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**Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform**

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committee-approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

"No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test... If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously."

For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

**ACTION:** Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to [www.usccb.org/action](http://www.usccb.org/action).
- Call the US Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) & [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

**MESSAGE to SENATE:**

"During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

**MESSAGE to HOUSE:**

"Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

**WHEN:** Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**

# INTERNATIONAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

*International Restorative Justice is recognized in November each year. The California Conference of Bishops encourages pastors to include information on Restorative Justice in parish bulletins to promote greater awareness during the month of November.*

*This week I share two short stories on “Restorative Justice, an Overview” and “The Voice of a Victim.” In the remaining weeks of November you will find a short story on the “Voice of a Formerly Incarcerated Person,” “The Voice of a Chaplain and “From the Voice of a Professional Working in the System.”*

## **Restorative Justice — Overview Of What It Is**

It's been pointed out by legal scholars, sociologists and religious leaders that our criminal justice system is grounded in retribution. Those convicted of crimes — especially violent acts — are to be locked away and punished by the government. Besides cooperating with the police and testifying in court, amazingly victims play no further role in the adversarial process. And rehabilitating offenders, at best, is an afterthought for the two million men and women incarcerated in the United States today.

Starting with their 2000 pastoral letter “Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice,” the bishops of the United States have advocated for a more humane approach called “Restorative Justice” to repair the harm caused by criminal behavior. This growing social justice movement encourages victims, offenders and their impacted communities to fully participate in the healing process through victim/offender mediation, restitution, victim and ex-offender assistance, sentencing circles and community service.

Crime is viewed as an offense against human relationships, so the focus is on reconciling them. Confronted by their victims, offenders see firsthand the impact of their crimes.

“Restorative justice is about making everyone involved in crime whole again — victims, perpetrators and the community,” says Auxiliary Bishop Gabino Zavala of Los Angeles. “It's a messy process. But the alternative is fear, hatred and divisiveness. The alternative is worse. It means the continual loss of human life.”

## **Restorative Justice — A Victim's Pain**

The tragedy of violent crime has struck twice in her close-knit Latino family. Youngest brother Gustavo, 22, was killed when a fight broke out during his birthday celebration April 22, 1990. An older brother Roberto, 35, was killed Nov. 19, 2000, in a drive-by shooting.

“It destroys the whole family,” says Rita Chairez. “It's still very painful to even think about. The pain never really goes away.”

Her mother, Maria — practicing restorative justice before it even had a name — has helped, though.

“I remember her saying, ‘I don't know if I can go on’ when Roberto was killed,” Rita recalls. “But her faith was like: ‘I believe in God, and I believe that if I forgive the people who killed my sons, they're going to rest in peace.’”

Today, the 49-year-old daughter struggles with her own efforts at forgiveness, especially when she hears about another senseless act of violence on the local news. Yet she believes in the faith-based process.

“I think that's the only way you can restore a relationship by working it out and having people be accountable for what they've done,” Rita says. “It has to be a whole circle, with the perpetrator, the justice system and the victim in the middle. I believe that when you have everybody involved, that's when restorative justice happens.”

*To learn more about restorative justice from a Catholic perspective, please visit [RestoreJustice.com](http://RestoreJustice.com).*

# CATHOLICS COME HOME

Following up on the recent video, I offer a few ideas on how we can help our fellow Catholics come home.

- 1) **Hospitality:** Be ready to receive those who come home now or later. We greet them, welcome them and by our example model for them what it means to have a relationship with Christ and His Church.
- 2) **Evangelization:** At the end of the Mass we are sent forth “to love and serve the Lord.” This love and service is demonstrated by our willingness to proclaim the Good News and witness to it with our lives. We are called to “bring Jesus into every situation”; we have the unique ability to bring our faith and love for Christ to the workplace, the home, the mall, etc.
- 3) **Invitation:** The average active Catholic knows 2 to 3 inactive Catholics. It is so important that each and every parishioner ask our family and friends to come home.
- 4) **Catechesis:** Many Catholics don’t know the teachings of the Church, even less know the scriptures to which all teaching is connected. We should be ready to answer the basic questions about Mass, Confession, Scripture and Tradition, Marriage and Family Life, etc.
- 5) **Prayer:** All the collective efforts of the community must be offered up in prayer. We are encouraged to pray specifically for those who have left the Church, those who may have been hurt by the Church and those who are returning home.
- 6) Please make a donation to help the parish give \$10,000 to the Catholics Come Home effort as we are well short of this amount at present.

