



# Catholic Charities Social Concerns

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Dear Friend,

Recently I attended a workshop at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Morris, IN. While I was there, I saw a plaque that was leaning up against the window that said “Only One Thing’ (Luke 10:42).” I was intrigued and made a mental note to look it up later. It turns out this is one of my favorite scriptures and if I am being truthful, also one of the most challenging for me.



It is the story of Mary and Martha.

“As they continued their journey, he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (Luke 10:38-42)

Whether you are man or woman, I think all of us can relate to Martha. She is a worker, a volunteer, someone who gets things done, a delegator, a hostess, a cook, a doer, a fixer and most of all someone who has a servant’s heart. And isn’t having a servant’s heart what we are called to have, particularly in the work of loving our neighbors? But then I remember...

**“Only One Thing”.**

What a gentle reminder. Jesus deeply loved Martha, but his gentle admonishment

is a reminder to all of us that in order to represent him to the world, we must first sit with him to gain the wisdom and strength we need for the journey.

I am reminded of a story I read about Mother Teresa of Calcutta in a book by Fr. Leo Maasburg called *Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait*. The story explained that she and her sisters would spend at least an hour each day in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In 1972 when a catastrophic flood struck Bangladesh, Mother Teresa immediately sent her sisters there to help in any way possible. The needs were enormous, and the work demanded superhuman efforts on the part of the sisters. Relief workers asked if they would make an exception to their routine and not interrupt their work for their prayer sessions. Mother Teresa told them no, she wanted her sisters to come home each day to pray for one hour in the chapel. Many of the relief workers did not understand this, but for Mother Teresa it was clear that the sisters' strength dries up if they do not take that time to be Mary and sit at Jesus's feet.

During this Advent Season of anticipating our Lord's birth, it can be very easy to get caught up in being "anxious and worried about many things," as the Christmas to-do list just keeps getting longer. I understand...not only do we have our own gifts to buy and events to attend, but through our servant's heart we have the poor to feed, the homeless to shelter, and people to clothe. But, don't forget to take a cue from Mary for "she has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

I pray during this holiday season of hustle and bustle that we are able to find those quiet moments to sit before the Lord to find the peace and joy he has waiting for us, as we gaze on "only one thing."

**Have a Blessed Advent Season and a Merry Christmas.**

Sincerely in Christ,

*Theresa Chamblee*

Catholic Charities - Director of Social Concerns

[Visit our Website - Catholic Charities - Social Concerns](#)

## Catholic Relief Services



# Bring Lent to Life

It is hard to talk about Lent right in the middle of Advent, but CRS has a new spin on their CRS Rice Bowls for the 2020 Lenten Season.

To help you, your parish, and parish school prepare for the Lenten Season, please make sure you check out what is new!!

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Through CRS Rice Bowl, we journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need.

**Theme:** Rice Bowl will use the scripture story of the miracle of feeding 5,000 from the Gospel of Mark. We are called to feed the hungry and CRS Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on the challenge of global hunger—and how proper nutrition gives young people the opportunity to dream.

**Countries:** This year, rather than focusing on one country each week, three stories of three girls from three countries (Honduras, Vietnam and Kenya) are woven throughout each week of Lent. Each week we'll learn something new about the girls and their lives.



**Me llamo Maria Ana.  
My name is Maria Ana.**

Maria Ana is 16 years old. Serious and kind, she lives with her parents, four brothers and one sister in Honduras, a country in Central America. Her village, El Pinal, is surrounded by hills. Maria Ana speaks Spanish.

**Tên tôi là Nguyen Thi Trinh.**

**My name is Trinh.H**

Trinh is a hard-working, energetic 12-year-old. She lives in the farming community of Binh Dao, located outside of the city of Hoi An, Vietnam with her parents, two older brothers and younger sister. Her country is in Southeast Asia and is surrounded on three sides by water. Trinh speaks Vietnamese.



**Jina langu ni Yvone.  
My name is Yvone.**

Ambitious and intelligent, Yvone is 11 years old. She lives with her grandparents, her aunt, three siblings and three cousins in Konjiko, a village in Kenya. Her



community is located near Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa. The village is also close to the Equator, so it is very hot there. Yvone and her family speak Kiswahili and English.

**Calendar:** The [Rice Bowl calendar](#) has been redesigned with a new look that encourages families to study scripture and includes ideas to for discussion.

**Recipes:** There will be three meatless meal recipes, one from each country. Archived recipes are available on the Rice Bowl website.

**Website:** The [Rice Bowl website](#) has a new look this year as well, but all the same great resources are available.

**Materials:** To be good stewards of agency resources, **only print versions of the posters, calendars and bowls can be ordered through the online order form.** The Coordinators Guide and Educators Guide can no longer be ordered in print but are available for download from the website.

