCCB. He was born and raised in Chicago and is a graduate of DePaul University where he received his bachelor's degree in English and Catholic Studies. Darius is also a student at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in the Master's in Intercultural Studies program. He has served as a parish RCIA director, liturgical music minister, retreat director, catechist, and youth minister. He lives in Chicago with his wife.

10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Coffee Break

10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. **Break-Out Rooms with Action Planning**

- Diocesan leaders and Catholic Charities agency staff—Empire Ballroom
- Campuses— Regency Ballroom
- Parish leaders—Executive
- Organizations—Diplomat Ballroom
- Miscellaneous—Congressional B

11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Break**

Ambassador Ballroom

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View the most up-to-date locations on CSMG app and

on the projection screen in

Regency Ballroom

(please exit the Regency Ballroom to the Ambassador Ballroom so lunch can be prepared. Doors will open promptly at 12:10 p.m. Please visit exhibit hall until then.)

12:10 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunchtime Conversation with Special Guests Regency Ballroom David Brooks and Mark Shields of the PBS NewsHour (closed to media)

> We'd like to thank Mark and David for their 20 years of service to CSMG. They have served as authentic witnesses of civility, models of dialogue, and beacons of hope. Thank you, Mark and David!

David Brooks became an Op-Ed columnist for The New York Times in September 2003. He has been a senior editor at The Weekly Standard and a contributing editor at Newsweek and the Atlantic Monthly. Born in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Brooks graduated a bachelor of history from the University of Chicago in 1983. He is married and lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

A nationally known columnist and commentator, Mark Shields has worked in Washington, D.C. through the administrations of nine U.S. Presidents. He was an editorial writer for The Washington Post where he began writing his column in 1979. For 17 years, Shields was moderator and panelist on CNN's Capital Gang. He is a native of Weymouth, Mass., a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Break**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Catholic Campaign for Human Development Plenary: Regency Ballroom **Transforming Communities with Restorative Justice**

"Do not be afraid of asking for forgiveness and offering it. Do not resist that reconciliation which allows you to draw near and encounter one another as brothers and sisters, and surmount enmity. Now is the time to heal wounds, to build bridges, to overcome differences. It is time to defuse hatred, to renounce vengeance, and to open yourselves to a coexistence founded on justice, truth, and the creation of a genuine culture of fraternal encounter. May we live in harmony and solidarity, as the Lord desires. Let us pray to be builders of peace, so that where there is hatred and resentment, we may bring love and mercy (cf. Prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi)." – Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey to Colombia, September 8, 2017

Restorative justice invites us to see wrongdoing primarily as violations against the community rather than offenses against the law. Repairing the harm done requires that those impacted be at the center of the process when determining how to respond to violence or crime. Reconciliation contributes to the common good of the whole. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has a long history of supporting these restorative efforts that place right relationship at the center and allow the human dignity of all involved, especially the poor and vulnerable, to be upheld. This plenary session will bring together two examples of this work for a panel discussion highlighting the impact and empowerment restorative justice can have on communities. Featuring CCHD funded groups Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, of Chicago, and Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT), attendees will be invited to join the conversation and learn how restorative justice and community organizing can help transform their communities.



Moderator: Alexandra Carroll, Communications Manager for Social Mission, Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development, USCCB



Panelists: Julie Anderson, Coordinator for Communities & Relatives of Illinois Incarcerated Children and Orlando Mayorga, Re-entry Coordinator, both of Precious Blood Ministries of Reconciliation; Greg Tichenor and Karen Williams, both leaders with Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together





3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Alexandra Carroll is the Communications Manager for Social Mission with the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Previously, Alexandra served as the Director of Communications for Catholic Mobilizing Network where she worked to help Catholics end the use of the death penalty and promote a more restorative criminal justice system. Alexandra received a Master's of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) with a focus in Theological Ethics and Human Rights from Boston College, where she served as a lay chaplain with the Catholic prison ministry at the Suffolk County House of Corrections. Alexandra is originally from Los Angeles, California.

Coffee Break (with dessert) Sponsored by Bread for the World Ambassador Ballroom

3:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Skill Training for Interpersonal Conflicts and **Difficult Conversations: Nonviolent Communication** (this session will span A&B)

Diplomat Ballroom

In order to bear witness to life and justice for all, we will learn and practice essential skills to address the urgent issue of becoming better at engaging conflicts with people we disagree with. From conflict across political parties, within our Catholic church, throughout our schools and homes, this intensifying struggle of conflict is becoming pervasive. People of faith have an opportunity to witness to the courageous love of Christ in these difficult moments and social spaces.

We plan to identify key troubling and destructive conflicts in our experience, learn about the importance of identifying needs and feelings, and practice the basic skills of nonviolent or compassionate communication to transform our conflicts and better build community. Nonviolent communication includes making observations, identifying feelings, discerning needs, acknowledging responsibility, and making specific requests. This method has proven effective in a wide range of situations and cultures. We will end with some time to name possible next steps as a community and as persons.

Facilitator: Mali Parke, Founder and Director, Peace Circle Center

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group A** (6 concurrent sessions)

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. 1. Migration-Based Advocacy on the Diocesan Level Empire Ballroom

The migration issue has become an increasingly controversial topic, particularly in the face of divisive rhetoric and administrative policies that marginalize migrants. New policies make it more difficult for migrants to apply for asylum, remain together as families, and access important forms of support as they integrate into the local community. In the face of these challenges, we must advocate more effectively and seek to humanize the discourse.

This workshop will provide helpful, practical tips as to how you can advocate for migrants through direct advocacy, service-based advocacy, and public action. Advocates, service providers, migrants, and local diocesan leaders will tell stories from their own experience in this work and help to clarify some of the challenges and gaps in the advocacy world. Participants will brainstorm ideas, share their expertise and best practices with one another, and engage in a large group discussion to enhance creative thinking and share strategies to bring home.