## CALLED AND CHOSEN + SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009 DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Connect with other Catholic Young Adults! Get Inspired! Get Christ-Centered! Get SERIOUS about your baptismal call! Open to all young adults (age 18-39). Join us at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills. The day will feature Stan Cordero, Delis Alejandro and the Young Adult Ministry Team from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, CA, with music from Papa Joe Lucero and his band! Cost for the day is \$20 in advance (\$30 at the door) and includes lunch, a t-shirt and childcare. Get all the details and register at [www.yaconference.com](http://www.yaconference.com) or call 916.733.0152.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS MEET AND GREET

Come and meet other Catholic singles at our Circle of Friends “Meet and Greet.” The Circle of Friends is a multi-parish ministry for the never married, widowed, divorced and separated under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento.

Potluck - Bring a friend - Potluck and Bunco

Date and Time: Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

Location: St. Clare Church at 1950 Junction, Roseville 95747

**RSVP:** Please call Joan Bertolani if you are able to attend at  
**(916) 335-0860 after 7:00 p.m.**

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: NEXT WEEKEND

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. (No local or national ACORN organizations are funded by this collection). As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

### IMMACULATE HEART RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Immaculate Heart Radio's On-Air Pledge Drive** will be held **Tuesday, December 1st through Friday, December 14th** from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day at Immaculate Heart Radio's Studio located at 3256 Penryn Road, Loomis, CA.

Please join the Immaculate Heart Radio staff at our upcoming pledge drive. Meet Catholic Radio personalities, be interviewed live on the radio, pray the Rosary with our staff, enjoy fellowship with Catholics in your area, talk with listeners and witness their testimonies, and experience the joy and peace that comes from sharing your Catholic Faith. Refreshments served all day. Free Giveaways!!!

You may sign-up for any time between 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. during the Pledge Drive. Please call Debora Heinrichs at 916-535-0500 ext. 221 or email her at [dheinrichs@ihradio.org](mailto:dheinrichs@ihradio.org). You will find more information on our website at [www.ihradio.org](http://www.ihradio.org)

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We are blessed that Bishop Soto will celebrate the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 a.m. This is a beautiful occasion to give thanks to God for all we have and are.

This year we invite all to bring food which will be blessed during the Mass. Sr. Jenny is inviting children to participate in the Mass as "pilgrims" so it should be a special family celebration. Please call her at 916-444-5364 for any questions you may have. The collection at this Mass will be used for the poor and needy of the Cathedral. Please God, we can start off on Thanksgiving Day with a beautiful Mass and then spend time with family and loved ones praising God for His goodness.

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

Holy Spirit come, visit me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, come again into my life. Direct me, mold me, fill me, use me. Unite my heart and my mind all powerful God, that I can proclaim Your word with the sweetness and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, Your food was to do the will of the Father. Help me to be attentive to the call of the Spirit in my life. Give me the strength to respond to Him with humility. You are our help now and always. Amen.