**Videos:** Check out the [CRS Rice Bowl - Stories of Hope](#) videos. Also, there are many [Rice Bowl videos](#) available online (in English and Spanish), including a Holy Week video and “how to” videos like How to Talk to your Pastor, How to Kick Off Rice Bowl and a video about the 25% that stays in the diocese.

**Social Media:** CRS Rice Bowl Facebook Group contains the most content on the main English and Spanish channels. Twitter is no longer active.

To order more materials visit the [CRS Rice Bowl Materials page](#) or call 1-800-222-0025

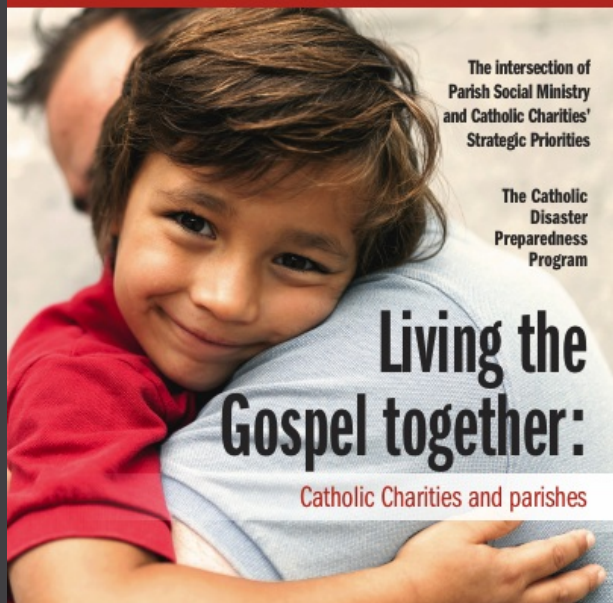
## January Poverty Awareness Month



During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!  
In addition to the **calendar**, **longer daily reflections** are also available. All of these resources are also **en Español**. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

## Catholic Charities USA Fall 2019 Magazine

**Charities USA**  
THE MAGAZINE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA | FALL 2019 | VOLUME 45 | NUMBER 4



One of the several ministries that fall under the umbrella of Catholic Charities - Social Concerns is Parish Social Ministry (PSM).

PSM works with parishes to empower parishioners to live out their baptismal call to serve the needs of those living right in their own communities.

By working with parishes, Parish Social Ministry aims to foster greater outreach and advocacy efforts, to educate parishioners to serve those who are poor and vulnerable, and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth.

Check out the **Catholic Charities USA Fall 2019 Magazine** that highlights the incredible work of our parishes around the country.

**Make sure you check out PAGE 17!!!!**  
**St. Monica Catholic Church**  
**Archdiocese of Indianapolis is featured!!!**

## CCHD - Multimedia Youth Contest Creating on the Margins

***Teacher, Educators, Youth Ministers,  
Campus Ministers, and Young Artists***  
**Please Read**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
announces the 2020 contest

# CREATING ON THE MARGINS

**WHO?** Students in grades 7-12

**WHAT?** Create a work of art about our Catholic response to poverty and unaffordable housing

**WHEN?** From now until March 2020

**DETAILS?** Visit [www.USCCB.org/YouthContest](http://www.USCCB.org/YouthContest)

**2020 Contest Theme: "More than a Roof"**



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Creating on the Margins Contest is a tool to engage young people in grades 7-12 in learning about poverty in the U.S., its root causes, and faith-inspired efforts to address poverty, especially through CCHD.

**The theme of this year's contest is "More Than a Roof" and reflects upon how the crisis of unaffordable housing and homelessness affects both families and individuals in our communities.** "A house is much more than a roof over one's head. It is a place where a person creates and lives out his or her life." – St. John Paul II

The contest is designed to be used *across disciplines*. Contestant art entries can be of any form—for example, video, short story, painting, song, photography, etc. The contest requires that students respond to four reflective essay questions. Youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate.

Schools and parishes submit **art entries, reflection essays, and permission forms** to the Archdiocese no later than **February 26, 2020**. The voting committee will select winners for each grade category (grades 7-9 and grades 10-12). Local winners will be honored at a Catholic Charities event and featured in *The Criterion*. The diocesan winning entries will be sent to the CCHD national office for judging in the national contest. The national CCHD office will then select a national grand prize winner and other winners. The national grand prize winner will be awarded his/her prize on the main stage of a national Catholic conference.

If you are interested in participating in this year's contest, please send the name of your school, a contact for the art contest, and any questions you may have to the **Catholic Charities Social Concerns Intern, Molly Smith at [msmith@archindy.org](mailto:msmith@archindy.org) or call at (317) 236-1457.**

**To Learn More about the Archindy Multimedia Contest- [VISIT HERE](#)**

**CREATING** ON THE  
MARGINS

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## National CCHD Contest Packets Information/ Instructions

[Young Artists / Artistas Jovenes](#)

[Educators/ Educadores](#)

## Catholic Charities 100th Anniversary



If you have ever wondered the question...  
**What all does Catholic Charities do?**  
Let us tell you.