Presenters: **Isaac Cuevas**, Director of Immigration and Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Las Angeles; Lisa Lungren, Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees Program, USCCB; Theresa Chamblee, Director of Social Concerns, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. 2. Racial Wealth Gap Simulation

Congressional B

Participants of this interactive presentation will identify connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty and wealth. The simulation is a good first step for those interested in learning more about structural inequality. In addition, participants will learn step-by-step how to use the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation at their parish, university, diocesan, or other faith-based organization gathering. By fully participating in every aspect of the simulation, participants will learn first-hand the best practices and challenges in leading this simulation.

Facilitator: Genevieve Mougey, Senior National Associate for Catholic Engagement, Bread for the World

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

3. Encounters at the Crossroads of Life and Justice

Cabinet Room

Encounters at the Crossroads of Life and Justice will provide an opportunity to learn how the Church of Western Washington is building a broad collaborative commitment to the needs of poor families and communities. The workshop will provide specific examples of how collaborations with Catholic Charities, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic health care and Catholic education are beginning to enable Catholic leaders to undertake courageous encounters at critical parish crossroads of life and justice, spurring responses of advocacy and service. During this workshop participants will have time to a) reflect on and identify parish or organizational crossroad issues which may be calling for encounter, and b) identify potential and existing ecclesial collaborators willing to commit to encounters at the crossroads, together with poor families and communities.

Facilitator: Scott Hurd, Vice President, Leadership Formation, Catholic Charities USA

Presenters: Erin Maguire, MSW, King County Regional Network Builder, Catholic Community Services of Western WA; Patty Repikoff, MDiv, DMin, Pastoral Advocate for Mission, Catholic Community Services of Western WA

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

4. Laudato Si' at 5: Where we've been and where we're going

Congressional A

In 2015, Pope Francis' Laudato Si' built on decades of Church teaching and elevated the environment as a moral concern, influencing individuals and institutions to do more to safeguard our common home. In the past five years much has been done. At the same time, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are louder than ever. This workshop will take a look back, a look around, and a look forward and offer participants a clear-eyed view of both the successes and ongoing challenges in implementing Laudato Si' around the U.S. Past, current and potential projects will be shared to offer participants a toolkit of ideas to bring back to their communities.

Facilitator: Dan Misleh, Executive Director, Catholic Climate Covenant Presenters: Kat Doyle, Office or Life, Dignity and Justice, Archdiocese of Atlanta; Kim Burgo, Vice President, Disaster Operations, Catholic Charities USA

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. 5. Restorative Justice at the Crossroads:

Opportunities in Individual, Community, and Systemic Transformation

Regency Ballroom

The U.S. criminal legal system espouses that justice is achieved through punishment alone, and often by the harshest means possible. Restorative justice seeks to heal people and relationships impacted by crime and offers a framework for transforming systems at large. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development invites you to a conversation with Catholic Mobilizing Network and CCHD grantee Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation on experiences and learnings about the practical realities of implementing restorative justice in neighborhoods, parishes, and criminal justice, as well as current opportunities for systemic change. Presenters will point to resources and avenues to promote restorative justice in participants' states and diocese.

Facilitator: Caitlin Morneau, Director of Restorative Justice, Catholic Mobilizing Network

Presenters: Orlando Mayorga, Re-entry Coordinator, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation; Julie Anderson, Coordinator for Communities & Relatives of Illinois Incarcerated Children, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

6. Preaching Justice in an Unjust World

Executive Room

Being "political but not partisan" is increasingly difficult in our polarized world (cf. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, no. 58). However—there is a political dimension to the gospel that our Christian witness must include. How we respond as individuals and communities can be subject to much disagreement, but that we must respond to injustice is not debatable. The Sunday homily is the primary opportunity to engage on these issues.

Facilitator: Deacon Peter Barbernitz, D.Min., Director of Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Columbia MD

Presenter: Rev. Andrew James, Assistant Pastor, Columbia Baptist Fellowship in Columbia MD

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Break**

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group B** (6 concurrent sessions)

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. 1. Meaningful Work–Necessary Element of Integral Human Development

Executive Room

The workshop will focus on how social entrepreneurship in conjunction with workforce development can be important in protecting the lives and dignity of persons who are most marginalized, e.g., citizens returning from incarceration, military veterans, persons in recovery, persons experiencing generational poverty and newcomers to the U.S. There will be an overview of initiatives and projects that exist within Catholic Charities and examples from collaborative partners. At least one specific, detailed case study will be provided.

Presenters: Steve Thomas, Founder and Social Enterprise Development Officer, Better Futures Minnesota

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. 2. Frédéric Ozanam: Applying the First Vincentian's Work and Witness to our Social Ministry Today

Cabinet Room

Frédéric Ozanam formed the Society of St. Vincent de Paul not only in response to the widespread suffering in France, but also as a statement that the future of the Church should be outward facing, not internally focused. In doing so, he established a deeply personal and intimate practice of charity that exists to this day, as well as an extensive body of writing and letters intensely concerned with injustice. Participants will learn how to implement lessons learned from Ozanam's work and writings in their communities and ministries to poor and vulnerable people.

Facilitator: Ralph Middlecamp, National President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Presenter: **Ray Sickinger**, National Director of Formation, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. 3. Church and Unions Partner to Seek Justice for All Congressional A

Presenters will share examples of three ways that they have sought to bring together Church and labor organizations to promote justice for workers and immigrants in year one of the Church-Labor Partnership Project: promoting just public policies, extending Church solidarity to workers organizing for justice, and connecting poor and low-income workers with family-supporting jobs. In addition, they will share both successes and challenges. Following the presentations, participants will break into small groups for facilitated conversations about their local situations and explore how they might implement similar programs in their communities, dioceses, and parishes (with support from the Catholic Labor Network, if desired). The large group will then reconvene to share ideas and compare thoughts and plans.