## PARISH DIRECTORY AT-A-GLANCE

MINISTRY	LEAD	PHONE #
Parrish Council	Peter Ruffing	478-1198
Liturgy Committee	Rex Fallanka	R - 444-3071 C - 261-1468
Finance Committee	Robert Ingerto	445-0840
Cantor	Lola Knst	444-3071
Choir - English	Rex Fallanka	R - 444-3071 C - 261-1468
Choir - Spanish	Jerry Vano ye	H - 366-6685 UO - 785-6888
Deacons	Denise Fracchia	H - 707-445-7419 C - 707-872-9445
Environment Committee	Chris Houlemard	C - 502-1111
Eucharistic Adoration	Isabella Casarez	H - 445-1922
Evenings of the Engaged	Steve & Mariana Rose	
Festival of Trees & Lights	Valerie Chun	H - 445-1708 C - 212-5355
Gift Shop	Sister Jenny	UO - 444-5364 H - 925-4001
Hispanic Apostolate	Deacon Raul Leon	UO - 444-3071
Hospitality Committee	Maria Balakshin	H - 530-792-1279 C - 530-400-4426
Knights of Columbus	Ft. Krieman	R - 444-3071
Liturgical Ministries Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers	Michael Ognisty	H - 927-4385 UO - 341-8165 R - 444-3071
Parish Vocations Committee	Matthew Makar	H - 648-3073
Rectory Volunteers & Staff	Ft. Krieman	R - 444-3071
Religious Education & (RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Sister Jenny	UO - 444-5364 H - 925-4001
Social Committee	Dawn Ruffing	478-1198
Social Justice Committee	David Clements	H - 645-1800
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Deacon Jorge Usi	H - 974-0625 C - 201-9852 R - 444-3071
Ushers	Tom Waddock	H - 443-2709 C - 213-0721
Visiting The Sick	Deacon Raul Leon	444-3071
Welcome Back Program	Tim Longdon	R - 444-3071
Youth Spanish Group	Edgar & Leticia Hibert	H - 440-6211 C - 261-5504

I am grateful to all who serve our parish in these ministries. We need more to help in these areas and new ministries can develop as in God's grace people come forward. May the Holy Spirit lead us and the example of the blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, inspire us.

### Stewardship - A way of living

Thank you to all who filled out the commitment sheet last weekend it will be good to have people join the ministries they signed up for. Thanks to those who made a promise to give more money to support the work of Christ and his church. I will work with the Finance Council over Christmas and get a new budget for our parishioners in January. God bless your life, your Stewardship and our Cathedral Parish with appreciation and prayers. Fr. Kiernan

### Jesuit High School

Jesuit High School "Shadow Day" Program for 8th grade boys Come and see if Jesuit High School is the place for you!!

Spend 1/2 day shadowing a current Jesuit Student in class.

Appointments are available Monday - Thursday; until December 10, 2009.

Don't miss out!!

Call Mrs. Case at (916) 482-6060 X 227, today!!



The Diocese of Sacramento will hold a Young Adult Conference on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Open to all young adults (age 18-39). Join us at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills. The day will feature Stan Cordero, Delis Alejandro and the Young Adult Ministry Team from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, CA, with music from Papa Joe Lucero and his band! Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch, a t-shirt and childcare. Register at www.yaconference.com or call 916-733-0152.

### For the Beauty of the Earth

On the weekend of November 20-22, Fr. Peter Togni, S.J., and Ms. Barbara Nelson will invite us to turn our attention toward the gratitude that so often wells up in our hearts. With Thanksgiving Day approaching quickly, we will join our companions all across this nation in calling to mind the remarkable gifts that we have received. We contemplate the Giver of all gifts, whose generosity invites and calls us to lives of service and sharing.

For more information or to register for the retreat, which is open to both women and men, give us a call at 650-948-4491 or register online at *So, Who Would Like a Drumstick?*

### CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

#### MON 11/16/2009

12:10 p.m. : Francis & Mary Nguyen +

5:10 p.m.: Policarpio A. Medina +

#### TUES 11/17/2009

12:10 p.m.: Nguyen & Mao Family

5:10 p.m.: Leticia Tecson Amado +

#### WED 11/18/2009

12:10 p.m. : All Souls

5:10 p.m.: Paula Ebner +

#### THU 11/19/2009

12:10 p.m.: Hiep Dang

5:10 p.m.: Francis Trejillo Nunez +

#### FRI 11/20/2009

12:10 pm: Jose Lapeuz +

### New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Please Print Clearly. Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

New or  Change Address      *Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!*      Offering Envelopes  Yes  No