Thank you for your support of our 100th year of service to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. On Nov. 20th, Catholic Charities held there 100th Anniversary Mass and Dinner. It was a great evening of fellowship and celebration for the work being done by our Catholic Charities Agencies throughout the Archdiocese.

Thanks to the support and generosity of many, we were able to raise over \$75,000 last night to provide help and create hope for those in need. On behalf of the 210,000 people we are honored to serve annually, thank you for your kindness this year. Be assured that your generosity provides critical support, genuine care, and gentle relief for those living in poverty and crisis.

### [Check out the Catholic Charities 100 Year Timeline](#)

**We had some familiar faces wishing us a Happy 100th Anniversary!!  
Check out the video below!!**



# Catholic Charities News Terre Haute & Indianapolis

**December 1-31**

Use promo code **CCIND20** online



at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com) to receive 20% off your entire regular menu priced order. A portion of your purchase will benefit Catholic Charities Terre Haute.



This promotion is valid at the Terre Haute and Indianapolis region stores so please share!

## From Our Friends



### Archdiocesan 5th Annual Marriage Day Celebration

February 9, 2020  
Mass at 2:00 pm  
Reception to follow

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral  
1547 North Meridian Street,  
Indianapolis IN 46202

A Celebration for ALL married couples.  
Registration:  
[www.archindy.org/weddingcelebrations](http://www.archindy.org/weddingcelebrations)



Office of Marriage & Family Life  
1400 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis IN 46202  
(317) 236-1521

### Archdiocesan 5th Annual Marriage Day Celebration

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Day Celebration at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, hosted by the Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. All married couples are invited to attend the Mass with Mons. Stumpf and the reception to follow in the Assembly Hall of the Catholic Center with some light refreshments and a free dance lesson from "Naptown Stomp." No cost to attend

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RSVP required at  
[www.archindy.org/weddingcelebrations](http://www.archindy.org/weddingcelebrations).

## We Promise

### Black Catholic Couples Retreat

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> is the "We Promise" Black Catholic Couples retreat, hosted by the Black Catholic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and promoted by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. The retreat day features keynote speakers and authors Andrew and Terri Lyke (from Chicago, Marriage on a Lampstand Ministry) and will be held at St. Monica parish in Indianapolis. Suggested donation \$25. Contact Pearlette Springer for more information. RSVP: 317-236-1474 | [PSPRINGER@ARCHINDY.ORG](mailto:PSPRINGER@ARCHINDY.ORG)

Vigil for Life  
with Sarah Kroger



# Vigil for LIFE

Tuesday, January 21, 2019

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH  
126 W. GEORGIA ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IN

7PM - 9PM *Eucharistic Adoration*



A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

LED BY **Sarah Kroger**

& LOCAL PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF  
HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

This Event is free. Donations will be accepted for the Offices  
of Human Life and Dignity, Archdiocese of Indianapolis,  
and Family Life, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

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RSVP: <https://vigilforlife2020.eventbrite.com>

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Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions,  
praise and worship led by Sarah  
Kroger and witness testimonies to the  
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Office of  
Human Life  
& Dignity

## Indiana March for Life

Local Solemn Observance of the  
Anniversary of Roe vs Wade Mass with  
the Archbishop Thompson and Bishop  
Doherty

January 22, 2020 10:30 am at St. John the  
Evangelist Catholic Church 126 W. Georgia  
Street Indianapolis, IN 46225

Followed by March to the Capitol Building  
and Rally at the Steps.

## March for Life

Wednesday January 22, 2020 12:00 pm

March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building

# Reflection for the Month of December

Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy and the joy given will be returned to us. Let us seek in particular to communicate the deepest joy, that of knowing God in Christ. Let us pray that this presence of God's liberating joy will shine out in our lives.

— Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI,  
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18, 2005

# Prayer of the Month

## Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the highest!  
My precious Lord, Jesus,  
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the  
celebration of Your birth.

Your love for us is unfathomable,  
it is glorious  
transforming,  
awe-inspiring,  
and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us,  
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.

Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,  
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love  
as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord.

to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.

Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth  
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.

Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World,

I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph,

Pray for me and for all.

Amen.

## Ministries of Catholic Charities Social Concerns

### What is Social Concerns?

Social Concerns encourages the Community to grow in a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by providing resources and strategies for effective action in parishes, schools and surrounding communities. Most importantly, it calls us to a deeper understanding in living out the Two Greatest Commandments, which is to Love God and to Love our Neighbors, both locally and globally."

Below are the Ministries that fall under Catholic Charities - Social Concerns.



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