Facilitator: **Clayton Sinyai**, Executive Director, Catholic Labor Network

Presenters: **Kevin Fitzpatrick**, Director, Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of New Orleans; Jane Stenson, Senior Director, Poverty Reduction Strategies, Catholic Charities USA; Fr. Ty Hullinger, Consultant, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

4. Voices from the Peripheries: A Call for Justice, Accompaniment and Human Development in the Hispanic/Latino Community

Empire Ballroom

The V National Encuentro is one of the largest nationally coordinated leadership development, consultation, and missionary effort in the history of the U.S. Catholic Church, in which more than 350,000 Hispanics/Latinos joined their voices to call for a renewed pastoral response in the Church that favors justice and human development through pastoral accompaniment. This workshop will explain what the consultation revealed; highlight practical tools and successful practices to bring about the pastoral conversion that Pope Francis has called for in our dioceses, parishes, and communities;

and provide a forum for participants to visualize and hone their own response, while building relationships with peers across the country who can support its implementation.

Presenters: Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, USCCB Hispanic Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; Elisabeth Román, President, National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. 5. The Hidden Periphery: Pregnant Women in Need Regency Ballroom

Many times women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy feel alone and unsupported. This workshop will share what assistance is available through housing, medical care, material resources, educational opportunities, job preparation, and social and spiritual support to help women make life-affirming choices for themselves and their unborn children. This workshop will also provide practical skills and information to equip attendees to offer support and references to groups and local organizations that can provide substantial help to women facing unplanned pregnancies, so women know they are not alone.

Facilitator: Kimberly Baker, USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat

Presenters: Paul Mulligan, President & CEO, Catholic Charities Community Services, Phoenix, AZ; Nancy Peters, Interim Executive Director, Centro Tepeyac; Maria Christina Dominguez, Witness

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. 6. Prophetic Advocates: A Witness that Leads

Congressional B

Our call to bear witness to life and justice doesn't end with our time at CSMG and when we return home. That's why CRS invites you to lead the way in your community as a prophetic advocate for our sisters and brothers around the world throughout the entire year. And, since the foundation for a thriving life is rooted in a full and flourishing childhood, CRS is equipping advocates with the necessary tools to support our international efforts providing children with nutritious, healthy lifestyles from conception through age eight—and beyond. Join us for a hands-on workshop and learn techniques and tactics for advocating on behalf of vulnerable children around the world—and advancing policies that truly support life and justice for all.

Presenters: Mary Beth Iduh, Mid-Atlantic Community Engagement Manager, Catholic Relief Services; Becky Gee, Midwest Region Event and Administrative Support Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services

6:15 p.m. – Onward

Free evening with dinner on your own and optional events

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Loyola Press Book Launch Reception: Everyone Belongs Children's Book on Racism (limited space available)

Blue Room Prefunction



The book is a collaboration of Loyola Press and the USCCB.

Everyone Belongs tells the story of Ray Ikanga, a young boy whose family came to the United States as refugees. As Ray begins making new friends, his excitement is interrupted when Ray's family receives a hurtful message. Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement "Open Wide Our Hearts," Everyone Belongs empowers young readers to reflect on the reality of racism in our society, to see it through the lens of history and faith, and act towards respect, understanding, and friendship.

Everyone Belongs is available for purchase in the exhibit hall.

7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. **Evening Prayer led by representatives of the Young Leaders Initiative** (all are welcome!)

Blue Room

Note: If you missed our vigil Mass for Sunday (on Saturday), the latest **Sunday Mass** in the area is at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2665 Woodley Road, NW, approximately 3 blocks north of the Omni (202-234-1488).

8:00 PM

Private Screening of Just Mercy, co-sponsored by Catholic Mobilizing Network and the Archdiocese of Washington

Regal Cinema Gallery Place

Starring Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, and Brie Larson, and based on the bestselling book by Bryan Stevenson, the recently released *Just Mercy* presents the stunning and true story of Walter McMillian, a wrongfully convicted man on death row in Alabama in the 1980s. The film illustrates the systemic racism that undergirds the death penalty system in the United States and lays bare the reality that executions devalue all human life.

Join in this private screening of *Just Mercy* at Regal Cinema Gallery Place 701 7th St NW, Washington, DC. **Secure your tickets before noon on Sunday, January 26 by visiting the Catholic Mobilizing Network exhibit table. Space is limited.** Cinema is only four quick metro stops away. Plan on departing Omni Shoreham no later than **7:30 PM** (for metro or rideshare) for 8:00 PM sharp screening.

Monday, January 27, 2020

Special Event

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Catholic Relief Services Breakfast

(all registered participants welcome)

Regency Ballroom

Join Catholic Relief Services for breakfast and to hear about the positive impact that our efforts here in the U.S. have on the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Program

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration** West Registration

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **Daily Mass** Blue Room

Principal Celebrant and Homilist:



Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services; Secretary, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Former Chair, USCCB Committee for International Justice and Peace

Sponsored by USCCB Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs—V Encuentro

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio was born in 1951 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He attended Catholic schools in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classics at Boston College, and an S.T.B. in Theology and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Archbishop Broglio was ordained to the priesthood (for the Diocese of Cleveland) on May 19, 1977 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the North American College, Rome.

From 1977 to 1979 he served as associate pastor, St. Margaret Mary Parish, South Euclid, OH, and lectured in Theology at Notre Dame College, South Euclid. From 1979 to 1983 Archbishop Broglio attended the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy.

The Archbishop served as Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Abidjan, Ivory Coast (1983-1987) and of the Apostolic Nunciature in Asuncion, Paraguay (1987-1990). From 1990 to 2001 Archbishop Broglio served as Chief of Cabinet to Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Secretary of State to Saint Pope John Paul II and desk officer for Central America.

