

## **GATHER**

### **Strengthening Our Journey: A Vigil for Racial Justice**

Join others from the South Seattle Deanery Parishes on **Wednesday, May 25** for a vigil to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the murder of George Floyd. Gather at Immaculate Conception (820 18th Ave, Seattle 98122) at 6pm for a time of personal reflection followed by an opportunity to recommit ourselves to working for racial justice. Pray, reflect, sing, and hear from two powerful speakers; Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez, Ph.D., Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University, and Michael Ramos, MDiv, Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

Information: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at [stjosephparish.org](mailto:stjosephparish.org) or 206-332-5970.

### **Afghan Sponsorship Planning Meeting**

After an extensive discernment process this past month, we have decided to move forward and officially sponsor an Afghan refugee family. Join us on Thursday, May 26 at 6:30pm downstairs in the Pastoral Center to hear more about the effort and find out how you can get involved. For more information, contact Kathleen at [malusdomestica19@gmail.com](mailto:malusdomestica19@gmail.com)

### **Youth Migrant Project Applications Now Open**

Join us for a "mini" YMP while the full week is on hold. Graduating 8th graders through seniors are invited to join us from August 5-7 (coming home in the evenings). We will prep the Food Bank in Burlington on Friday, hand out food on Saturday, and have a field experience picking berries in North Bend on Sunday afternoon. Apply by **June 1** at [www.olgseattle.org/events/ymp](http://www.olgseattle.org/events/ymp)

### **Young Adult Loop the 'Lupe Team**

Join the OLG Young Adult team at OLG's annual Loop the 'Lupe 5k Fundraiser on **Saturday, June 4** at Walt Hundley Playfield. Sign up for the 5K Obstacle Course or 5K Fun Run. Enjoy live music, food, and a beer garden after the race. Be sure to join the "OLG Young Adult" team when you register (email Katie at [kegalassi@gmail.com](mailto:kegalassi@gmail.com) to get a special 20% code). Learn more and register at: [www.adventuresignup.com/Race/Info/WA/Seattle/LooptheLupe](http://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/Info/WA/Seattle/LooptheLupe)

### **New HEART (Healing, Equity, and Anti-Racism Team) Meeting: Join us!**

OLG is forming a new HEART (Healing, Equity, and Anti-Racism Team) Ministry at OLG. We are creating relationships in our community with the residents of Catholic Housing Services' Santa Teresita apartments and the Chose 180 program as well as pursuing participation in the One Parish, One Prisoner program. If you would like to learn more and join us in the work, contact Jennifer at [jibach@olgseattle.org](mailto:jibach@olgseattle.org). Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30pm** via Zoom.

### **Youth Hike and Mass**

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us on **Saturday, June 11th** around 3pm for an urban hike through Camp Long. Enjoy some fresh air and a stroll through the forest with friends. Afterwards, we'll walk up to OLG for Mass at 5:30pm. RSVP to Jennifer by June 6 at [jibach@olgseattle.org](mailto:jibach@olgseattle.org)

## **ACT**

### **Urge Your Senators to Advance the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act**

As Catholics, we are deeply committed to building economies that put people before profits. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (S. 1486) would make the workplace safer for pregnant workers and their unborn children by requiring employers to provide pregnant employees with reasonable accommodations, such as a chair for jobs that require long periods of standing, light lifting only, being able to carry a water bottle, and permission take additional bathroom breaks. Some workers are denied such temporary accommodations and are forced to take leave or be terminated. Take action by contacting your Senator at [www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/92713/respond](http://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/92713/respond)

### **Church World Service: Urge Congress to Reject Anti-Asylum Policies**

Title 42, a policy blocking and expelling individuals seeking refuge at the U.S. southern border, continues to deny the dignity of migrants and their legal right to seek asylum. Public health experts, including senior CDC experts, have consistently concluded that the policy lacks any public health rationale and have noted that the U.S has the tools it need to safely process asylum seeks. As Catholics, we are called to love our neighbor, accompany the vulnerable, and welcome the sojourner. Urge the Biden Administration to end this policy and restore asylum protections.