



## Resources for Faithful Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching Themes



### ***The Catholic Telegraph* series on Faithful Citizenship**

Faithful Citizenship is much more than an election-day virtue. It is a commitment for on-going political and social action, so that we can shape a world that better reflects God's kingdom of life and justice. *The Catholic Telegraph* ran a seven-week series featuring how parishes all across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati engage in this kind of ministry on a regular basis. To access these articles, please visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org), click on The Catholic Telegraph icon, and review 2008 issues, June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4, 11 and 18.

### **Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: August 31**

- **U.S. BISHOPS ANNUAL LABOR DAY STATEMENT:** Each year, prior to Labor Day, the U.S. bishops release their annual Labor Day Statement. It will be available at: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Previous Labor Day statements can also be accessed here.
- **LABOR IN THE PULPITS:** This fabulous resource was put together by several bishops and their staff to reflect Catholic Social Teaching on labor and to provide a variety of helpful resources to relay this teaching in our parishes.  
[http://www.iwj.org/pdf/cath\\_resources.pdf](http://www.iwj.org/pdf/cath_resources.pdf)

### **Call to Family, Community, and Participation**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: September 21**

- **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:** Visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) for a variety of resources and discussion group ideas, including electronic versions of the enclosed "Homily Helps".
- **FAITH AND POLITICS IN OHIO:** Visit the Catholic Conference of Ohio's "Faith and Politics" page at <http://www.ohiocathconf.org/L/FaithPolitics.htm>. This site includes an electronic version of the enclosed resource from the CCO.

### **Caring for God's Creation**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: September 28**

- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment sponsor the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, which provides a wealth of background and discussion resources at [www.catholicsandclimatechange.org](http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org). It serves to help implement the Church's teaching on this issue, including the bishops' 2001 statement, *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*.

### **The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: October 5**

- **RESPECT LIFE:** Utilize the Respect Life Program Packet, mailed this August by the Archdiocese Family Life Office. This fabulous resource offers suggested bulletin announcement in preparation for Respect Life Sunday (Oct. 5), Faithful

Citizenship resources, Questions and Answers on Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning, report on last year's Pro-Life Collection, Project Rachel information, and a variety of liturgical and informational materials from the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

- ✚ **ENDING THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR, SUDAN:** Access the Darfur Resource Page of the Catholic Social Action Office at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction/darfur.html> .

### **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: October 12**

- ✚ **GREATER CINCINNATI ECUMENICAL POVERTY SUNDAY PLACEMATS FOR FAMILIES:** Distribute poverty placemats for families to use as discussion starters during meal times. (SAMPLE ENCLOSED)
- ✚ **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT'S POVERTY USA:** Learn more about the "state of poverty" at [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) . Learn more about the organizations funded by parishioners' CCHD contributions in our Archdiocese at [www.catholicsocialaction.org](http://www.catholicsocialaction.org) .

### **Solidarity**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: October 19**

- ✚ **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** Check out Catholic Relief Services' amazing array of educational resources at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) .

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

#### **Suggested Sunday for Theme: October 26**

- ✚ **TORTURE:** Download the U.S. bishops' new Study Guide: *Torture is a MORAL Issue: A Catholic Study Guide* at <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/stoptorture/> .
- ✚ **IMMIGRATION:** Learn about human rights related to migration and our nation's responsibility to enforce just immigration laws at the U.S. bishops' Justice for Immigrants website: [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) .