



**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2016**

# **Called to Live Mercy in Our Common Home**

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## Welcome to the 2016 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

The 2016 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering takes place in the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our theme is also inspired by the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and Pope Francis' call for an integral ecology that connects justice for our sisters and brothers with care of all creation.

For more than 25 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering has served as an important central and annual opportunity for U.S. Catholics to network, advocate for social justice, and form leaders in service to the Church and society. Washington D.C. is the necessary place to meet with our national political leadership, and the best place to gather Church leaders and experts in civil society to examine the relevance of our Catholic Social Teaching tradition to current domestic and international affairs. In 2015, CSMG participants made more than 200 visits to their Representatives and Senators advocating in the interest of our sisters and brothers who are suffering, neglected, or in harm's way, and raising the voice of the Catholic community in the public square for the common good.



### Prayer of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

## General Information

<b>REGISTRATION HOURS</b>	West Registration Desk	Lobby Level (west side)
Friday, January 22, 2016	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
Saturday, January 23, 2016	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Sunday, January 24, 2016	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Monday, January 25, 2016	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, January 26, 2016	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
<b>EXHIBIT HOURS</b>	Ambassador Ballroom	Lobby Level (west side)
Saturday, January 23, 2016	1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Sunday, January 24, 2016	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Monday, January 25, 2016	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, January 26, 2016	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Join the conversation on Twitter using **#csmg16/@wearesaltlight**. Don't forget to follow CSMG on Facebook **@WeAreSaltAndLight** to share your own highlights of the Gathering.

**RECEIVE OUR LATEST UPDATES:** Our **CSMG mobile app** will help you make the most of the Gathering, and is now available at no cost in the Apple and Android app stores by searching for "CSMG Community." The *CSMG Daily Bulletin* will be e-mailed each day to all registered participants, with paper copies available at CSMG Registration. The bulletin includes important daily announcements and any schedule changes or updates, so make sure to look out for it. A copy of the bulletin will also be posted daily at CSMG Registration.

**EVALUATION SURVEY:** Your feedback is important to the organizers of CSMG, and helps us continue to make improvements to the Gathering. Our CSMG mobile app (see above) provides one simple new way that you can immediately return feedback on many of our CSMG sessions to staff. Facilitators will also make brief evaluation forms on paper available at the end of informational sessions and presentations for those without access to smartphones and mobile devices. Upon conclusion of the Gathering, a brief final evaluation will be e-mailed to all participants. The final evaluation will cover different points from the app/paper evaluations — please make sure to complete it promptly.

**CAPITOL HILL VISITS:** An important part of our time together is our visit to Capitol Hill. Please check in with your state captains for the times of your Senate visits. If you have not yet made an appointment with your Representative's office, it may still be possible to schedule a meeting. The Capitol Switchboard number is 202-224-3121. A handout with additional tips on travel to Capitol Hill is available at the CSMG Registration Desk.

### **MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND RECORDING POLICY:**

- 1) Professional media** organization representatives are required to obtain advanced accreditation to attend the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (see **CSMG Media Accreditation** at [www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org](http://www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org)).
- 2) Social media** use is encouraged at CSMG. However, CSMG participants are responsible for their own use of social media during the Gathering, and are asked to be respectful of other participants, and to follow normal courtesies in this regard. Note the following exception about off-the-record sessions.
- 3) Off-the-record sessions** will be announced or posted at the beginning of some meetings, or noted in program materials. We ask participants to respect the confidentiality of these sessions to make them as productive as possible. No social media posting, recording, or reporting of any kind is permitted from sessions announced as off the record.
- 4) Recording of entire CSMG sessions** for posting, sharing, or distribution is not permitted. Please direct any questions about recording or sharing of CSMG keynotes, plenaries, or other presentations to the Program Coordinator.
- 5) CSMG participants consent to being recorded.** Official CSMG representatives will be recording some CSMG events and functions in part or in full, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) may make them available after the meeting for official purposes. By your attendance at CSMG, you hereby agree that you may be photographed, videoed, or recorded and that such photography, video, and/or recording will be owned by USCCB and may be edited, modified, and distributed by USCCB in any format chosen by USCCB.

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

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7:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	West Registration
1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall</b>	Ambassador Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Diversity Initiative Welcome Luncheon</b> (by invitation)	Executive Room
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Young Leaders Initiative Welcome Luncheon</b> (by invitation)	Congressional A & B
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Orientation for First-Time Participants</b>	Diplomat Ballroom
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Advocacy Training 101</b> (all welcome, recommended for first-timers)	Diplomat Ballroom
2:00 p.m.- 2:45 p.m.	<b>State Captains Caucus Meeting</b>	Cabinet Room
3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <i>The Minister of Charity: A Heart Conquered by an Encounter with the Love of Christ</i>	Regency Ballroom

**Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez**, Auxiliary Bishop, Rockville Centre; Chair, USCCB Subcommittee for Hispanic Affairs; Member, USCCB Subcommittee for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Bishop Nelson Pérez was born in Miami, Florida in 1961. He grew up and was educated in West New York, New Jersey, and graduated from Montclair State College. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1989. Early in his priesthood, Father Pérez developed a strong background in counseling and pastoral ministry. From 1990-1993 he served as Assistant Director of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Office of Hispanic Catholics. He then became the Founding Director of Philadelphia’s Catholic Institute for Evangelization, and served in this role for the next nine years until 2002. For the next 10 years he served as pastor of two parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In 1998, Father Pérez was named Chaplain to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of “monsignor.” He was made a prelate of honor in 2009. On June 8, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Pérez an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, where he was ordained as bishop in Saint Agnes Cathedral on July 25, 2012.



