

Justice, Peace and Life

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“Cultivating Communities of Solidarity and Service”

VIRTUAL PARISH JUSTICE SUMMIT WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 12-5:30 PM

Sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network

Join Catholics around the country for this online gathering to spark you parish into greater action!

Are you ready to revitalize your parish’s faith-justice work?

Come learn about strategies and make connections to take a holistic, synodal-based approach to nurturing a more just, spiritually grounded, and vibrant parish community.

WHY ATTEND?

- **Form new connections with parish ministers who are actively engaged in this work.** Together, we will create a roster of participants to let you know whom you can contact throughout the year for community, support, and ideas!
- **Gain strategies for your parish justice work,** inspired by the Ignatian charism. You’ll hear from parish leaders, activists, and directly-impacted individuals and allies in the contexts of migration, ecology, and racial justice. Throughout the day, you’ll be provided with space to start to dream and action plan for revitalizing your community.
- **Explore the principle of Synodality** and the call for broad participation and leadership in faith-justice work.
- **Explore coalition-building** and what collaborative action between parishes and partner organizations could look like.

There is so much injustice in the world– so many ways human dignity is being crushed. Let’s commit ourselves to learning how to make positive social change more effectively and liven up our parishes at the same time!

“Social justice demands that we fight against the causes of poverty; inequality and the lack of labor, land, and lodging; against those who deny social and labor rights; and against the culture that leads to taking away the dignity of others.” -Pope Francis

Why this online conference?

Our diocesan Justice & Peace staff members were working to organize the annual diocesan social ministry conference, but couldn’t secure a trainer.

Then we learned about this amazing online conference focusing on exactly the topic we wanted to present.

So we’ve partnered with the Ignatian Solidarity Network, which is offering our registrants a reduced rate!

How to register:

Go to www.tinyurl.com/May3conference

Under “Parish” choose “Diocese of Rochester” in order to get the reduced rate of only \$15.

"The repeated calls issued within the Church's social doctrine, beginning with [the 1891 encyclical] *Rerum Novarum*, for the promotion of workers' associations that can defend their rights must therefore be honored today even more than in the past."

-Pope Benedict, *Caritas in Veritate*

Don't Buy Starbucks Gift Cards

From the [Catholic Labor Network](#):



"In the latest development at Starbucks, workers at more than 100 unionized Starbucks locations walked off the job [in late March] to protest unfair labor practices by the coffee giant..."

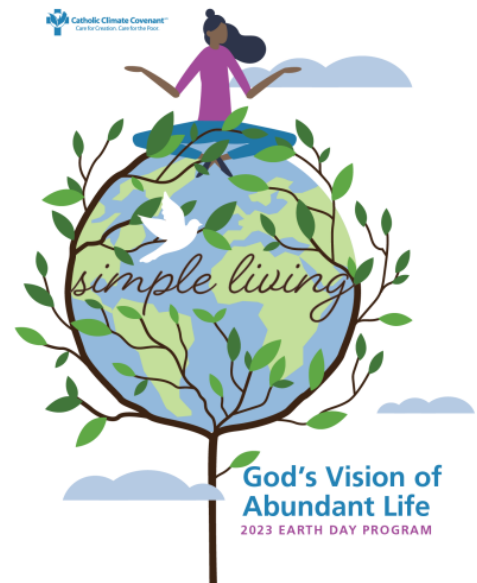
In a union organizing campaign with few parallels in recent decades, Starbucks baristas have been standing up and forming unions in stores around the United States at a rapid clip. Starting with a Buffalo Starbucks in late 2021, nearly 300 Starbucks stores have voted to organize with Workers United, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). ...

Starbucks has repeatedly fired or disciplined union activists; closed stores that voted the union in; and awarded raises to workers at stores that HAVEN'T organized while denying the same raises to workers at union stores. According to the union's count, the National Labor Relations Board has issued more than 70 complaints against Starbucks, encompassing over 1,200 alleged violations of labor law.

Workers have asked customers to refrain from purchasing Starbucks Gift Cards until the company decides to treat its workers fairly...

Please avoid Starbucks gift cards and pray for a change of heart on the part of Starbucks management!"

Earth Day Resources from Catholic Climate Covenant



Find resources at this [link](#). You can start by watching this short [video](#) on simple living.

2023 Federal Farm Bill



The federal Farm Bill, which is re-authorized every five years, funds SNAP ("Food Stamps") and other vital nutrition programs for low income households in the U.S., along with international food aid.

The ecumenical anti-hunger advocacy group [Bread for the World](#) is calling for, among other important measures, increased funding for GusNIP, a program that enables low income households to access more fruits and vegetables.

Join in advocating against hunger in the U.S. and abroad. Bring a letter writing campaign to your parish:

www.bread.org/offering-letters/

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