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Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God.

For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this “the key to [our] entire existence.”

~ Flyer, USCCB *Respect Life Program* (2010)

Labor Day Statement 2010

A New “Social Contract” for Today’s “New Things”

Most Reverend William F. Murphy, Bishop of Rockville Centre
Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
September 6, 2010

The Church faces the challenging task of bringing the light of the Gospel to these changing realities. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued what has become the Magna Carta of Catholic social teaching, *Rerum Novarum*, in which he dealt with the major shifts in production and new growth in productivity brought about by the Industrial Revolution that had seemingly moved the world into a new age.

The Holy Father insisted on the value and dignity of the worker as a human being endowed with rights and responsibilities. He commended free association or unions as legitimate and he insisted on a family wage that corresponded to the needs of the worker and family. He opened the way to humanize the industrial revolution and to bring Catholic principles about the person in society to factories and farms, markets and economies of a changing world.

That encyclical provided moral, and even spiritual, guidance for many of the great social reforms of the last century, including advances in public health, the banking system, public education, living wages, unions, and income security through the creation of Social Security, unemployment insurance, and similar programs. Then, as today, the Church was concerned about the balance between capital and labor, between owners and workers, when new technologies—whether steam engines, electricity, computers, or modern communications whatever it might be—disrupt that balance and put economic justice and the social contract up for re-negotiation.

As a Church with a long tradition of bringing the light of the Gospel to the concrete social, economic, political, and cultural questions of the day, Pope Benedict reminds us this Labor Day that we as a nation and people do not live in isolation, we influence and are influenced by our brothers and sisters in all the nations, economies, and cultures that make up this globalized world. More than ever, the dignity of the worker is a foundation upon which we should measure much of what is good, and not so good, in the financial, industrial, and service sectors of our economy and our world.

This Labor Day we must seek to protect the life and dignity of each worker in a renewed and robust economy. Workers need to have a real voice and effective protections in economic life. The market, the state, and civil society, unions and employers all have roles to play and they must be exercised in creative and fruitful interrelationships. Private action and public policies that strengthen families and reduce poverty are needed. New jobs with just wages and benefits must be created so that all workers can express their dignity through the dignity of work and are able to fulfill God’s call to us all to be co-creators. A new social contract, which begins by honoring work and workers, must be forged that ultimately focuses on the common good of the entire human family.

The above is excerpted from the USCCB Labor Day Statement. The full statement can be found at http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/labor_day_2010.pdf.

Did you know you can cut and paste any item in this newsletter for placement in your parish bulletin??

Respect life information (pages 2 & 3), Catholic Charities Centennial information, fair trade, and upcoming events (page 5), CCHD and Immigration information (page 6), Catholic Convocation information (page 7), AND MORE!

Bishop Burbidge Announces Creation of New Pro-Life Office

On August 21, at the annual gathering of Respect Life Coordinators in Raleigh, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge announced the appointment of Mrs. Jacqueline Bonk as Director of the newly created Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Raleigh. Mrs. Bonk will serve in a part-time capacity, with her role beginning immediately.

Mrs. Bonk said the Pro-Life Office will be involved with the entire spectrum of pro-life advocacy, including abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and the death penalty. "Among other activities," she said, "we'll be providing direction to parish pro-life coordinators, coordinating Diocesan pro-life events and working with the Diocesan Communications Office to develop pro-life communications.

Bishop Burbidge stated: "I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Bonk as the Director of our newly created Diocesan Pro-Life Office. I am confident she will bring great zeal and direction to her new work. I also express my gratitude to Sister Joan Jurski, O.S.F. for her many years of dedicated service to the Diocese of Raleigh in her role as Director of the Office of Respect Life/Peace and Justice.

"The creation of the new Diocesan Pro-Life Office will allow Sister Joan to increase her efforts in the areas of Peace and Justice and Parish Social Ministry, with particular emphasis upon issues such as immigration, hunger, peacemaking, poverty, and homelessness. Likewise, Mrs. Bonk will have the ability to expand the focus of the important pro-life education and formation work we have already done as a Diocese on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research and the death penalty. The effect of this new structure thus strengthens the work both of the Pro-Life Office and the Office of Peace and Justice, as it will allow Mrs. Bonk and Sr. Joan to give greater attention to these important moral and human issues and how in each we are called to safeguard human life with love and respect at all times."