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4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Break	
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Mass</b> (anticipatory vigil Mass for Sunday)	Palladian Ballroom



Principal Celebrant and Homilist:  
**Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz**,  
 Archbishop of Louisville; President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. CCHD Dinner: Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award** (all registered CSMG participants welcome) Regency Ballroom

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is proud to present the 2016 *Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award* to the **Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN)**. Under the leadership of its founding director, Lew Finfer, MCAN has been supporting, training, and developing leaders at the grassroots level since 1984. It has developed seven faith-based community improvement organizations that work in cities across the state, and one statewide affordable housing organization. In the past two years, MCAN took a leading role in Raise Up Massachusetts, a coalition of community organizations, labor, and faith-based organizations, that organized to achieve two major state ballot initiatives: raising the minimum wage and guaranteeing earned sick time for all Massachusetts workers. CCHD's *Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award* is presented annually to a group or individual working on the margins and demonstrating outstanding witness to Gospel values and action on behalf of justice.

**8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Catholic Relief Services Gathering & Information Session** (optional) Cabinet Room

## Sunday, January 24, 2016

**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration** West Registration

**7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Catholic Charities USA Breakfast** (all registered CSMG participants welcome) Regency Ballroom

**Most Reverend Mario Eduardo Dorsonville-Rodríguez**, Auxiliary Bishop, Washington, D.C.



Bishop Mario Dorsonville was born October 31, 1960 in Bogotá, Colombia. He attended the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Bogotá, where he was ordained to the priesthood on November 23, 1985. He received a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá in 1991 and a doctorate in ministry from The Catholic University of America in 1995. From 1995-1996 Fr. Dorsonville returned to Colombia to serve as chaplain and professor of ethics at the National University of Colombia and professor of pastoral counseling and catechesis at the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Bogotá. In 1996,

he returned to the United States, serving parishes in the Diocese of Arlington and Archdiocese of Washington for the next nine years. In 2005, Fr. Dorsonville began service as vice president for mission of Catholic Charities of Washington and Director of the Spanish Catholic Center. He was ordained as bishop on April 20, 2015.


**8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall** Ambassador Ballroom

**8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Lounge** Ambassador Ballroom

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9:00 a.m.– 9:20 a.m.	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Regency Ballroom
9:20 a.m.– 9:40 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Introduction of Speaker</b>	Regency Ballroom
	<b>Dr. Jonathan Reyes</b> , Executive Director, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB	
	<b>Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield</b> , General Secretary, USCCB	
9:40 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Salt and Light Plenary:</b> <i>The Global Suffering of Women as an Ethical Imperative for the Church</i>	Regency Ballroom
	<b>Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, Ph.D.</b> , Associate Professor, Systematic Theology, University of Portland	
	<p>Sister Kathleen McManus is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, New York. Her experiences in itinerant preaching for spiritual renewal and intercultural urban pastoral ministry in New York City have informed her studies and work as a systematic theologian. Her teaching and research interests include Christology, Theological Anthropology, and Feminist and Ecofeminist theologies. Increasingly, she engages this work in the context of evolutionary cosmology with reference to Women's Religious Life, particularly in the Dominican Order. Among her many publications, she is the author of <i>Unbroken</i></p>	
		
	<small>Credit: Clarice Keating/ Catholic Sentinel</small>	
	<p><i>Communion: The Place and Meaning of Suffering in the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx</i>. A past member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Kathleen currently serves on an international editorial team shepherding a series of volumes on the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx for Bloomsbury T &amp; T Clark.</p>	
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break	Ambassador Ballroom
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>Salt and Light Plenary Conversation</b>	Regency Ballroom
	Facilitator: <b>Kim Mazyck</b> , Relationship Manager, National Partnerships, Catholic Relief Services	
	<b>Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, Ph.D.</b> , Associate Professor, Systematic Theology, University of Portland	
	<b>Edith Avila Olea</b> , Parish Outreach and Board of Young Professionals Coordinator, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet; winner of the 2015 Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award	
	<b>Bethany Welch, Ph.D.</b> , Director of the Aquinas Center, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community, Philadelphia; winner of the 2014 Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award.	

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- 12:00 p.m.–12:15 p.m. Break (please exit the Regency Ballroom so lunch can be prepared)
- 12:15 p.m.– 1:45 p.m. **Lunchtime Conversation with Dr. Jonathan Reyes and Special Guests David Brooks and Mark Shields of the *PBS NewsHour*** Regency Ballroom
- David Brooks** became an Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* in September 2003. He has been a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard* and a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. Born in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Brooks graduated a bachelor of history from the University of Chicago in 1983. He is married and lives in Bethesda, Maryland.
- A nationally known columnist and commentator, **Mark Shields** has worked in Washington, D.C. through the administrations of nine U.S. Presidents. He was an editorial writer for *The Washington Post* where he began writing his column in 1979. For 17 years, Shields was moderator and panelist on CNN's *Capital Gang*. He is a native of Weymouth, Mass., a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.
- 1:45 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Plenary Presentation** Regency Ballroom
- Kathryn J. Edin, Ph.D.**, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University
- Dr. Edin is co-author of the recently published book *\$2 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University in 1991 and has also taught at Rutgers University, Northwestern University, the University of Pennsylvania, and, most recently, Harvard University as a Professor of Public Policy and Management at the Harvard Kennedy School and chair of their Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy. She is a Trustee of the Russell Sage Foundation. She is a founding member of the MacArthur Foundation-funded Network on Housing and Families with Young Children and a past member of the MacArthur Network on the Family and the Economy. In 2014 she became a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences. She lives in Baltimore with her husband Tim, and two daughters, Kaitlin and Marisa.
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- Presenters: Leaders of the **Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN)** will offer reflections. **Lew Finfer** has been the Director of Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN) since its founding in 1985. **Iolanda Silvia** is a Board member of Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN) and Co-President of Brockton Interfaith Community (BIC). **Mari Martinez** is a Board member of Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
- 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. **Coffee Break** (with dessert) Ambassador
- 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. **CCHD Diocesan Directors Meeting** (directors only) Diplomat

