

# Justice, Peace and Life

November 2022



## Love for the Whole World

**Do you want to help end world hunger?**

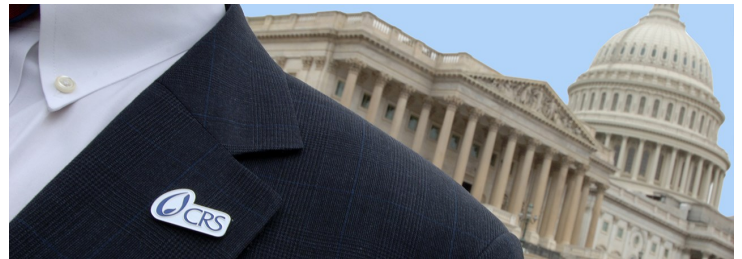
**Do you think all children should have access to an education?**

**Does your faith call you to stand with victims of natural disasters?**

**If so, then get involved with the Catholic Relief Services Chapter in our diocese.**

Catholic Relief Services is the U.S. Catholic community's global humanitarian aid and development agency serving our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries around the world. You probably know CRS best through the CRS Rice Bowl, the annual Lenten program focused on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

CRS Chapters bring Catholics together to learn how to advocate for federal policies that provide assistance to poor countries to get at the root causes of hunger and migration, and to address the needs of people adversely affected by climate change. Our local chapter meets monthly over Zoom and our members come from around the diocese.



To join, contact our Diocesan CRS liaison Kathy Dubel at 607-734-9784 ext. 2135 or [Kathy.Dubel@dor.org](mailto:Kathy.Dubel@dor.org)



*Your purchase makes a difference*

Thanks to reliable incomes, parents are able to send their children to school and feed them nutritious meals.

**SERRV**  
INTERNATIONAL

## Put Your Money Where Your Values Are

Our CRS Chapter has teamed up with SERRV, a not-for-profit organization that sells handmade, Fair Trade goods, including household items, jewelry, clothing, and crafts.

Access SERRV online through our special CRS web page. **Be sure to use this site:** [serrv.org?a=CRSRChap](https://serrv.org?a=CRSRChap)

**20% of your purchase price will be donated to CRS!** Take a look at the beautiful items SERRV has to offer.



## VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

**Election Day is  
Tuesday, November 8**



You can only vote ONCE but you have many chances to vote. You can vote during Early Voting, happening now until Sunday November 6 OR you can vote at your neighborhood polling place on Election Day.

Find info on where your county's early voting locations are here: <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

New Yorkers will be voting for our **Federal Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, NYS Attorney General, NYS Comptroller, NYS Assembly Member, NYS Senator, and local government officials.**

We'll also be voting on **Proposition 1, the CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND GREEN JOBS Environmental Bond Act of 2022.** The question on the ballot will read: "To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022" authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?"

**Turn your ballot over!**

★ **This Prop 1 question will be on the back of your ballot.** ★ Be sure to flip your ballot over so you can vote on this important environmental issue.

## BUY NOTHING DAY:

**Friday, November 25**

**BLACK FRIDAY IS AN ANNUAL HEAVILY-ADVERTISED MEGA SHOPPING DAY WITH THE GOAL OF CONVINCING YOU TO BUY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**

But every product you buy has an environmental cost, from long before it hits store shelves to long after you toss it in the bin.



**Call-In Day to Governor Hochul:**

**We keep on nudging the governor**

On **Wednesday November 16** please plan to call Governor Hochul and ask her to sign the legislation that would place a two year moratorium on new crypto-currency operations. This is the bill that our Diocesan Public Policy Committee was highlighting last spring. It has passed both houses of the NYS legislature. **Now it's up to the Governor to act.**

See page 2 of the April edition of this newsletter by clicking [here](#) for a refresher on why this bill is so important for the environment.

**Sign up for a timeslot** to make the call at <https://tinyurl.com/signthemoratorium>

Even if you can't call on November 16 you can still call the governor at 518-474-8390 any time to advocate.

**Good for our streets,  
waterways,  
municipal budgets  
and the planet:**

**The Bigger Better  
Bottle Bill**



Environmental advocates across the state are pushing for the modernization of New York State's 40-year-old Bottle Deposit Law. This would increase the deposit from a nickel to a dime and would expand the types of containers to include sports drinks, iced teas, juices, wine, and liquor. The current law has greatly boosted recycling rates and reduced litter. Expansion would cut solid waste costs for municipal governments and decrease landfill use. Please **sign** the online petition in support at this [link](#).

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