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Election 2020: Discernment Resources and Voter Registration

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3. The U.S. Catholic bishops tell us, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love." How do we, as Catholics, form our consciences and make decisions that reflect our faith? Visit our website for resources to discern before voting: www.olgseattle.org/election-2020 Did you know you can register in-person through 8pm on Election Day at the King County Elections Office in Renton? Visit <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx>

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Tour

NPH USA transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes, health services and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). NPH helps children overcome poverty and become leaders in their communities. They usually host what's called a "Pequeño Tour", where a group of young people who live in one of NPH's homes come to Seattle to offer stories and folkloric song and dance. This is an incredible encounter opportunity to draw close to some of God's "little ones" living on the margins of our world. Sadly, the young people cannot travel to Seattle right now. However, they can still beautifully share their stories and talent virtually! To see the 2020 Virtual Pequeño Tour, visit:

<https://nphusa.org/2020tour/> [nphusa.org]

GATHER

Election Day Vigil

After a long year, Election Day is almost upon us! Join with others in the parish community to mark the day together in prayer and solidarity. From 12pm to 5pm on Election Day, November 3, we will stand vigil (socially-distanced, with masks) on 35th outside the church to offer prayers for our nation and to encourage those driving by. Gather some friends and sign up for a half-hour vigil slot: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAA92EA5FC1-election>

Mass for Deceased Homeless

The annual Mass for the Deceased Homeless at St. James Cathedral will be celebrated on Thursday, November 12 at 5:30pm. We take this time to remember those 154 homeless men and women who died in shelters, hospitals, on the streets or by violence in our community this past year. Those who wish to attend Mass in person can do so by registering at <https://conta.cc/3clitMy>. The event will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook and Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/469932727>) pages. All attending are invited to bring donations of winter hats, gloves, and scarves.

SERVE

Day of Service Planning Meeting

Our Day of Service Planning Team is meeting on Friday, November 6 from 1-2pm to begin planning for 2021.

While COVID has changed many things, it hasn't stopped the need in our community. In fact, it's growing every day and we're looking for ways to creatively respond. If you want to be part of the effort, join us at our meeting to learn more. There are many ways to be involved, both big and small. For more information, contact Karen at fittonkaren@gmail.com.

Relief Funds for those without Documents

Both the City of Seattle and Washington State have recently created relief funds for those without documents who did not qualify for the previous stimulus aid and who cannot collect unemployment. For those who live, work, or study in Seattle, applications are available through November 5 at <http://www.seattle.gov/iandaffairs/programs-and-services/>. Applicants can also apply through WA State for separate funds at <https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org/>. To help reduce technology and language barriers with the application, the WA Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) is recruiting volunteers for their hotline. If you

are interested in helping people over the phone to fill out their applications, visit <https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org/> Spanish-speakers are especially needed!

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Ethical Trade Sale

OLG's annual Ethical Trade Sale is going online this year! Many of the artisans, farmers, and communities we support through the sale are struggling more than ever this year as COVID spreads and sales slow. Through our virtual sale, you'll find a large variety of unique, quality items and gifts. You will also empower others AND support OLG (20% of sales come back to us)! Win, win, win! Simply shop through our custom parish link: serrv.org?a=olgfairtrade (an orange banner at the top of the page will say OLG). Bonus, you can also get free shipping on 11/14-11/15 (code: SEHOLIDAY20). This year, we are also selling Pura Vida coffee. Pura Vida has been VERY generous every year, donating 100% of sales (sometimes even more!). Their business is struggling with COVID and now we can return the generosity. To order their delicious ground or whole bean coffee, contact Erin at erinpedras@centurylink.net by November 30. We'll have coffee ready to pick up at OLG parish and/or school in time for your Christmas celebrations! Interested in products from our other annual vendors? Visit our website for links to their sites!