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3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group A** (5 concurrent sessions)

**1. From Service to Advocacy: Developing Campaigns on Campus**

Congressional A

Young Leaders Initiative participants will learn how to build a successful advocacy campaign on campus. Students will consider proven best practices and practical steps to create a plan to implement an effective campaign around an issue of importance to their campuses. This workshop will be interactive and there will be time devoted to small group discussion and planning, and sharing ideas among campuses. **(This workshop is limited to YLI participants.)**

Facilitators: **Lexie Bradley**, Director of Membership, Member Services & Programs, Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities; **Jill Rauh**, Assistant Director of Education & Outreach, USCCB Justice, Peace, & Human Development

Presenters: **Mike Hebbeler**, Director of Discernment and Advocacy, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame; **Lou Charest**, Advisor for University Program, Catholic Relief Services; and **student leaders** of the CSMG Young Leaders Initiative

**2. Reentry Organizing & Restorative Justice: Catholics Uniting With Returning Citizens to Promote Healing, Justice, and Public Safety**

Executive Room

Mass incarceration is tearing families apart, costing states and communities billions of dollars, and we are not safer for it. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is uniting with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to promote policies and strategies that heal communities and improve the lives of families. By investing in the leadership of returning citizens, we are building winning campaigns that are connecting parishes to efforts to decrease incarceration and invest in the common good. The objective of the workshop is to highlight organizing strategies, especially ones that focus on growing relationships with formerly incarcerated men and women; and creatively find ways participants can link with prison and jail ministries to promote restorative justice in their communities.

Facilitator: **Tom Dwyer**, National Committee Chair, Voice of the Poor

Presenters: **Paul Graham**, National Coordinator, Vincentian National Reentry Program; **David Fields**, Wisconsin State Coordinator/Organizer, Vincentian National Reentry Program

**3. Moving From Stranger to Neighbor: Parish Volunteers Assist Newcomer Integration**

Congressional B

Welcoming the stranger is a basic tenet of Catholic social thought, but how do you do it? Staff from Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and USCCB's Department of Migration and Refugee Services will share best practices in motivating, coordinating, and sustaining parish volunteers committed to integrating refugees and other immigrants into our common home.

Facilitator: **Jean Beil**, Vice President for Programs and Services, Catholic Charities USA

Presenters: **Daniel Sturm**, Research and Evaluation Manager, USCCB Migration and Refugee Services; **Kristen Lionetti**, Outreach Manager, Catholic Legal Immigration Network



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3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group A** (Continued)

#### 4. Living the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Global Solidarity

Regency Ballroom

This presentation covers the background for this Jubilee Year of Mercy by reviewing *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction for the Year of Mercy, as well as how Pope Francis speaks of mercy for the Church. It will also speak about what “Jubilee Years” are all about, and how mercy is treated in scripture. Pope Francis proposes the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as action items for the jubilee year. The workshop will focus on global solidarity as a response to what Pope Francis describes as “the globalization of indifference.” It will also address parish ministry in the Jubilee Year, with practical applications for parish leaders.

Facilitator: **Chris West**, Director of Partnership, Training & Engagement, Catholic Relief Services

Presenter: **Fr. David Garcia**, Senior Advisor for Clergy Outreach, Catholic Relief Services

#### 5. The Church Responding to Disasters in Our Common Home

Cabinet Room

Reaching out to serve those in need is a basic tenet of Catholic social teaching. But how does one do so following a disaster? How is the Church at large working together to bring order to chaos in caring for those most affected (i.e. Catholic Charities, St Vincent de Paul, and local parishes)? Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* gives us the opportunity to highlight this ministry in support of disaster survivors. This panel discussion will provide best practices and give practical suggestions for implementation.

Facilitator: **Kim Burgo**, Senior Director of Disaster Services, Catholic Charities USA

Presenters: **Joseph Purello**, Social Concerns and Advocacy Director, Catholic Charities of Charlotte; **Elizabeth Disco Shearer**, Chief Operating Officer, Disaster Services Division, Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA

4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Break

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group B** (5 concurrent sessions)

#### 1. *Laudato Si’* in Action

Regency Ballroom

Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* explores our unique relationship with the earth, the devastating impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable, and our responsibility to protect the earth and each other. This workshop will help participants to understand the themes presented in *Laudato Si’* and translate those themes into meaningful action in their parishes, schools, and communities. Learn how to create buy-in and momentum for taking action in your parish or school. Explore a variety of small faith formation resources, multi-media resources, simple living guides, and practical actions to reduce your carbon footprint.

Facilitator: **Dan Misleh**, Executive Director, Catholic Climate Covenant

Presenters: **Joan Rosenhauer**, Executive Vice President, U.S. Operations, Catholic Relief Services; **Eli McCarthy, Ph.D.**, Justice and Peace Director, Conference of Major Superiors of Men

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5:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. **Community Workshops: Group B** (Continued)

**2. Practicing Mercy in Parishes and Communities: Encounter with Restorative Justice**

Congressional A

Restorative justice is an alternative to our punitive criminal justice system, a way of addressing crime and violence with dignity and healing. But what does restorative justice look like in practice? How do Catholic parishes and communities use restorative justice models to bring healing and peace? In this session hosted by the Catholic Mobilizing Network, a panel of restorative justice practitioners will share the features of their parish and community programs, how models address the needs of victims and offenders, and personal encounters of mercy, healing, and hope.