In February 2001 the Archbishop was named Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and Apostolic Delegate to Puerto Rico. The Archbishop was ordained as an Archbishop by His Holiness St. John Paul II on March 19, 2001.

On November 19, 2007 Archbishop Broglio was named the fourth Archbishop of the Military Services USA, and installed January 25, 2008, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

As a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archbishop was recently elected Secretary in November of 2019 and recently completed his term as the Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace and as member of the Committee for Religious Freedom.

In the past he has served as Chairman of the Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, Committee and of the Task Force for the 2013 Special Assembly and was a member of the Committee on Canon Law and Church Governance, and the Subcommittees for the Defense of Marriage and Health Care.

He is a Trustee of Catholic Distance University, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and is Chairman of the Communications Committee for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He has served as a board member of Catholic Relief Services.

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall

Ambassador Ballroom

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Regency Ballroom

9:20 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Domestic and International Policy Plenary: Bearing Witness to Life and Justice Through Policy** Change at Home and Abroad

Regency Ballroom

"I urge your Christian communities to be protagonists of solidarity, not to be put off by those who, out of a narrow self-interest, sow selfishness, violence and injustice. Oppose the culture of death and be witnesses to the Gospel of Life! The light of the Word of God and the support of the Holy Spirit will help you to look with new and welcoming eyes at the many new forms of poverty which cause many young people and families to yield to despair." -Pope Francis, Feb. 21, 2015

How can we bear witness to life and justice through our work to influence policies that affect vulnerable people at home and around the world? This panel will highlight some of the ways we can put Catholic social teaching in action through our witness to solidarity, justice, life, and peace in our communities as we work for policy change. In particular, this session will highlight the Church's leadership and global witness on peace and disarmament, life-saving international assistance, migration, and advocacy with persons in poverty in the U.S.

Featuring:

Gerard Powers, Director, Catholic Peacebuilding Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Kimberly Mazyck, Senior Manager, Engagement and Educational Outreach, Catholic Charities USA

Michael N. Okińczyc-Cruz, Executive Director, Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership

Moderator: Kim Daniels, J.D., Georgetown Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life



Since 2004, Gerard Powers has been director of Catholic peacebuilding studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. He also coordinates the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, which includes two dozen episcopal conferences, universities, development agencies and peace organizations. CPN has focused on the Church's peacebuilding work in Colombia, the Philippines, and central and East Africa, and on issues of reconciliation, peace processes, mining, and nuclear disarmament. From 1998-2004, he was director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops, and from 1987-1998 was a foreign policy advisor in that office. He is co-editor with C. Montevecchio of *Catholic Peacebuilding and Extractives*: *Integral Peace, Development, and Ecology* (forthcoming), with R. Schreiter & R.S. Appleby *Peacebuilding: Catholic Theology, Ethics and Praxis* (2010), with D. Philpott of Strategies of Peace (2010), and with D. Christiansen, S.J., and R. Hennemeyer, Peacemaking: Moral and Policy Challenges for a New World (1994).



Kimberly Mazyck began serving as the Senior Manager of Engagement and Educational Outreach at Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) in 2018. She is developing a grassroots network that will advocate for justice in social structures and share their best practices for legislative advocacy. In addition to the network, she works with the staff at Catholic Charities to develop educational resources about CST and poverty.

Before joining CCUSA, she served as the Relationship Manager for National Partnerships at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) where she nurtured and managed a number of CRS' partnerships with U.S. organizations. During her time at CRS, she coordinated national speaking tours for CRS which highlighted CRS overseas programming including peacebuilding, food security and HIV and featured staff and partners from around the world. She also managed Catholic Relief Services' Africa Rising: Hope and Healing campaign.

Before joining CRS, Kim spent six years in community development with First Book. She has over twenty years of experience in community outreach and advocacy with particular attention to education and human rights issues in sub-Saharan Africa. She has also worked with nonprofit organizations to improve direct service, community outreach, volunteer support and resource development. She also is committed to nutritional and culinary education to youth in Washington, D.C.

Kim has a BS from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She also studied theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.



Michael Nicolás Okińczyc-Cruz is the Executive Director and a co-founder of the Coalition for Spiritual & Public Leadership (CSPL). CSPL is a nonprofit organization committed to addressing social, racial and economic justice issues through grassroots leadership development and community organizing grounded in the Catholic spiritual and theological traditions. As a faith-based community organizer, he has worked to address issues related to criminal justice, mental health, corporate bank accountability, immigration reform, refugee rights, public transportation, workforce development and workforce diversity on a local, statewide and national level. He has trained thousands of leaders across the country on the methodologies of faith-based community organizing. He is also an adjunct professor at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University of Chicago.

Michael possesses a BA from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master's in Theology from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and a Doctorate of Ministry with a concentration in Latinx studies from Fordham University. Michael is a first generation Polish Mexicano. His maternal grandparents were from Guanajuato, Mexico and his father is a refugee from Poland. Michael lives in Chicago with his wife Joanna.



Mrs. Kim Daniels, J.D. (Moderator) is a member of the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication, a role to which she was appointed by Pope Francis in July 2016. She is the former spokeswoman for the president of the USCCB.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

Ambassador Ballroom

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Legislative Issues Briefing** (closed to media)

Regency Ballroom

This informative session will focus on priority issues for our advocacy with Congress and will help participants prepare for their Capitol Hill visits.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch: State Delegation Meetings (boxed lunch provided—closed to media)

Regency Ballroom

Please bring your own water bottle! To better care for God's creation, water refill stations will be offered in place of plastic bottles.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Break**

Ambassador Ballroom

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Policy Workshops: Group A** (5 concurrent sessions)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. 1. The "Plague" of Gun Violence: Catholic **Teaching and Policy Responses**

Executive Room

Roughly 40,000 Americans lose their lives to gun violence each year. The bishops have been on record for decades in support of several reasonable measures of gun control to try to curb this devastating loss of life. This workshop will review the positions the bishops have taken and their grounding in Catholic teaching. It will then share some of the latest policy research on the most effective responses to gun violence. Finally, we will conclude with an overview of the federal landscape of legislative responses to gun violence, and other responses that Catholic organizations can take in their local communities.

