

“To be a Church of the poor. . . “

Social Justice Options

Issues to be aware of:

1. Environmental protection
2. Immigration
3. Training Opportunities for further education

Things to do:

1. For those interested in environmental protection, House Bill 1611 has been introduced in Washington DC. It would ensure that any crude oil pipeline corporations seeking to increase capacity must go through fair review and public input. It would solidify rules to better protect Puget Sound and the Salish Sea from under regulated barges carrying crude oil through our waters. It would also establish stable funding for communities to prepare for and respond to oil spills. To encourage passage of this bill contact Pramila Jaypal at www.jaypal.house.gov or call at 202 225-3106.
2. Quoted from Northwest Catholic, April 17: “The Church’s social teaching says that there are three principles that must be applied when a society or government develops immigration policies. The first is that people have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. Second, a country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration in order to preserve the common good. Finally, a country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy. That is to say, the second principle must be enacted with the absolute equality and dignity of all people in mind.”
3. To consider learning more about ways to educate our parish. A great billboard I saw the other day said something like this: “Why practice generosity? Unless you want to change the world.” This is an opportunity to be generous with your time and talent and help the rest of us learn:

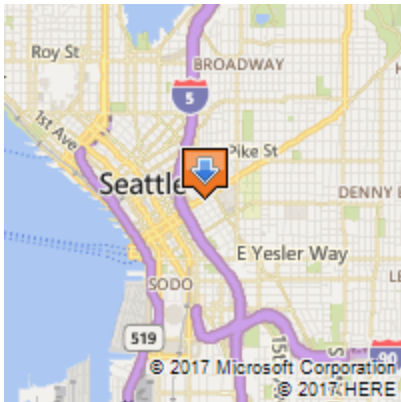
CRS Parish Ambassador Corps: "Come and See"

When

Saturday, April 29, 2017 from
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM PDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Isaac Orr Conference Center
910 Marion St
Seattle, WA 98104



[Driving Directions](#)

Dear Parish Member:

As the social ministry contact for your parish, are you looking to increase Global Solidarity in your parish? Become a CRS Parish Ambassador Corps Parish!

Over the past 2 years, the Missions Office has been engaged in a pilot initiative developed by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) called the "Parish Ambassador Corps" (PAC).

PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action. CRS ambassadors receive formation on the spiritual roots of our call to care for those in need. Ambassadors are part of a nationwide CRS Ambassador community, sharing encouragement, prayer and resources. Trained and equipped, Ambassadors commit to helping support global solidarity efforts in their parishes. They help with Rice Bowl as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year.

Please consider attending (or inviting others to attend) a "Come and See" on April 29th to learn more about PAC and how CRS Parish Ambassadors might serve your parish. You might promote this opportunity using this [printable invitation](#) and [PAC flyer](#). You may also consider including this [bulletin announcement](#) in your parish bulletin to get the word out.

Click on the link below to register!

[Get more information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

If you have any questions, never hesitate to contact your Missions Office (below).

We appreciate all you do to promote life, peace and justice in our communities, and hope that the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps will support you in this work!

In peace,

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