Facilitator: **Karen Clifton**, Executive Director, Catholic Mobilizing Network

Presenters: **Mary Hallinan**, Restorative Justice Advocacy; **Bernadette Trowell**, Executive Director, Mothers on the Move Spiritually

**3. A Fair Wage for Employees of Catholic Organizations: Lessons from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Cabinet Room

In *Laudato Si'* the Holy Father reminds us that we must hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Few can claim to have heard the cry of the poor more clearly than the Vincentians. Yet after much discernment, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently determined that they must address the poor in their midst as well. In 2014, President Sheila Gilbert wrote to leaders of the Society saying “I urge you and your board to study the wages your employees need to be self-sufficient and, if you are not yet providing a self-sufficient wage, to develop a timetable to get to that level.” This courageous action was also a difficult one, entailing many practical challenges. In this workshop, we invite members of other Catholic organizations to learn from leaders of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul about their experience moving toward just wages, and learn about some other Catholic institutions that have taken similar actions.

Facilitator: **Clayton Sinyai**, Treasurer, Catholic Labor Network

Presenter: **Jack Murphy**, Member, Board of Directors, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, USA

**4. Discussing America’s Racial Construct**

Executive Room

This Workshop will offer a simple and direct way to understand the profound and generational impact racial constructs have on individuals, specifically through socialized advantages and disadvantages. With a clearer understanding of the long-term impact of advantages and disadvantages, each participant will gain an understanding of their own advantaged or disadvantaged upbringing and garner a greater appreciation of where they are, why they are who they are, and why others respond the way they do. This program is also used to explore resulting understanding to build self-efficacy and strength by identifying steps everyone can take to improve their situations and their lives. By strengthening core values individually, communities are also strengthened.

Facilitator: **Donna Grimes**, Assistant Director, USCCB African American Affairs

Presenter: **Deacon Arthur Miller**, Archdiocese of Hartford

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5:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Community Workshops: Group B</b> (Continued)</p> <p><b>5. Being Salt &amp; Light: Encounter and Mission</b></p> <p>This workshop is intended to provide participants with resources and models that can assist missionary disciples encountering and engaging the social realities of their local settings or our larger society and world. Panelists will share stories of social mission from different local Catholic contexts, including particular challenges and how they overcame them. Time will be provided for small group brainstorming about creative service and justice initiatives in a variety of local contexts.</p> <p>Facilitator/Presenter: <b>Jill Rauh</b>, Assistant Director, USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development</p> <p>Panelists: <b>Lauren Brownlee</b>, Director of Social Action and U.S. History Teacher, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart; <b>Sergio Lopez</b>, Relationship Manager, Catholic Relief Services, West Region; <b>Katelyn Roedner Sutton</b>, San Joaquin Regional Director &amp; Environmental Justice Program Manager, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton</p>	Congressional B
6:00 p.m. Onward	Free evening with dinner on your own and optional events.	
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p><b>Diversity Initiative Networking Reception</b> (all welcome, fee applies) <b>Sponsored by the Black and Indian Mission Office</b></p> <p>Join our Diversity Scholarship recipients, representatives from CSMG national collaborating organizations, and CSMG participants for a lively and spirited networking reception with hors d'oeuvres and dessert. You'll have the opportunity to meet and socialize with a diverse and vibrant group of professionals and students who bring a rich variety of perspectives, skills, voices, and vision to our Gathering. Live entertainment will be provided. A limited number of tickets can be purchased at CSMG Registration.</p>	Regency Gallery
7:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m.	<p><b>Evening of Prayer with Adoration</b></p> <p>Our prayer space is reserved this evening for a time of contemplation. All CSMG participants are invited to join in any part of these prayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Rosary in Spanish and English starting at 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Sung prayer in the style of Taizé will begin at 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Benediction at 9:50 p.m. (prayer concludes at 10:00 p.m.)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: If you missed our vigil Mass for Sunday (on Saturday), the latest <b>Sunday Mass</b> in the area is at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2665 Woodley Road, NW, approximately 3 blocks north of the Omni (202-234-1488).</i></p>	Palladian Ballroom
8:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.	<p><b>Creating Collaboration: Student Leaders &amp; State Catholic Conferences</b></p> <p>Building bridges between State Catholic Conferences and student leaders makes for a win/win proposition. State Catholic Conferences play a role in the formation of future advocates as students learn about important issues. Student leaders bring their passion to vital issues in support of Catholic Conference initiatives. Come share your experience and get new ideas as we hear from students and State Catholic Conference staff.</p>	Roberts Room

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## **Monday, January 25, 2016**

7:00 a.m.– 7:45 a.m.	<b>Daily Mass</b>	Palladian Ballroom
7:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	West Registration
7:45 a.m.– 8:45 a.m.	<b>Catholic Relief Services Breakfast</b> (all registered participants welcome)	Regency Ballroom
	Join CRS as we celebrate our spirit of solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas and the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program. We will celebrate CRS Rice Bowl and share its special connection for families and faith communities through Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving.	
8:00 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall</b>	Ambassador Ballroom
8:30 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.	<b>Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Lounge</b>	Ambassador Ballroom
9:00 a.m.– 9:20 a.m.	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Regency Ballroom
9:20 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Domestic and International Policy Plenary and Reflections</b>	Regency Ballroom

**Meghan Clark, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John's University

Dr. Clark is author of *The Vision of Catholic Social Thought: the Virtue of Solidarity and the Praxis of Human Rights* (Fortress Press, 2014), which won the 2015 Catholic Press Association Book Award in Catholic Social Teaching. She received a Doctor of Philosophy (2009) in Theological Ethics from Boston College. Dr. Clark joined the faculty at St. John's University as an assistant professor of moral theology in 2011. In 2013, Dr. Clark was appointed as a Fellow of the Institute of Policy Research and Catholic Studies at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. From 2010-2013, she served as a Consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee for Domestic Justice. Currently, she serves as a faculty expert for the Holy See's Mission to the United Nations coordinated by St. John's Vincentian Center for Church and Society. In addition, she is on the Board of Directors of America Media and the faculty advisory board for Catholic Relief Services "CRS University" Global Solidarity Network. In 2015, she was a Fulbright Scholar at Hekima Institute for Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima University College in Nairobi, Kenya.



