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“The Department of Living Justice of the Diocese of Green Bay, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, ignites passion for the sanctity of human life and advocates for marriage, family life and justice for the oppressed.”

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 22nd - 27th - World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia
- ◆ 24th - [Pope2Congress](#), Norbertine Spirituality Center, St. Norbert Abbey, 8:15- 10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER

- ◆ 3rd—Day of Remembrance, Solemn Prayer Vigil, Holy Cross Cemetery, Kaukauna at 1 p.m. (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1033)
- ◆ 4th - Respect Life Sunday
- ◆ 10th - [Building Stronger Safer Communities](#) at Resurrection, Green Bay. 9:30 - Noon
- ◆ 24th - [FOCCUS Facilitator Training](#), Diocesan Campus, 8:45 am - 2:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ November 11-13 Justice for Immigrants National Convening in Chicago. Visit JFI’s [home page](#) or click [here](#) to register.

Novena to our Modern Day Holy Innocents

Heavenly Father,

Since 1973, there have been over 58 million unborn babies aborted in the USA alone. Knowing how precious they are to you we call on them to join in our prayer for an end to abortion and all forms of violence against children:

That the President of the United States, all other elected officials and judges may come to acknowledge the humanity of every child in the womb and to enact laws and policies to defend them, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That everyone throughout the world may be given the light to see beyond all doubt the full humanity and unique value of every child who has ever been conceived, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all innocent children who suffer the scourges of war, the wrath of abuse, and the pain of neglect may come to know the power of God’s prevailing love and healing mercy, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

For these intentions and in union with the Holy Innocents, we pray as the Lord Jesus taught us: “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Adapted from prayer by Bishop Jaime Soto, 2009

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A Note From the Director

I was recently asked by a colleague in the USCCB to write a piece on labor and the dignity of work as we approached Labor Day for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development's blog, *To go forth*.

At first, I was surprised to be asked to write on this topic because I admit it is not my favorite. After further discussion, however, I was convinced that my new role as a mother offers a different perspective, so feel free to read it [here](#).

May God continue to bless you, your families and your ministry!

Catherine



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Dear Friends,

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, CRS works with local, national and international Catholic institutions, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality. CRS promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

Through a yearly diocesan Lenten collection for Catholic Relief Services, 75% of funds are used for international relief and development projects overseas. Up to 25% of all money given is made available for projects within the Diocese of Green Bay that aid immigrant and refugee people struggling with basic material needs. These projects may include: literacy, shelter, food, counseling services and healthcare.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of Catholic Relief Service during lent and throughout the whole year.

Click [here](#) to read the August 27th press release announcing the 2015 recipients of the Diocese of Green Bay CRS Rice Bowl grants.

God Bless,
Eric

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World Meeting of Families

The "World Meeting of Families" begins Tuesday, September 22. Two buses of pilgrims from the Diocese of Green Bay will be leaving to go to Philadelphia to take part in the international family congress. The theme for the congress is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." Over 100 speakers will be presenting important topics about marriage and family life, giving hope and encouragement to those attending. The highly anticipated visit of Pope Francis will follow the congress on Saturday when the pope will attend the Festival of Families, and he will celebrate the closing of this historic event with Mass on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Ricken will be leading additional visits to shrines near Philadelphia.

Please pray for the safety of travel for all pilgrims and especially for Pope Francis as he addresses leaders of our nation at Congress and in New York at the United Nations among other places.

You and your families will be in our prayers during the pilgrimage.

Mary, Undoer of Knots; Pray for us!
St. John Paul II; Pray for us!
St. Gianna Molla; Pray for us!
Holy Family of Jesus; Pray for us!



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Respect Life Program 2015-16: Every Life is Worth Living

The Respect Life Program begins on Respect Life Sunday, which is **October 4, 2015**. Each year, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet to call attention to numerous human life issues. The theme of this year's program is: *Every Life is Worth Living*.

The articles include:

- Love 101: Back to Basics
- 10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won't Tell You
- 10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting
- A Perfect Gift
- Love, Sex, and Sterilization
- Maggie's Story: Living like Dad
- Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis

And **NEW** this year! *Coffee and Conversation*. This is "a model for individual reflection or small group discussion where participants can explore the various topics presented in this year's Respect Life Program."

Click [here](#) to view the 2015-2016 Respect Life Program materials (available in both English and Spanish).

Cardinal O'Malley Welcomes Pope's Year Of Mercy Plan For Post-Abortion Healing

September 1, 2015

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap., archbishop of Boston and chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), responded September 1 to Pope Francis' letter allowing all priests worldwide "to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it."

"Recognizing the seriousness of the sin of abortion and the implications this can have for those involved, Pope Francis is making particular outreach to women, noting that many women were under great pressure and felt that they had no choice," Cardinal O'Malley said. (Click [here](#) for full article.)

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Justice for Immigrants National Convening

Attached is the [agenda](#) for the Nov. 11-13, 2015 JFI national convening in Chicago, Illinois.

As a reminder, [registration](#) for the convening is now open.

The convening flyer and other event information is available at the top of the [JFI homepage](#).

Please share the agenda, registration and convening information with members of your JFI committees, parishes, community members and to other supporters.