Moderator: Michael O'Rourke, Policy Advisor, Office of Domestic Social Development, USCCB

Speaker: Daniel W. Webster, ScD, MPH, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkin Bloomberg School of Public Health, Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, and Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

2. Migration Policy in Contemporary American Life: **Examining the Human Consequences** Through a Catholic Lens

Empire Ballroom

Debates related to migration policy have become an issue of intense scrutiny, mischaracterization, and confusion in recent years. Significant increases in federal funding for border security have contributed to the ongoing militarization of the U.S./Mexico border. Restrictions on asylum and efforts to limit admissions have had measurable humanitarian consequences. From a Catholic perspective, this approach is inadequate to address the migration phenomenon. This panel will examine current trends in migration policy, look at the ways in which such policies have affected migration along the border, provide an alternative Catholic-based vision, and highlight the precarious

situation of many migrants who live in the United States. Of particular concern here is the new restrictions to due process at the border and the uncertain status of DACA recipients, whose legal standing in the United States is contingent on an upcoming Supreme Court decision and on the willingness of the Senate to take action provide permanent relief for this population.

Moderator: Ashley Feasley, Director of Policy, Department of Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB

Presenters: Anna Gallagher, Executive Director, CLINIC; Rosaura Santiago-Estrada, Communications & Criminology Major, Regis University

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

3. Promoting Peace in the Sahel and Other Conflict Zones Cabinet Room

Since 2012, a complex mix of armed groups have used violence, extremism, religion, and ethnicity to increase political power and influence over territory in the Sahel. In November 2019, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), USCCB's Office on International Justice and Peace (IJP), and the Church in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger designed the Sahel Peace Initiative. This initiative includes creating an interfaith organization uniting Muslim and Christian leaders and their people to stop the violence within communities, resolve grievances, and build relationships that protect peace. Building peace is vital to stopping the spread of conflict in West Africa.

Moderator and Presenter: Steve Hilbert, Africa Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenter: Marilyn Shapley, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

4. Racism and its Effects on Society

Regency Ballroom

In Open Wide Our Hearts, the Catholic bishops note that many of the social problems faced by communities of color have "roots in racist policies that continue to impede the ability of people to find affordable housing, meaningful work, adequate education, and social mobility." This workshop will explore this idea by highlighting how specific laws and policies have discriminated against minority communities in the past, and what can be done to create more just social policy.

Moderator: **Thomas Mulloy**, National Director of Poverty Programs, Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA

Speaker: Kimberly Mazyck, Senior Manager for Engagement and Educational Outreach, Catholic Charities USA

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. 5. Catholic Social Ministries & Catholic Schools: Bird Cage Walk Partnering on Parental Choice as a Pathway to Success

Catholic schools prepare children for this life and the next. Known for strong academics, discipline and spiritual formation, studies show Catholic schools have some of the best results in academics and graduates' contributions to civil society as adults. But in the last ten years, Catholic schools have stepped out into a new arena, as parental choice policy has swept the nation. There are 56 publicly funded parental choice programs in 26 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This new opportunity allows Catholic schools to expand their attention to a population of families who, until recently,

Moderator: Jennifer Daniels, Associate Director for Public Policy, Secretariat for Catholic Education, USCCB

Presenter: Anthony Granado, Director for Government Relations, Catholic Charities USA

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

Ambassador Ballroom

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Policy Workshops: Group B** (5 concurrent sessions)

1. Climate Change—Indigenous Populations—Laudato Si'

Empire Ballroom

This workshop will explore the implications of *Laudato Si'*, particularly in the context of the effect of environmental threats as experienced by indigenous populations. Recent experience from the Synod on the Amazon as well as other dialogue with indigenous leaders will be the subject of analysis and consideration for next steps.

Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Calvo, Senior Advisor on Environmental Justice, Office of Justice and Ecology, Jesuit Conference of Canada and United States

Presenters: Ricardo Simmonds, Environmental Policy Consultant, USCCB; Rev. Michael Carson, Assistant Director of Native American Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity, USCCB

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2. Moving towards Nonviolence: Nuclear Disarmament and Challenging Militarism

Cabinet Room

The call to nonviolence is being heard from both the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and from our brothers and sisters living in conflict zones. Thus, in this workshop we will engage with policy issues around nuclear disarmament and militarism. Disputes and hostilities among nations continue to mount, complicated by rapidly changing technologies, shifting geopolitics, and non-state actors. Subsequently we are witnessing the recent erosion of critical nuclear arms treaties and a massive increase in U.S. Pentagon spending. Disarmament and the promotion of a sustainable peace remain critical concerns for the Church. This workshop will help Catholics understand the nature of the nuclear arms treaties, the drivers of Pentagon spending, and what can be done, such as supporting the extension of the New START Treaty.

Moderator: Mr. Lucas Koach, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenters: Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, Associate Professor of International Relations, The Catholic University of America; Marie Dennis, Co-President, Pax Christi International; Daryl G. Kimball, Executive Director, Arms Control Association

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 3. New Approaches in International Assistance

Bird Cage Walk

The U.S. Agency for International Development has proposed a Transformation in how it promotes its goal of helping low income countries along their Journey to Self-Reliance. USAID aims to become more innovative, flexible, transparent and better stewards of its resources in order to increase

Rooms may change without prior notice—check the CSMG app or your Schedule at a Glance (in your lanyard) for the latest updates.

its impact and help countries work their way out of poverty. This workshop will explore this new process and other Administration proposals and provide an up to date snapshot of the future of U.S. International Assistance.