**Reflections:** **Ms. Vicki Schieber** is Education Coordinator at the Catholic Mobilizing Network. Her daughter Shannon, a bright and caring 23-year-old graduate student on a full scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania, was raped and murdered on May 7, 1998. Since this tragic loss, Vicki and her husband, Sylvester, have worked tirelessly to advocate against the death penalty and educate others about the Church's social teaching on the sanctity of life. Her story has touched the heart of thousands through her visits to schools and universities, testimony in state legislatures, and published writings. Vicki is co-editor of *Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death Penalty*, a comprehensive exploration of the Catholic stance against capital punishment.

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9:20 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Domestic and International Policy Plenary and Reflections</b> (Continued)	
	<b>Ms. Ericka Santoyo Ramirez</b> is currently a college student in Richmond, Virginia who came to the United States as an unaccompanied child from Honduras. She was provided services by the Commonwealth Catholic Charities Unaccompanied Refugee Minor program in the Richmond Diocese. In addition to attending college, Ericka is currently participating in a Manager-in-Training program through the restaurant company Chipotle Mexican Grill. She also works part-time as a Spanish interpreter for the Richmond school district.	
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break: Sponsored by <b>Bread for the World</b>	Ambassador Ballroom
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Legislative Issues Briefing</b> This informative session will focus on priority issues and will help participants prepare for their Capitol Hill visits.	Regency Ballroom
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<b>Working Lunch: State Delegation Meetings</b> (boxed lunch provided) See separate locations below for the following large delegations:	Regency Ballroom
	California	Hampton Ballroom
	Ohio	Bird Cage Walk
	Louisiana	Executive
	Minnesota	Embassy
	New York	Cabinet
1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Break	
2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	<b>Policy Workshops: Group A</b> (6 concurrent sessions)	
	<b>1. Immigration: Root Causes and Welcome in our Common Home</b> In recent years the United States has witnessed a significant increase in the number of unaccompanied migrant children and migrant families who arrive on our Southwestern border. Most come from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Many of them are placed in detention centers where they are remanded for extended periods of time as they await determination of their immigration court hearings. This panel will examine the underlying causes that drive migration, the immigrant detention system, and how the Church is responding to both aspects of this problem.  Moderator: <b>Kevin Appleby</b> , Director of International Migration Policy, Scabrinini International Migration Network  Presenters: <b>Ashley Feasley</b> , Director of Advocacy, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; <b>Jill Gerschutz-Bell</b> , Senior Legislative Affairs Specialist, Catholic Relief Services	Regency Ballroom

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2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

**Policy Workshops: Group A (Continued)**

**2. Climate Change: Protecting our Common Home**

Executive Room

In his encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Sí*, Pope Francis called on all people to care for God's creation and our common home for the well-being of current and future generations. As Pope Francis said during his visit to our nation, "Now is the time for courageous actions and strategies, aimed at implementing a 'culture of care' and 'an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.'" This workshop will explore how Pope Francis has influenced the conversation about climate change in the Church, in the United States, among U.S. Catholics, and among policy makers.

Moderator: **Cecilia Calvo**, Coordinator, Environmental Justice Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Presenters : **Brian Roewe**, Staff Writer and Editor of the Eco Catholic blog, *National Catholic Reporter*; **Eric Garduño**, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services

**3. Racism: A Poison Infecting Our Common Home**

Diplomat

Racism and prejudice are topics few people address honestly and willingly. Serious and persistent racial disparities in education, work, criminal justice, and housing, illustrate that our country must constantly work toward eliminating this evil from our society. This workshop will review Catholic teaching on racism, discuss how it persists in our communities and country, and take a look at what can be done to promote just policies, encounter and dialogue.

Moderator: **Genevieve Mougey**, Poverty Outreach and Education Manager, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB

Presenters: **Ralph McCloud**, Executive Director, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, USCCB; **Andrea Browne-Phillips**, Director of Inclusion and Engagement, Catholic Charities USA

**4. Trade Agreements: Resisting an Economy of Exclusion**

Embassy

With the recent conclusion of negotiations on the massive Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the on-going meetings concerning the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the European Union, the contours of international trade and finance may be dramatically altered. These agreements have the potential to impact fundamentally the availability and affordability of life-saving drugs, labor rights, environmental protections, and the settlement of disputes between countries and corporations/investors. This workshop will examine the domestic and international consequences of these accords in light of Catholic social thought.

Moderator: **Richard Coll**, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenters: **Eric LeCompte**, Executive Director, Jubilee USA; **Celeste Drake**, Trade Policy Specialist, AFL-CIO

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2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. **Policy Workshops: Group A** (Continued)

### **5. A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach to Gun Violence**

Bird Cage Walk

Following the recent shooting in San Bernardino, CA and daily examples of violence witnessed in our communities and homes, we are urged to respond to Pope Francis' call to lay down our arms and exercise the greater courage of peacemaking. This session will explore a mercy and peacebuilding approach to gun violence. Presenters will discuss effective practices to enable Catholics to build peaceful communities, make gun violence less likely, and advocate for policies that will help prevent gun violence.

Moderator and Presenter: **Eli S. McCarthy**, PhD, Director of Justice and Peace, Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Presenter: **Karen Volker**, Director for Strategic and International Partnerships, Cure Violence; **Kathryn Mollen**, Policy and Outreach Coordinator, Minnesota Catholic Conference

### **6. Faithful Citizenship: Political Responsibility for Our Common Home**

Roberts Room

Every four years the U.S. bishops issue a major statement on political responsibility. Last November, they overwhelmingly adopted "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility." This document provides a framework for political engagement to guide Catholics in the United States. Although the statement has relevance for the national election, and needs to be used with care to foster dialogue on the issues and to encourage Catholics to vote, it also has relevance every year for the political engagement of Catholics.

