

Director's Message

Dear Friends,

The Office for Social Action promotes Catholic social teaching, recognizing the gifts and diversity of all people. Each issue we address is one that affects the dignity and life of the human person. Please join us as we continue to pray and work to promote social justice.



MaryAnn Hartzell
Director

Mission Statement

The Office for Social Action promotes the social mission of the Church. Acting as a catalyst, it educates, advocates and challenges people to put faith into action. The Office for Social Action encourages individuals and parishes to formulate a Gospel response to the social issues of the day.



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Office for Social Action

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“Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be satisfied.”

Matt 5:6

2009—2010

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

"Catholics are called by God to protect human life, to promote human dignity, to defend those who are poor, and to seek the common good."

Everyday Christianity 1998

Under the Umbrella of the Office for Social Action

The Ministry of Multicultural Affairs creates awareness of the rich cultural diversity within the Diocese of Allentown and challenges parishes to be welcoming communities.

For more information, please contact MaryAnn Genna at 610-289-8900 ext 244.

The Commission for Women serves as an advisory board to the Bishop of Allentown offering the woman's perspective on issues of concern to our Bishop and the Church.

For information, please contact Jill Dennin at 610-367-6615.

Calendar of Events

You Are Invited



Workshop on Welcoming

"The Welcoming Parish"
St. Katharine Drexel, Lansford
Thursday
October 22, 2009
7:00 pm

Lenten Day of Recollection

"Living Justice in the 21st Century"
St. Francis Retreat House, Easton
Thursday
March 25, 2010
9:00 am — 3:30 pm

Charity and Justice Workshop

"The Gospel Message in Action"
Spring 2010

Multicultural Celebration of Faith

Spring 2010
More information to follow.

Faith in Action

Legislative Advocacy Network

Join 170 members who influence public policy.
www.allentowndiocese.org/Catholic%20Life/legislativecontact.html

Confront Global Poverty

Take Action: Join
Catholics Confront Global Poverty Campaign.
www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/

Pornography Awareness Week

October 25 through November 1, 2009
Wear/Display a white ribbon
to create awareness and combat pornography.

Spirituality of Work

Walk with God in daily activities.
Contact our office to borrow the
inspirational DVD *"Callings"*.

Social Justice Encyclical

Read *"Charity in Truth"* by Pope Benedict XVI.
It outlines moral principles needed to confront
assaults on contemporary social issues—
human dignity & human life.

KEY WEBSITES

Diocese of Allentown

official website of the Diocese of Allentown
www.allentowndiocese.org

Vatican

information for the Holy See
www.vatican.va

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

national departments of the Church
www.usccb.org