Moderator: Steve Hilbert, Africa and Global Development Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Panelist: Bill O'Keefe, Executive Vice President, Mission, Mobilization, and Advocacy

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 4. Deadly Discrimination in Health Care

Regency Ballroom

This workshop will explore how the legalization of doctor-assisted suicide separates people into two groups: those whose lives we want to protect, and those whose deaths we encourage and facilitate. People with disabilities, minorities and other marginalized communities with less access to sufficient health care and supportive services bear the brunt of this deadly discrimination.

Moderator: Greg Schleppenbach, Associate Director, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, USCCB

Presenters: Julie Hocker, Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities, Administration for Community Living, Health and Human Services; Louis Brown, Executive Director, Christ Medicus Foundation

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

5. Addressing Challenges to Faith-Based **Adoption and Foster Care**

Executive Room

St. James teaches that religion which is "pure and undefiled before God" requires caring for orphans and other vulnerable persons (1:27). The Church has put this teaching into practice by building adoption and foster care ministries that serve children, birth mothers, and families. However, faithbased child welfare services currently face a host of obstacles. The rise in private-independent adoptions which can raise some ethical and practical concerns ("best interest of the child") have become increasingly popular. Other major pressures include faith-based ministries being forced to end their services due to increasing costs and legal challenges regarding religious convictions about the family. This workshop will discuss the challenges currently faced by faith-based child welfare providers and how people of faith can respond.

Moderators: Anthony Granado, Director for Government Relations, Catholic Charities USA; Lauren McCormack, Acting Director for the Office of Government Relations, USCCB

Panelists: Montse Alvarado, Vice President and Executive Director, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty; **Debbie Snapp**, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Advocacy Training 201 (optional – further skill building

& answering tough questions on priority issues) Bird Cage Walk This session is an opportunity for advocates to prepare for tomorrow's Capitol Hill visits. Policy experts will be available to answer your questions, offer tips, and help you have the most effective visits possible.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Advocacy Training 301** (by invitation)

Executive Room

Designed for experienced advocates, this session offers a chance to meet with advocacy professionals and learn about effective advocacy from the

6:00 p.m. - Onward Free evening with dinner on your own and optional events

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Diversity Outreach Initiative and Young Leaders Initiative Reflection and Reception (for all participants in DOI/YLI, campus delegations, and invited guests)

Empire Ballroom

Join other Diversity Outreach Initiative and Young Leaders Initiative participants for a reflection, conversation, and networking reception. The reflection experience will allow attendees to begin integrating the experience of the CSMG and considering next steps following the Gathering. The reflection will be followed by a lively hors d'oeuvre and dessert time for socializing with CSMG national collaborating organizations representatives for further sharing and connecting. This reception is open to registered attendees of CSMG. Advanced payment of \$30 is required for all noninitiative participants.

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7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Community Action Poverty Simulation

Diplomat Ballroom

Join Catholic Charities USA for a Poverty Simulation. The Community Action Poverty Simulation breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others, creating empathy and understanding about the hardships that millions of Americans face every day.

Poverty is often portrayed as a stand-alone issue—but this simulation allows individuals to walk a month in the shoes of someone who is facing poverty and realize how complex and interconnected issues of poverty really are. The Poverty Simulation is a tool that helps participants rethink the challenges that millions of low-income individuals must face each and every day. More importantly, this tool helps people identify areas of change that can directly impact the effects of poverty on individuals, families and communities.

7:45 p.m.

Free Movie Night!

Regency Ballroom

Please join us Monday evening at 7:45 p.m. for a free screening of Miss Virginia. Refreshments will be served!



Based on a true story, Miss Virginia stars Emmy® winner Uzo Aduba as a struggling single mother who is losing her fifteen-year-old son to the rough streets of Washington, DC. Unwilling to see him drop out and deal drugs, she places him in a private school. But when she can't afford tuition, she launches a movement to change the system that is destroying him and thousands like him. Attacked and threatened by those who don't want change—from corrupt politicians to the local drug lord—Virginia must discover depths of strength she never knew she had. Her efforts led to the creation of the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program, a federal education legislative priority of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Attendees will also learn how they can host their own free community screening back home!

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Registration**

West Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Sending Mass** Blue Room



Principal Celebrant & Homilist: **Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville**, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington; Chairman, USCCB Committee on Migration

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Mario E. Dorsonville was born October 31, 1960 in Bogotá, Colombia, the only child of Leonor M. Rodríguez and Carlos J. Dorsonville. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Bogotá, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1981 and a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology in 1985. He was ordained to the priesthood on November 23, 1985 in Bogotá. Bishop Dorsonville received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá in 1991 and a Doctorate in Ministry from The Catholic University of America in 1996. While studying at Catholic University, he assisted the Hispanic community on weekends at Good Shepherd and Christ the Redeemer parishes in Arlington and served as a lecturer at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. He later served as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Bethesda and St. Mark the Evangelist parish in Hyattsville.

Bishop Dorsonville served as Vice President for Mission of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington (2005-2015) and Director of the Spanish Catholic Center (2005-2015). He was named an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington by Pope Francis on March 20, 2015 and ordained to the episcopate on April 20, 2015. He has served as Vicar General and Moderator of Ethnic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Washington since 2015, as a member of the Council of Priests for the Archdiocese of Washington since 2006, and a member of the College of Consultors for the Archdiocese of Washington since 2011. Bishop Dorsonville is a member of the Committee on Catholic Education and is Chairman for the Committee on Migration for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** (all registered participants welcome)

Blessing of our advocacy by Monsignor Ray East

Regency Ballroom

For early morning Capitol Hill visits, we will have to-go breakfast available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Departure for Advocacy Visits on Capitol Hill

Reminder: please clear guest rooms of all belongings and check out of the hotel no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday before proceeding to Capitol Hill.