Moderator and Presenter: **Mr. Mark Rohlena**, Director, USCCB Office of Domestic Social Development

Presenters: **Jill Rauh**, Assistant Director, Education and Outreach, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, USCCB; **Lucas Swanepoel**, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Catholic Charities USA

3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

Ambassador Ballroom

3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Policy Workshops: Group B** (6 concurrent sessions)

### **1. Religious Persecution and Discrimination in our Common Home**

Regency Ballroom

Religious freedom is under attack all around the world. Some 75% of the world's population live in countries with high governmental or societal restrictions on religious freedom. Not only Christians, but also Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and Jews are under attack. Come to this workshop to learn more about this rising tide of religious persecution and what different faith groups can do working together to stem religiously-motivated violence.

Moderator: **Rev. John Crossin, OSFS**, Executive Director, USCCB Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

Presenters: **Daniel Nadel**, Director, Office of International Religious Freedom, U.S. State Department

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3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Policy Workshops: Group B** (Continued)

## **2. Cuba and Colombia: Conflict Resolution in Our Common Hemisphere**

Roberts Room

The dramatic events of 2014 concerning Cuba, leading to rapprochement with the United States, have seen their echo in the hopes for a peaceful resolution in 2016 of the long-standing insurgency that has plagued Colombia for over fifty years. In both nations, the Catholic Church has played a crucial role in helping bring together those parties needed for dialogue and reconciliation. This panel will explore the prospects for peace, economic development and human rights in each nation, their at times interlinked histories, and the way the Catholic Church both here and in the countries in question may be of support.

Moderator: **Richard Coll**, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenter: **Geoff Thale**, Program Director, Washington Office on Latin America

## **3. South Sudan: A Country in Need of Mercy and Reconciliation**

Cabinet Room

This workshop will provide participants with a full update on the state of the conflict and of implementation of the peace agreement in South Sudan. We will also review the responses of the Catholic Church and the United States Government to the crisis. Catholic Relief Services will describe their on-the-ground efforts to save lives through humanitarian assistance and their support of Church programs to help rebuild the social fabric of the country.

Moderator and Presenter: **Steve Hilbert**, Office on International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenter: **Michele Broemmelsiek**, Vice President for Overseas Operations, Catholic Relief Services

## **4. The Struggles of Labor in an Economy of Exclusion**

Diplomat Room

American workers continue to face profound challenges when it comes to finding and securing decent and stable employment. Unfortunately, stagnant wages, dwindling retirement security, and the future of work and job creation in this country point to continued tough times. This workshop will discuss these challenges and highlight some of the work being done to protect workers throughout the country.

Moderator and Presenter: **Tom Mulloy**, Policy Advisor, Domestic Social Development, USCCB

Presenter: **Ann Heekin**, Ph.D, Board President, Don Bosco Workers, Inc.

## **5. Syria/Iraq: Transforming Persecution and Conflict with Mercy**

Executive Room

Pope Francis has condemned “fundamentalist terrorism in Syria and in Iraq” and called on the international community “to take concrete steps to bring about peace and to protect all those who are victims of war and persecution, driven from their homes and their homeland.” This workshop will examine the political situation in these two countries and highlight possible political solutions that could bring mercy, reconciliation, and peace. The panel will also explore the humanitarian crisis in the region and a merciful response to displaced families.

Moderator/Presenter: **Stephen Colecchi**, Director, Office of International Justice and Peace, USCCB

Presenter: **Dr. James Zogby**, President, Arab American Institute; **Bill O’Keefe**, Vice-President for Government Relations and Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services






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3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	<b>Policy Workshops: Group B</b> (Continued)	
	<b>6. Addressing the False Mercy of Assisted Suicide</b>	Bird Cage Walk
	The panel will delve into the arguments, strategies, and research related to the new push for legalizing assisted suicide across the nation. Participants will learn how to address the “throw away culture” with a “culture of care.”	
	Moderator/Presenter: <b>Thomas Grenchik</b> , Executive Director, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB	
	Presenters: <b>Richard Doerflinger</b> , Associate Director, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, USCCB; <b>Janice Benton</b> , Executive Director, National Catholic Partnership on Disability; <b>Stephen L. Mikochik, J.D.</b> , Chair Emeritus, National Catholic Partnership on Disability Board of Directors; <b>Pat Brannigan</b> , New Jersey Catholic Conference	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Advocacy Training 201</b> (optional – further skill building & answering tough questions)	Cabinet Ballroom
6:00 p.m. Onward	Free evening with dinner on your own and optional events.	
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Annual Harry A. Fagan and Servant of Justice Awards Banquet</b> presented by the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors (registration required — fee applies)	Diplomat Room
	The Fagan Award, the Roundtable's highest honor, is named for Roundtable's late founder, and for 2016 will be awarded to <b>Fr. Fred Kammer, S.J.</b> The Servant of Justice Award honors a Roundtable member who has made a unique contribution to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice in their Diocese, and for 2016 will be awarded to <b>Mr. Tom Ulrich.</b>	
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Young Leaders Initiative Meeting</b> (YLI participants only)	Congressional A & B
	Participants in the CSMG 2016 Young Leaders Initiative will meet to reflect together on their experience of the Gathering and to discuss ways of living faith and justice on college and university campuses and beyond.	
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	<b>Young Leaders Initiative Dessert Social</b> (YLI participants & invited guests)	Bird Cage Walk
	Participants in the CSMG 2016 Young Leaders Initiative will enjoy dessert refreshments and an opportunity for relaxed conversation with each other and invited representatives of CSMG partner organizations.	
8:30 p.m. –10:30 p.m.	<b>Theological Reflection for Experienced Pastoral Ministers and Young Professionals</b> (space limited—contact Genevieve Mougey)	Roberts Room

