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Immigration Reform

Now is the time to pass just and compassionate immigration reform

Send the electronic postcard below to your U.S. Senators and Representatives asking that they pass just and compassionate immigration reform legislation in the 113th Congress.

Simply click on the postcard below or the "Take Action" link on the right to send the postcard. Go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org for more information.

Take Action!



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
we are one family under God

Dear Senator/Representative:

I agree with the U.S. Catholic bishops that now is the time to pass just and compassionate immigration reform. I ask that in the 113th Congress you support immigration reform that

- Provides a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the country;
- Preserves family unity as a corner-stone of our national immigration system;
- Provides legal paths for low-skilled immigrant workers to come and work in the United States;
- Restores due process protections to our immigration enforcement policies;
- Addresses the root causes (push factors) of migration, such as persecution and economic disparity.

I look forward to monitoring your public position on this vital issue to our nation. Our nation can no longer wait.

Sincerely,

Set up in-District Visits: Please start making plans now to set up immigration advocacy meetings during the Easter recess with the offices of your U.S. Senators and Representatives.

The Easter recess is scheduled for March 25- April 5, 2013 and it would be wise to start contacting your Members' office as soon as possible so that you can secure a meeting

during that time frame. Please call 202-541-3165 if you need assistance or have questions about scheduling a meeting.

Deportation Clock

One of the major injustices of the present approaches to immigration is the level of deportations that neglect family needs and other basic human needs, as well as increase the dangers of violence. Read this [article](#) and see this "[deportation clock](#)."

Human Trafficking: Amistad Movement

The USCCB is launching a new awareness campaign in immigrant communities. The first phase will target Haitians in South Florida, pockets of indigenous Maya communities around the country, and new Hispanic migrants in areas of concern. Staff will train individuals in these communities to conduct outreach to their peers, and provide them with resources including language-specific marketing materials. The campaign will focus on awareness raising, education, and coalition building among communities most vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking -- in particular recent immigrants engaged in industries that are poorly regulated such as agriculture, domestic/in-home care, and hospitality. Read this [article](#) about the USCCB's new human trafficking strategy.

Federal Budget



Tell Congress to Prevent Harmful Cuts Due to Start in March

As the new-year dawned, Congress passed legislation to continue the Bush tax cuts for all but the top 2 percent, prevent federal unemployment insurance from expiring, and maintain important low-income tax credits for 5

years. In addition, it replaced 2 months of across-the-board cuts to domestic, international, and Pentagon programs with a combination of revenues and other spending cuts. Those cuts in current year spending are now scheduled to start on March 1.

They will impose \$31.4 billion in cuts to domestic programs like WIC, Head Start, child care, housing, home energy, and homeless aid, education and training, and much more. Medicare will be cut by \$11.2 billion. Please tell your Senators and Representative to oppose these cuts, and to replace them with revenues from high-income individuals and profitable corporations and with savings from reining in *Pentagon spending*.

Action Request: See the [Faith Coalition letter on Pentagon Spending](#) that CMSM signed. To sign your organization onto the letter, send a note to Devon: <devon@fcnl.org>.

[Send an Email Letter](#) to Congress with the Coalition on Human Needs.

Gun Violence Sabbath Weekend

March 15-17, 2013

The toolkit (which registrants will be taken to after they add their event) includes [sample sermons](#), [messaging suggestions](#), [flyer](#), [etc.](#)

Organizing Call: If you'd like to be part of the next organizing call, it is Monday March 4, 2013, 4 p.m. Eastern. Please call in at 559-546-1000, 1048330#.

Washington National Cathedral has agreed to partner with us to make our Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend a great success. You are invited to sponsor an event in your parish or community during March 15-17. Congress is ready to see how much grassroots support there is for Gun Control laws. This is our opportunity! It's extremely important that you [add your event at this link](#).

Support a Department of Peacebuilding

In order to transform our practices toward peacebuilding and the Reign of God, one of the most impactful proposals is to create a U.S. Department of Peacebuilding. Domestically, the Department of Peacebuilding will develop policies and allocate resources to effectively reduce the levels of domestic and gang violence, child abuse, and various other forms of societal discord. Internationally, the Department will advise the President and Congress on the most sophisticated ideas and techniques regarding peace-creation among nations. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

Urge your Congressperson to Co-Sponsor the Legislation: [click here](#)

Endorse as an Organization or Individual: [click here](#)

Call for National Summit on Climate Change

A diverse coalition-religious and secular, business interests and retired military-has formed to request leadership from the White House toward a national summit of conversations on climate change. The summit will not simply be a one-time meeting, but a kick-off for national conversations focused on solutions as our nation comes to terms with the impacts and causes of climate disruption.

[Please sign the letter](#) from US Catholics, with any credentials you care to add, and forward it to others!

[Read more about the Climate Summit](#). Spread the word-email, social media, church bulletins and more!

Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference



AT GOD'S TABLE: Food Justice for a Healthy World

Join 1,000 Christian advocates at the 11th annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days to seek Food Justice for a Healthy World!

In a world that produces enough food for everyone, EAD will explore the injustices in global food systems that leave one billion people hungry, create food price

shocks that destabilize communities everywhere, and undermine God's creation.

At God's Table, all are invited and fed, and the poorest in our midst are given a special place. Together we will seek the abundance and equality that we find reflected in the biblical image of God's great banquet table (Exodus 16:16-18 & Luke 14:12-24). Inspiring speakers will offer a faith-based vision for fair and humane food policies and practices, along with grassroots advocacy training, all culminating with Monday's Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. [Click here for more details](#) and to register.

Ecumenical Foreign Policy Priorities Document

23 faith organizations including CMSM have sent a document to the White House, "A Policy Agenda for President Obama's Second Term from Communities of Faith," outlining our shared foreign policy recommendations for the federal administration. [Read the original document here](#).

2013 CMEP Advocacy Conference



Peacemakers from across the United States will join together at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, May 20th and 21st, to pray and learn to advocate effectively for peace in the Holy Land at the annual Advocacy Conference.

Two hundred CMEP advocates are expected to gather on the third floor gallery at the [Edward J. Pryzbyla Center at Catholic University](#), Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, and throughout Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Early bird rates available now. Simply use the discount code "save money."

Director of Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation

The [US Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart](#) (SCJ) seeks a Director of Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation. The successful candidate will educate, animate, and engage members of the province, their coworkers, and other publics on current social justice issues. The position assists the Province and its members in responding to the challenge to be "prophets of love and servants of reconciliation" in today's American society, the church, and the global community.

Demonstrated ability to write, articulate, and work independently within a team environment is essential. Advance degree in Social Justice or its equivalent required. This full time position located in the Milwaukee metropolitan area offers a competitive salary, commensurate with experience, and a comprehensive benefit package.

Qualified candidates are invited to email a cover letter, outlining major accomplishments, along with a resume and salary history/expectations to: <lchurch@poshusa.org>.

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- *assists major superiors in their role as leaders;*
- *promotes dialogue and collaboration with the conference of bishops and other major groups in church and society;*
- *provides a corporate influence in church and society.*

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