- Only very limited personal belongings can be carried to meetings on Capitol Hill. See Daily Bulletin for details.
- The primary location to store your luggage during the Hill Visits and Reception is the front desk of the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Luggage may be left at Omni until the evening. For those departing shortly after your advocacy visits, there is limited storage for luggage closer to Capitol Hill at the Madonna House, located at 220 C Street NE, Washington DC 20002. It is the

former convent located behind St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill; ring the doorbell when you arrive. **If you use this option, please consider** giving the Madonna House a small donation to support their ministry.

 SmarTrip cards to take the Metro can be purchased using a credit card or cash for \$10 at the Woodley Park Zoo Metro station as you head to Capitol Hill. SmarTrip card vending machines are located at the bottom of the escalators. The \$10 purchase of a SmarTrip card includes \$8 worth of travel, more than enough for one round trip to Capitol Hill. You can view costs and other metro rail details at www.wmata.com.

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Advocacy Visits on Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill

Every participant is encouraged to visit his/her members of Congress and their staff members to advocate on our priority issues and leave behind our Capitol Hill Message.

Lunch on Tuesday will be on your own with your state delegations in-between your meetings on Capitol Hill.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Reception

Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325

(I.D. and CSMG registration badge required)

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Catholic Energies is a project of the Covenant that helps Catholic institutions transition to energy-efficient solutions, enabling them to reduce energy costs while helping them fulfill their commitment to care for our Common Home. We understand the unique challenges that Catholic organizations face, and we work closely with each client to design a solution that meets their unique needs.

Catholic Energies was in the news in recent months for completing its first two projects: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton, VA, and the largest ground-based solar array in Washington, DC, benefitting Catholic Charities.



For further information, visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org and www.catholicenergies.org.





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There is...[a] need for...the rediscovery of the ecclesial mission proper to the family and its responsibility for the building of a more just society.

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Woe to those who enact unjust decrees and draft oppressive legislation to deprive the impoverished of justice and rob my people's poor of their rights, looting widows and preying on orphans! Isaiah 10:1-2

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People of faith have long been powerful voices against abusive lending. Center for Responsible Lending works to amplify these voices through research and policy advocacy, campaign support, and religious reflection. Join us!

www.responsiblelending.org

Welcome Campus Delegations!

This year, we are thrilled to have over 40 campuses represented in the Young Leaders Initiative, and to have the opportunity to hear the voices of students and their leaders. We are thankful for the sponsorship of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development and the Secretariat for Catholic Education, for the work of our committee members, and for campus staff who make student participation possible.

Alverno College St. Martin's University St. John's University The Catholic University of America Creighton University The Ohio State University Spelman College Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville University of St. Thomas Mount Marty College University of Dayton Missouri State University Xavier University of Louisiana

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Welcome Diversity Initiative Awardees!

We extend a warm welcome to the 143 participants in this year's Diversity Outreach Initiative, hailing from 56 dioceses. Thank you to all of our sponsors that make the Diversity Outreach Initiative Scholarships possible by their contributions. For more information about this initiative, visit CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org.

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This Pastoral Letter from the full body of bishops to the lay faithful and all people of goodwill addresses the sin of racism. The full text and bilingual resources including a study guide, lesson plans for grades K-12, and materials for higher ed and parishes, can be found at usccb.org/racism.



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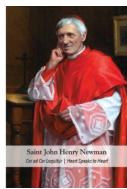


The Secretariat of Catholic Education

Welcomes YLI Participants

"Campus ministry is called to be a consistent and vigorous advocate for justice, peace, and the reverence for all life. All the baptized should understand that "action on behalf of justice is a significant criterion of the Church's fidelity to its missions.

It is not optional, nor is it the work of only a few in the Church. It is something to which all Christians are called according to their vocations, talents, and situations in life." With this in mind, campus ministers have the responsibility of keeping alive the vision of the Church on campus as a genuine servant community that is dedicated to the works of justice, peace, and reverence for life, in all stages of its development." – Empowered By The Spirit §73



Saint John Henry Newman, Pray For Us!



Frequently Asked Questions

Why D.C.?

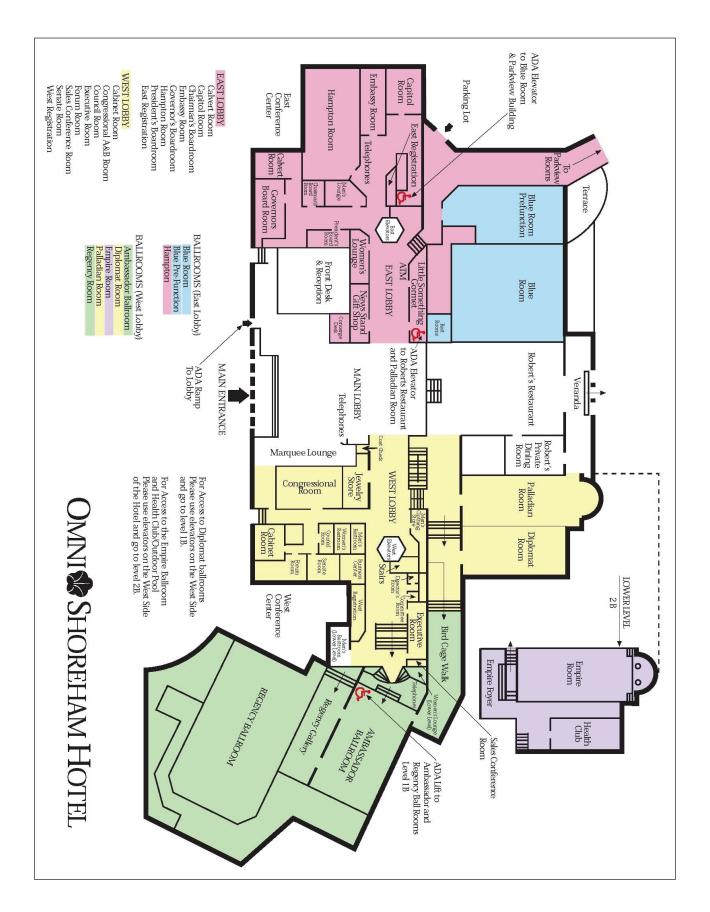
- Our Church is committed to dialogue with civil society, including the political leadership of nations. Both as citizens and as Catholics we gather at our nation's Capital to raise with national legislators our Church's concerns for people in harm's way.
- Washington D.C. is the base for many civil experts in current domestic and international affairs. D.C. is also the base for large numbers of Catholic leaders in areas such as economic and environmental policy and peace initiatives. CSMG draws on all of these resources and many more to form Catholic leaders for social ministry and advocacy.