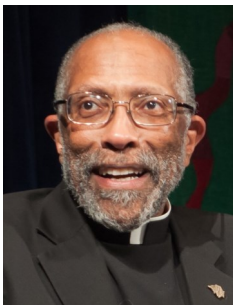
## **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	West Registration
7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall</b>	Ambassador Room
7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Catholic Charities USA Hospitality Lounge</b>	Ambassador Room

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<p>8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.    <b>Sending Mass</b> Principal Celebrant &amp; Homilist:  <b>Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne</b>, Burlington; Chair, USCCB Communications Committee</p>		<p>Palladian Ballroom</p>		
<p>9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m.    <b>Continental Breakfast</b> (all registered participants welcome) Blessing of our advocacy by <b>Monsignor Ray East</b>.</p>		<p>Regency Ballroom</p>		
<p>9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m.    <b>Catholic Charities USA Member Agency Breakfast</b> (by invitation)</p>		<p>Congressional A &amp; B</p>		
<p>10:00 a.m.    <b>Departure for Advocacy Visits on Capitol Hill</b>  <b>Reminder:</b> please clear guest rooms of all belongings and check out of the hotel before proceeding to Capitol Hill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Check out of hotel no later than 12:00 noon.</b></li> <li>• Only very limited personal belongings can be carried to meetings on Capitol Hill. See <i>Daily Bulletin</i> for details.</li> <li>• Luggage may be left at Omni Reception until the evening. You may also consider making use of the Tiburon Lockers service at Union Station for a fee of \$3-\$11 per bag/per hour (details and directions available at CSMG Registration).</li> </ul>				
<p>10:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.    <b>Advocacy Visits on Capitol Hill</b>  Every participant is encouraged to visit his/her members of Congress and their staff members to advocate on our priorities, and leave behind the Capitol Hill Message.  Lunch today will be on your own with your state delegations in-between your meetings on Capitol Hill.</p>		<p>Capitol Hill</p>		
<p>3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Capitol Hill Reception</b> Concluding Celebration of CSMG 2016</p>		<p>Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902</p>

**Special thanks to our CSMG 2016 Master of Ceremonies**



**Monsignor Ray East** is the son of the late Thomas and Gwendolyn East. The grandson of Baptist missionaries to South Africa, he was born in Newark, New Jersey. Raised in San Diego, he graduated from the University of San Diego. His position with the National Association of Minority Contractors brought him to Washington, DC where he later experienced a call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1981 by Cardinal Hickey. Father East has served in six Washington parishes and is currently pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Anacostia, Washington, DC. This parish, known for its vibrant liturgies and Catholic leadership formation, is served by the Contemplative branch of the Missionaries of Charity of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. He has worked in the areas of Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization.

## CSMG Diversity Initiative Welcomes 32 Participants from 19 Dioceses

Thank you to all of our sponsors that make the CSMG Diversity Initiative Scholarships possible by their contributions. Special thanks to the **Black and Indian Mission Office** for their sponsorship of our Diversity Initiative Networking Reception.

We extend a warm welcome to the 32 participants in this year's Diversity Outreach Initiative, hailing from 19 dioceses. For information about this initiative contact Nicole Germain (ngermain@usccb.org).

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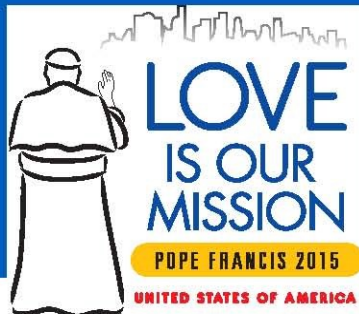
## Welcome to Participants in our Young Leaders Initiative!

We are very pleased to welcome the following 29 institutions in this fourth year of the CSMG Young Leaders Initiative. Thank you students, faculty members, committee members, sponsors and all of our CSMG participants helping to encourage and form young leaders for Catholic social mission.

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Carroll College (MT)	Louisiana State Univ., Alexandria (LA)	Southeastern Louisiana Univ. (LA)
Catholic Theological Union (IL)	Maryland Institute College of Art (MD)	Catholic University of America (DC)
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College of St. Scholastica (MN)	St. Martin's University (WA)	University of Notre Dame (IN)
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### Why D.C.?

- ◆ Our Church is committed to dialogue with civil society, including the political leadership of nations. Both as citizens and as Catholics we gather at our nation's Capitol to raise with national legislators our Church's concerns for people in harm's way.
- ◆ Washington D.C. is the base for many civil experts in current domestic and international affairs. D.C. is also the base for large numbers of Catholic leaders in areas such as economic and environmental policy and peace initiatives. CSMG draws on all of these resources and many more to form Catholic leaders for social ministry and advocacy.

### Why January?

- ◆ Advocacy with Congress in January or February presents a strategic opportunity, often occurring at the beginning of a new Presidential administration or at the beginning of a new session of Congress. We make every effort to choose dates that fall after the President's *State of the Union* address and before Congress' first recess of the year for the President's Day weekend.
- ◆ Winter is the most affordable season to host a large gathering of Catholic leaders in D.C. at a time when our advocacy can have the most impact on members of Congress and new legislation. Hotel rates are substantially higher from Spring through Fall, and we are committed to keeping the cost of the Gathering as reasonable as possible.