(excerpts from article above taken from the Diocesan Website:
<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/view.aspx?id=876>)



SAVE THE DATE: 2010 FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN DATES

September 22, 2010 - October 31, 2010

For more information contact Mary Smith at prayforlife247@gmail.com or this office at Jackie.Bonk@raldioc.org.

Project Rachel Support Group and Retreat Information

Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a deep wound in post-abortive women, one that affects them spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Project Rachel assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion find truth and healing. A support group began in the Triangle area in August. If you have participated in an abortion and would like more information about the support group contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat October 22-24. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Registration deadline is October 14, 2010.

Moratorium on the Death Penalty in North Carolina

Much is in the news these days about the death penalty in North Carolina. Now is the time to contact your state representatives on this respect life issue. Visit www.pfadp.org and find out more.



Annual Respect Life Seminar Held on August 21, 2010

(excerpts from article below from the Diocesan Website: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/view.aspx?id=877>)

The day began with refreshments and a presentation by Family Honor, a program that creates opportunities for parents and children to connect on important life issues, with a special emphasis on chastity and God's gift of sexuality. The program, developed in South Carolina, is now conducted regularly in the Diocese of Raleigh by certified facilitators and involves parents along with their sixth- and eighth-grade children. Family Honor emphasizes development of the whole person, not just biology and functions, explaining the spiritual, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional dimensions of total sexual persons. For more information on Family Honor, please see the website: <http://www.familyhonor.org/>.

The presentation was followed by Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh. During the Mass Bishop Burbidge announced the appointment of Mrs. Jacqueline Bonk as Director of the newly created Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Raleigh. Mrs. Bonk is charged with developing, designing and facilitating the implementation of pastoral pro-life activities, as well as the education and invitation of the faithful to participate in protecting the sanctity of all human life.

Addressing the Parish Respect Life Leaders, Bishop Burbidge commended them for their "perseverance, courage and dedicated service. With compassion and conviction," the Bishop said, "we must never grow tired of helping others to understand the Gospel of Life and the teachings of the Church."

Lunch followed the Mass. In the afternoon, those in attendance heard a presentation on the Plan for Diocesan Pro-Life Activities. The Diocesan Plan supports and implements – at the Deanery and Parish levels – the Campaign in Support of Life by the U.S.C.C.B.

The USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities:

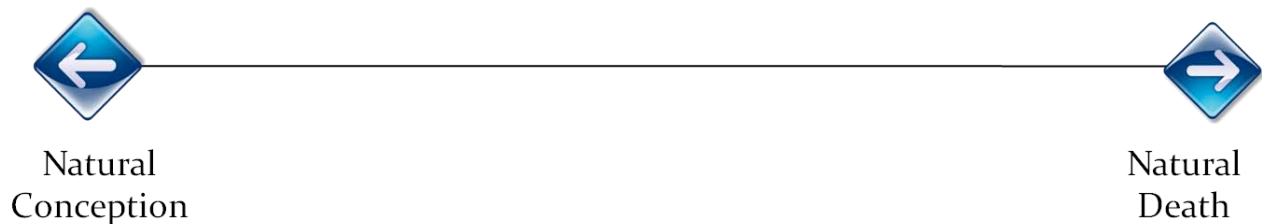
A Campaign in Support of Life

This pastoral plan calls upon all the resources of the Church—its people, services, and institutions—to pursue this effort with renewed energy and commitment in four major areas.

- Education
- Prayer & Worship
- Pastoral Care
- Advocacy/Public Policy

Beyond planning annually in a way that reflects the 4 categories above, participants were challenged to ensure that the work they do is reflective of the continuum of life from natural conception to natural death. This is reflective of a consistent ethic of life.

How does your parish reflect the social mission from end to end?



More information on the presentations as well as more details about the USCCB Pastoral Plan and how it can be implemented in our parishes can be found on our website: http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/respect_life/index.aspx.

2010 Parish Social Ministry Training Day



Event Sponsored by:

*Catholic Charities,
Diocese of Raleigh*

Questions?
Call the Office of Peace, Justice/
Respect Life
(919) 821-9751



Register Today!

September 25, 2010

St. Mary Mother of the Church, Garner

9:30 am– 3:00 pm

Don't miss being part of our day as we explore
our journey to fulfill the social mission of our Church!