Why January/February?

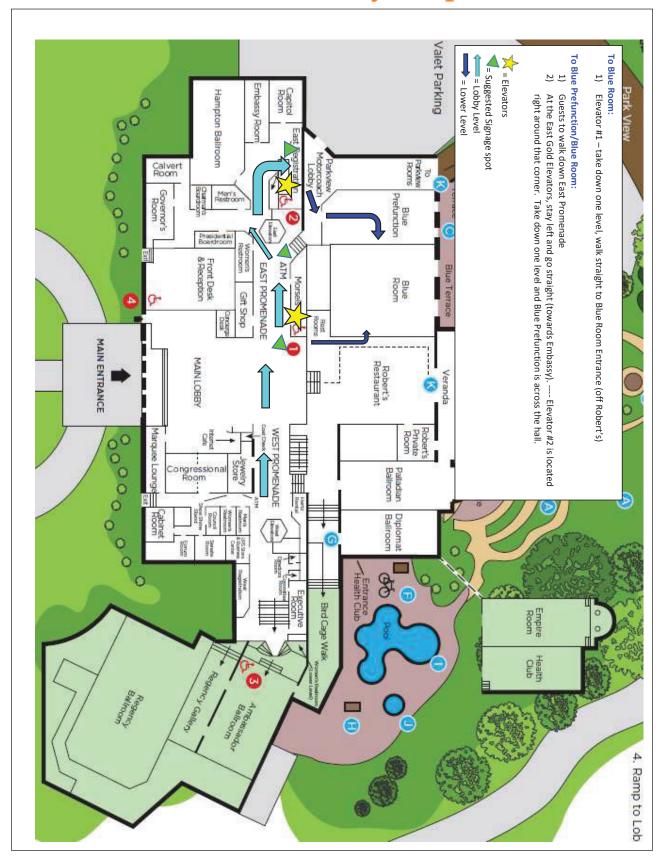
- Advocacy with Congress in January/February presents a strategic opportunity, often occurring at the beginning of a new Presidential administration or at the beginning of a new session of Congress. We make every effort to choose dates that fall after the President's State of the Union address and before Congress' first recess of the year for the President's Day weekend.
- Winter is the most affordable season to host a large gathering of Catholic leaders in D.C. at a time when our advocacy can have the most impact on members of Congress and new legislation. Hotel rates are substantially higher from Spring through Fall, and we are committed to keeping the cost of the Gathering as reasonable as possible.

Why a Big Hotel and Conference Center?

- The requirements of hosting more than 500 leaders for four days of meetings in Washington, D.C. during the Winter mean there are no real alternatives to locating the Gathering at a major hotel. Colleges and universities only offer conference services and accommodation during the summer, when our advocacy visits to Congress would be much less effective.
- We make every effort to select a hotel consistent with our mission, our commitment to a just and living wage for employees, and in keeping with Catholic teaching concerning labor practices. Unlike many D.C. hotels, the Omni allows employees to organize in unions.
- Choosing a hotel close to D.C. with easy access to Metro aids transportation and the effectiveness of advocacy with Congress.
- Conferences like CSMG involve extensive contracts with hotels that include commitments to minimum expenditures on meals, minimum rooms filled, etc. By staying at our conference hotel, you support the ongoing success of CSMG.
- We offer the option to arrange room-sharing through on-line registration to make accommodation at the conference hotel as affordable as possible. Good stewardship of the investment in traveling to the Gathering means basing ourselves in a location where we can make the most of opportunities to pray, meet, and plan together, and to reach out to members of Congress.



Accessibility Map



Notes, Reflections, and Plans

"Jesus says in the Scriptures: 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me'. Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him. So too is your care for the poor, the sick, the homeless and the immigrant, your defense of life at every stage, and your concern for family life. In all of this, you recognize that Jesus is in your midst and that your care for one another is care for Jesus himself." — Pope Francis, Address to Meeting
of Families, September 27, 2015

"Through her visible reality, all that can be seen, the sacraments and witness of all us Christians, the Church is called every day to be close to every man, to begin with the one who is poor, the one who suffers and the one who is marginalized, in such a way as to make all people feel the compassionate and merciful gaze of Jesus." — Pope Francis, General Audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, October 29, 2014	
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 "Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any
 type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia,
or willful self-destruction, whatever violates
the integrity of the human person, such as
 mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind,
 attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever
insults human dignity, such as subhuman
living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment,
deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful
working conditions, where people are treated
as mere instruments of gain rather than as free
and responsible persons; all these things and
others like them are infamies indeed. They
 poison human society, and they do more harm
to those who practice them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a
supreme dishonor to the Creator."
-St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 1995,
no. 3, quoting Second Vatican Council,
Gaudium et Spes, no. 22.

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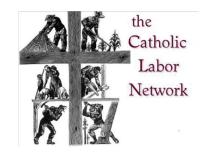
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