Contact acube@uscgb.org with any questions about the convening or registration process.

Help our Migrants and Refugees in Crisis

Catholic Relief Services scales up response to the migrant crisis providing relief to families fleeing conflict. Please click [here](#) for the article.

Catholic Relief Services responds to refugee crisis in Syria. Click [here](#) to read a letter from Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo, President and CEO of CRS and to learn how to help.

Click [here](#) to read about the “7 Things You Can Do to Help” with the refugee crisis in Europe. (Published by Catholic Relief Services)

JustMatters Module offered at Resurrection "God's Creation Cries for Justice"

Using the lens of faith and science, this 8-session module will include prayer, discussion of readings and DVDs and Pope Francis' new encyclical *Laudato Si'*, *On the Care of Our Common Home*.

Meeting every 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM beginning Sept. 21, 2015.

Registration deadline for ordering materials is Sept. 4th.



Legislative Advocacy

Urge Congress to Protect Poor and Vulnerable People from the Devastating Effects of Our Changing Global Climate - click [here](#)

Urge Congress to Foster Peace and Endorse P5+1 Negotiations with Iran - click [here](#)

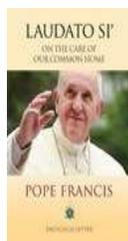
[WCC Capitol Update](#) - Here's what happened in August

[Pope 2 Congress Watch Party](#) at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey

Take Action! - [Ban Sale and Use of Fetal Body Parts - Support Assembly Bill 305](#) (from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference). To contact your State Representative, visit the Wisconsin State Legislature website at <http://legis.wisconsin.gov> and click on “Find My Legislators,” or call the State Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472.

New Resources on *Laudato Si'*

[Full text](#) of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*
[Discussion guide](#) on *Laudato Si'*
[Liturgy, Preaching and Taking Action resources](#) on the theme, “Care for God's Creation”



Diaper Drive to End October 4th

There is a great need in our diocese for all diapers but especially larger sizes (3-6).

Please help stock the diaper shelves at our crisis pregnancy centers and Parenting Support Programs through Catholic Charities!

If you haven't yet posted a flyer, please see the options below:

Click [here](#) for a flyer for each region with a participating crisis center or Catholic Charities office. Pick the one most appropriate to your location.

Click [here](#) for a flyer you can customize if you choose to hold a drive on an alternate weekend within the drive period.

Visit our [website](#) for diaper drop off locations:

This Diaper Drive is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Offices of: Catholic Social Justice, Dignity of Human Life and Family & Married Life.

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A Prayer for the World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in
your love.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Pray for us!

“A Marriage in the Lord”

The 2015-2016 marriage preparation schedule was mailed to all parishes the last week in June. If you have not received your packet or want additional brochures, please call

Theresa McKenna at 920-272-8281 or send an e-mail to tmckenna@gbdioc.org The schedule, along with other related information, is available on line at www.marriageinthelord.org. All registrations must be made online.

Family and Married Life

[Christian Family Movement](#): Christian Family Movement (CFM) is a national network of parish/neighborhood small groups of Catholics and their families.

[Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Marriages](#): A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages.

40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on September 23! Please consider praying at one of the sites within our diocese: Grand Chute, Green Bay, and Manitowoc.

"40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion." 40daysforlife.com.

Campaign Updates:

Grand Chute Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

St. Pius X, 500 W Marquette St., Appleton

Celebrant: Fr. Schuster

Presenter after Mass: Steve Karlen (he led the first-ever 40 Days for Life Campaign)

Manitowoc Opening Ceremony

Sunday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Planned Parenthood clinic, 1100 S. 30th Street, Manitowoc

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New CST Resource Videos

CST 101 is a collaborative 7-part video series presented by the USCCB and Catholic Relief Services on Catholic Social Teaching. "[Care for God's Creation](#)" was released on September 1, 2015, which we celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Quote from Pope Francis

Pope Francis urged Catholic legislators to be protectors of human life, calling on them to "be strong against a throw-away culture marked by Christian persecution, and the rejection of the unborn and migrants." *Aug 31, 2015*

Burning Hearts Disciples

Check out this website that may be of interest for your family's faith growth: <http://www.burningheartdisciples.org/> Come and discover a faith that is a relationship with Jesus Christ - who you can come to know intimately and personally.

USCCB Pro-Life Subscriptions

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers a variety of [pro-life subscriptions](#): Bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty, People of Life e-newsletter, Word of Life, Life Issues Forum and Pro-Life Action Alerts. If you are not already signed up, we encourage you to check them out. Please pass the information on to your parish community.

Prayer Resources

Are you looking for ways to incorporate Catholic Social Teaching in your prayer life? Try using this [examination of conscience](#) next time you go to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian arm of the USCCB, recently published a great resource titled, *Walk With Me*, a 21-day journey around the world. Download your copy [here](#).

Database Updates

The Department of Living Justice is continuing to update our email database.

Please contact Theresa McKenna at tmckenna@gbdioc.org if you have a new e-mail address that should be on file for Living Justice newsletters.

Diocesan Website and Social Media Links

For more information on the Diocese of Green Bay, visit www.gbdioc.org.

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