Keynote Address:

Parish Social Ministry: Living the Gospel

Larry DiPaul,

Director of Life and Justice for the Diocese of Camden,
and Co-Director of the Romero Center in Camden, NJ

Workshops will include:

Our Journey Rooted in Christ

Our Journey in Accompaniment with Those We Serve

Our Journey in Welcoming All in My Parish

Our Journey in Building Parish & Community Collaboration

Our Journey in Promoting the Social Mission within My Parish

*In addition, the keynote address will be translated
simultaneously to Spanish and Spanish workshops will be available.*

***Contact our office for registration
information***

or see our website:

**[http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/
peace_justice/index.aspx](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/peace_justice/index.aspx)**



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Catholic Charities USA- Centennial Celebration

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10:30 am
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge presiding

DID YOU KNOW???

***And CCUSA is not the only organization 100 years old!
Catholic Charities is Raleigh has roots over 100 years old as well!***

What is Fair Trade?

How can I promote fair trade in my parish?



Millions of hard working people around the world are living in extreme poverty through no fault of their own. They simply lack the information and services needed to participate as equals in the global economy. Fair Trade is based on the principal that people should earn a fair profit for what they produce. Fair Trade guarantees fair wages and provides access to technical and financial assistance ,and most

importantly, connects these producers with consumers, like us, who understand that choices we make every day have the power to make the trading system work better for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Catholic Relief Services promotes fair trade and fair trade products far beyond coffee and chocolate.

See www.crsfairtrade.org for more information.

Catholic Relief Services

is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

See www.crs.org for more information.

A parishioner at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Raleigh, Sally Poland is a Fair Trade Ambassador for Catholic Relief Services. Please contact Sally at 919-828-2607 or email:

sapoland@earthlink.net.

She would love to talk with you!

Upcoming Events



September 22– October 31, 2010

40 Days for Life

Contact Mary Smith for more information-
prayforlife247@gmail.com

September 25, 2010

Parish Social Ministry Training Day

St. Mary Mother of the Church, Garner
9:30 am– 3:00 pm

September 26, 2010

Catholic Charities USA Centennial Celebration Raleigh Celebration

Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10:30 am
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

October 1, 2010

Benefit for Life Gala

For information e-mail Deb Oronzio, doronzio@gmail.com

October 3, 2010

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass

St. Andrew, Apex

Mass at 9:30 am

with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Raleigh Life Chain

For more information e-mail Bob & Kathy Klein,

blk4jnj@juno.com

October 16, 2010

Catholic Convocation

Cardinal Gibbons High School

For more information see

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/cfe/index.aspx>

Coming in 2011:

January 15– North Carolina March for Life and Prayer Breakfast, Raleigh

January 24– National March for Life, Washington D.C.

Watch for more information on 2011 Events!

Immigration Reform Update

According to Justice for Immigrants (JFI), the Catholic Campaign for Immigration reform (<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>), now is the time to continue building legislative capacity around the issue of Immigration Reform.

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act), is a piece of legislation that has been introduced both in the U.S House and U.S Senate. This proposed bill would give certain undocumented students a path to citizenship. In order to qualify for the DREAM Act, the student must have:



- * Entered the country before the age of 16
- * Graduated from a U.S. high school or obtained a GED
- * A good moral character (no criminal record)
- * At least five years of continuous presence in the US
- * Must be between the ages of 12 and 35 at time of bill enactment

If the student meets the above requirements, once the DREAM Act passes, the student will be given a period of six years to either obtain a two-year college degree or serve in the military for at least 2 years. During this six year period, the student will be granted a "conditional" status. If the student meets all of the requirements at the end of the 6-year period, he/she will be granted permanent residency and could then become a U.S. citizen. Please contact Senators Hagan and Burr and ask them to support the DREAM Act. Phone: 1-877-852-9462 or e-mail from their websites: <http://hagan.senate.gov/?p=home> and <http://burr.senate.gov/public/>

The Diocese of Raleigh is preparing a long-term plan for immigration education and action that will reflect the values of the Church. More information will be forthcoming.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Update

“Besides the good of the individual, there is the good that is linked to society: the common good. It is the good of all of us!... To desire the *common good* and strive towards it is a *requirement of justice and charity.*”

Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI, 2009

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) helps people to lift themselves out of poverty. It invests in the dignity of people living below the poverty line. The programs support self-sufficiency and self-determination for people who are working to bring permanent change to their communities. The monies used to fund the programs are collected each year in November.

The philosophy emphasizes empowerment and participation for those in poverty. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives and communities. CCHD empowers them to move beyond poverty. Since 1970, CCHD has provided nearly 8,000 grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of poor persons nation-wide. Each year CCHD distributes national grants to more than 300 projects based in local communities. In addition, hundreds of smaller local programs are funded through the 25 percent share of the CCHD collection retained by dioceses. The program's successes and the relationships developed have significantly changed the lives of the poor in our country.

