

GATHER

Day of Service Signups are Open!

Our 9th annual Day of Service is on **Saturday, April 2** and signups are now open! This annual event brings together 200+ volunteers from our parish and school to serve in a variety of locations all on the same day! There are many projects to choose from designed for all ages, abilities and schedules, including our drop-in campus projects and at-home projects.

Some sites fill up fast so be sure to register soon. To learn more and sign up for the day, go to

<https://olgseattle.org/day-of-service> We are also in need of donated beads, polar fleece, and paper punches for our Gym "Crafting for a Cause" Projects. To donate items, contact Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org.

OLG Immigrant Ministry Meeting

OLG Immigrant Ministry is welcoming new members as we strive to provide direct service to immigrants in need in our community as well as advocate for just policies. We are currently discerning a formal support relationship with a recently-arrived Afghan refugee family and are also in the process of launching a new Multicultural Ministry to recognize and celebrate the many cultures present at OLG. If you are interested in joining us in these efforts, contact Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30pm**.

Catholic Youth Convention: Saints Today

Join hundreds of high school youth on **Saturday, March 12 from 9am-6pm** at Camp Don Bosco in Carnation, where there is plenty of space for outdoor activities. Listen to national keynote speakers, meet other teens, and take some time to encounter God and deepen your understanding of our shared faith in a beautiful setting. For more information and to register, visit <https://archseattle.org/event/catholic-youth-convention-spring-2022/> Registration closes on March 4.

Bystander Intervention Workshop

Have you ever witnessed bias or harassment and not known what to do? Join us for a workshop on **Saturday, March 19 from 1-4pm** in the Walmsley Center hosted by Rev. Andrew Conley-Holcom from United Church of Christ to learn practical strategies for interrupting bias, harassment, and bullying - and for supporting those targeted by it. The workshop is best suited for adults and teens. Middle-schoolers are welcome with a parent/guardian. To learn more and register, visit <https://olgseattle.org/events/bystander> *Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!*

ACT

Catholic Relief Services: Preventing Global Hunger through Advocacy

How can you lead the way and make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers? By urging your members of Congress to respond to their needs and prevent further devastation around the world by providing international assistance to poverty-reducing programs. Congress is poised to pass another continuing resolution to fund the government through March 11. By not passing the 2022 federal budget, Congress risks losing the additional \$4 billion proposed for poverty-reducing accounts. We must take new action now to make sure that everyone has the means to stay safe and healthy and thrive. Urge your member of Congress to speak with Congressional leadership to ensure the highest funding levels possible for programs that help prevent and end global hunger and malnutrition.

Your voice can change lives! Visit www.crs.org/get-involved/lead-way/hunger to see how you can help.

Keep Immigration Reform Alive

Join the U.S. Catholic Bishops in urging members of Congress to support legislative relief for those without documents in the Build Back Better Act. The bishops are calling on congress to "advance legislation that would promote the full integration of undocumented persons already living as Americans in principle by affording them legalization with a pathway to citizenship". Take action and learn more at www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/89350/Respond

Support the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

Join the Jesuits in calling on Congress to support this proposed Commission that would investigate the history of the policies, as well as their ongoing impacts in Tribal communities. It would also develop recommendations for the federal government to "acknowledge and heal the historical and intergenerational trauma related to the Indian Boarding School Policies". Take action and learn more at <https://www.jesuits.org/our-work/justice-and-ecology/take-action-2/>

Protect and Welcome our Afghan Neighbors

Following the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, tens of thousands of Afghans have been welcomed into the U.S. via “humanitarian parole”, a temporary immigration status typically granted for 1-2 years. This temporary status thrusts Afghans into legal uncertainty since it does not provide a pathway to permanent status. The administration has a moral obligation to establish safe pathways out of Afghanistan for those left behind, to establish a process to equitably and efficiently welcome Afghans who are still in other host countries, and to expand and expedite access to life-saving refugee protections. Urge Congress to take immediate action by passing the Afghan Adjustment Act. Visit <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/afghanistan-alert/> to learn more and take action.

Urge our State Legislators to Provide Affordable Housing

Join the Washington State Catholic Bishops in calling on State Legislators to support affordable housing and policies that assist those experiencing homelessness. Specifically, we ask for support for programs that focus on permanent housing solutions, an increase in funding for behavioral health services, and support for both the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program, funding them at the highest appropriate levels. Take action and learn more at www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/action-center