### Why a Big Hotel and Conference Center?

- ◆ The requirements of hosting more than 500 leaders for four days of meetings in Washington, D.C. during the Winter mean there are no real alternatives to locating the Gathering at a major hotel. Colleges and universities only offer conference services and accommodation during the summer, when our advocacy visits to Congress would be much less effective.
- ◆ The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has tax-exempt status only in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Choosing a hotel outside of these locations at which to host CSMG would significantly increase the cost of the meeting and would result in higher registration rates.
- ◆ We make every effort to select a hotel consistent with our mission, our commitment to a just and living wage for employees, and in keeping with Catholic teaching concerning labor practices. Unlike many D.C. hotels, the Omni allows employees to organize in unions.
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- ◆ Conferences like CSMG involve extensive contracts with hotels that include commitments to minimum expenditures on meals, minimum rooms filled, etc. By staying at our conference hotel, you support the ongoing success of CSMG.
- ◆ We offer the option to arrange room-sharing through on-line registration to make accommodation at the conference hotel as affordable as possible. Good stewardship of the investment in traveling to the Gathering means basing ourselves in a location where we can make the most of opportunities to pray, meet, and plan together, and to reach out to members of Congress.

### Why Start on Saturday?

- ◆ Last year we moved our opening day from Sunday to Saturday (and closing from Wednesday to Tuesday). We did so because the fastest growing number of CSMG participants are emerging or informal leaders, for whom weekend meetings reduce days of missed work or classes. CSMG connects official Catholic leaders with emerging and informal leaders for mission together.

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Virtual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering "Hill" Visits

## Advocacy Issues Briefing Webinar

February 7, 2017  
2:00 p.m. ET

## District Visits

February 20-24, 2017

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In 2017, we will not hold a Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, DC due to the larger national convocation that USCCB will lead in Orlando, Florida from July 1-4, 2017. Consult your local diocese for information about delegations that will be forming to join in *The Joy of the Gospel in America: A National Convocation of Catholic Leaders*.

During 2017, the CSMG community will continue to raise our collective voices on behalf of poor and vulnerable people! Please plan to join us on February 7, 2017 to kick-off a "Virtual CSMG" with our **Advocacy Issues Briefing Webinar** at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The briefing and our usual advocacy resources will prepare us to take our issues of concern to our Senators and Representatives in their Home District Offices during the Congressional Recess week of February 20-24, 2017.

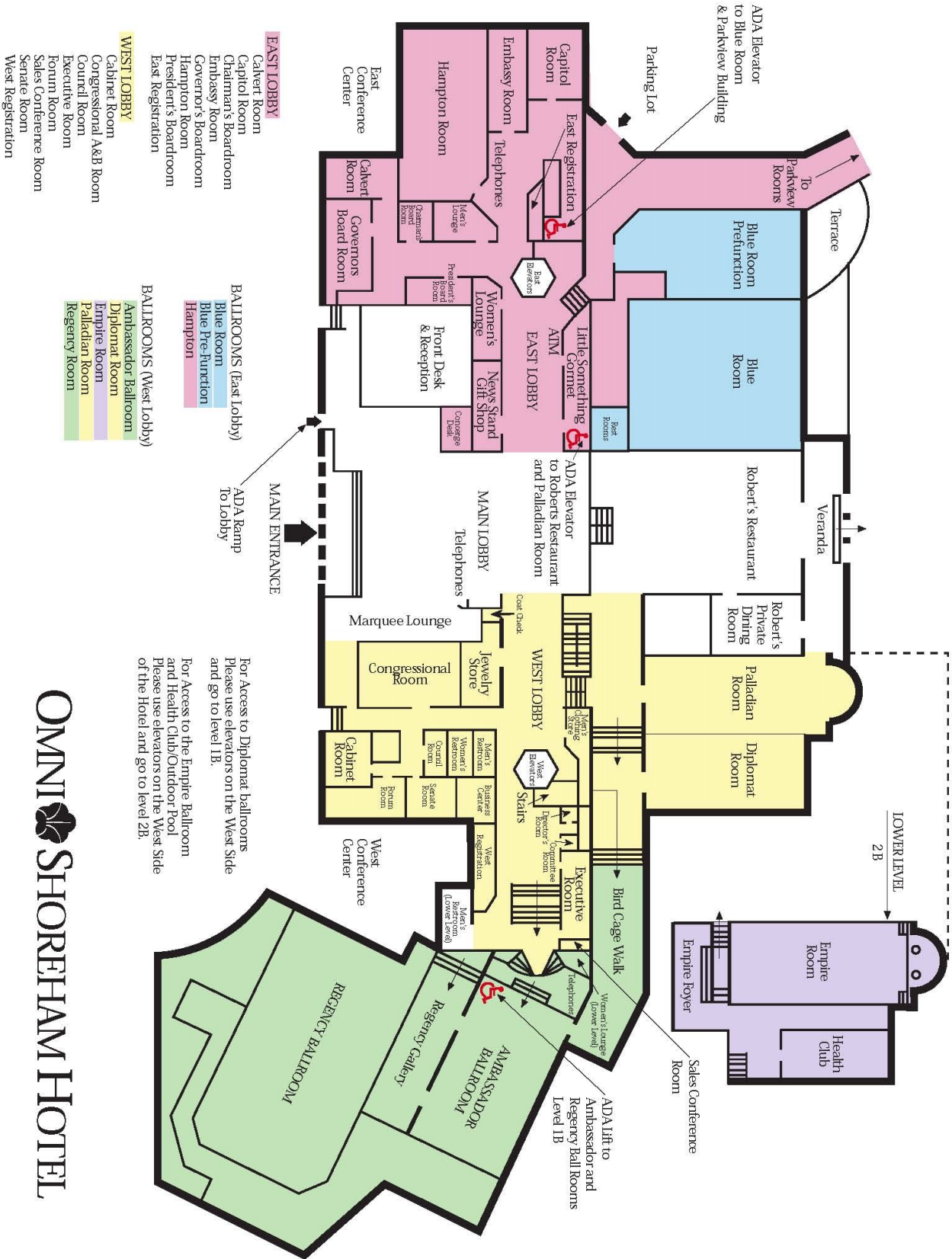
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— Pope Francis, Address to Jesuit Refugee Service, September 10, 2013



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