*All funded projects must conform to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
Applications are reviewed by the local pastor, the diocesan CCHD committee, and approved by the Bishop.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CCHD DINNER ON OCTOBER 28 at 6:30 at ST.MICHAEL'S, Cary!
Call our office to RSVP. (919)821-9751

Learn more about a locally funded Catholic Campaign for Human Development Group The Summit House

The Summit House program strives to break the multigenerational cycle of crime, poverty, and substance abuse by intervening in and strengthening the lives of non-violent female offenders and their children.

Summit House, a residential alternative-to-prison program for mothers convicted of a non-violent crime and their minor children, is a non-profit that serves all 100 North Carolina counties and saves state tax payers over \$1million net annually. With locations in the Triangle, Piedmont, and Charlotte, Summit House empowers convicted mothers to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty, violence, and substance abuse that is their history, and to create a new life for themselves and their children. Summit House strives to keep families together by maximizing healthy bonding between mothers and children. The organization is committed to working with women who have the desire and dedication to change their lives through counseling, life and job skills training, and substance-abuse counseling, rather than sit out a prison sentence.

For more information see their website: <http://www.summithouse.org/aboutsummithouse.html>

NC Catholic Voice

Go to the website www.CatholicVoiceNC.org for more information and to register.

More than 800,000 residents of North Carolina profess the Catholic faith in the 187 parishes and missions of the Dioceses of Raleigh and Charlotte. Catholic Voice NC facilitates a grassroots effort by concerned Catholics in North Carolina to educate and influence our lawmakers. When an important issue arises you will receive an e-mail alert with the option to contact your legislator to express your Catholic views.

Register today, it's free!

Each of these issue areas are currently covered:

- Respect Life
- Stem Cell Research
- End of Life
- Immigration
- Family Life



Office of Peace & Justice

www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/peace_justice/index.aspx

We have an entire page dedicated to Catholic Social Teaching Resources, Parish Social Ministry, Advocacy resources, and more!

Don't see what you need here??


Call us, we can help!

Contact the Office of Peace, Justice/Respect Life

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Diocese of Raleigh
CATHOLIC CONVOCATION
2010

The Sacred Liturgy:
Proclaiming, Celebrating and Witnessing
to the Mystery of Christ



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
Cardinal Gibbons High School, Raleigh, NC

8:30 am - Registration and Hospitality
9:30 am - Opening prayer followed by Keynote Addresses, Lunch and Workshops

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:
The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory,
Archbishop of Atlanta

KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN SPANISH:
Sister Doris Turek, S.S.N.D., Secretariat of Divine

4:30 pm - Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
PRINCIPAL CONCELEBRANT & HOMILIST:
The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh

- ◆ A wide variety of speakers and workshops to choose from throughout the day.
- ◆ The day includes tracks for:
 - ~All the Faithful
 - ~Youth and Youth Ministers
 - ~Hispanic Ministry
 - ~Music Ministry
 - ~RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

There's something for everyone!

\$40 Adults
\$35 Groups of 5 or more
\$30 High School Youth
\$50 Day of Convocation

For more information visit our website: www.dioceseofraleigh.org

Calendar of Teachable Moments: August 2010-July 2011

We have created a calendar to assist Catholics in the Diocese of Raleigh to learn about special days, saints, and events which call us to reflect on Life, Justice, and Peace. The calendar is now complete for August 2010-July 2011. A Spanish copy of the calendar is attached as well. See the link on our website for a copy: http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/peace_justice/index.aspx.

The information in this calendar can be useful for Catholic Schools, Faith Formation Offices, Bulletin Editors, Parish Social Concerns volunteers, Pro-life volunteers, and Family Life Coordinators.

We pray that the calendar will cause reflection, education, and advocacy throughout the school year beginning this month and continuing for one full calendar year.

Prayer for the People of Pakistan

By: Linda Jones/CAFOD

We pray for those who have been affected by the immense flooding in Pakistan. From the northern mountains to the southern wheat fields the rising water has left devastation in its wake.

Compassionate God, have mercy.

Wipe away the tears of those who have lost their families, their homes and their livelihoods.

Loving God, hear our cries.

We pray for those battling to deliver aid and support, and for the families and friends of those who are missing or hurt. Bring the light of hope into the lives of those who wait. Stir in us the spirit of compassion and love for all in need.

God of hope, bring your light to the world.

AMEN.

