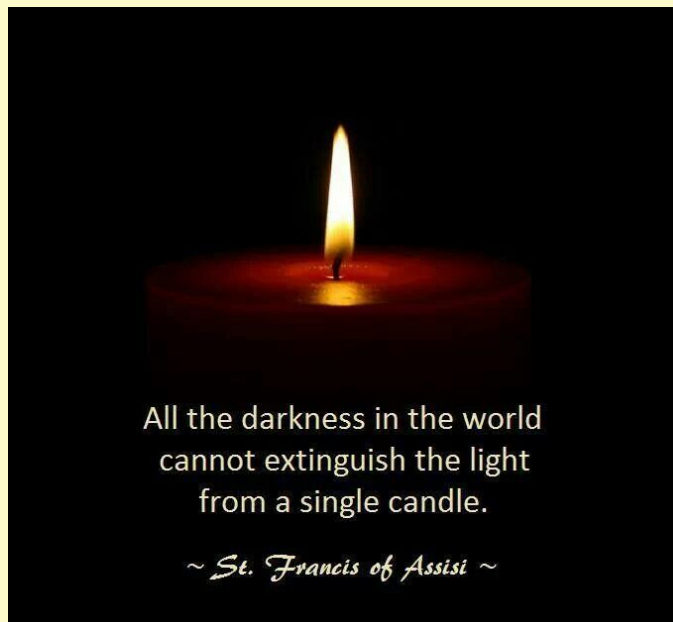




## Catholic Charities Social Concerns



All the darkness in the world  
cannot extinguish the light  
from a single candle.

*~ St. Francis of Assisi ~*

**Dear Friend,**

I feel like there is so much to address in the June edition of the Catholic Charities - Social Concerns newsletter, from ongoing racial injustices, to the COVID economic, material, emotional, and spiritual turmoil that so many are facing as our communities slowly reopen.

It can be challenging to find Hope, but I am reminded of Jesus' words in Mark 10:27. "Looking at them, Jesus said, 'with people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.'"

Please scroll down to find resources on racial injustice, parish engagement in a COVID world and ways you can make a difference.

**Below is a statement from Pope Francis made during his  
June 3, 2020 General Audience Address.**

"Dear brothers and sisters in the United States,  
I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. My friends,

we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that 'the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.' Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world. May God bless all of you and your families."

May each of us live the Love of Christ as we grow to love our brothers and sisters more, and may we experience Christ's mercy in areas where we have failed.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Theresa Chamblee*

Catholic Charities - Director of Social Concerns

[Visit our Website - Catholic Charities - Social Concerns](#)

## Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son,  
God has found a way to unite himself to every human being,  
called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times  
when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to  
overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will  
no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that  
respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts:  
pray for us. Amen.

[en español](#)

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Statement from Archbishop Charles C. Thompson in the Wake of the Death of George Floyd

Novena For Racial Healing and Reconciliation

Combating Racism: Resources by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Resources from the National Black Catholic Congress

CNS News Article: "Prayer vigils, protests, bishops homilies echo call for racial justice"

Advocate Article: "He's a priest, former police officer's son and black: God created Josh Johnson for a time like 'this'"

## Parish Social Ministry

*Are we reopening too early?*

*What if people don't come back to their parishes?*

*I am tired of staying at home, when can I start to volunteer at my parish again?*

## *Will our parish survive financially?*

*How can we walk with our parishioners who are struggling financially, materially, emotionally, and spiritually when we are all struggling to get back on our feet?*

As our parish communities begin to reopen, these may be some of the questions that on the minds of our parish communities.

As a society, we struggle to find the answers, but it is important to remember that we are in this together.

Below are some resources that may assist parishes and your parish social ministry networks:

### **Webinars**

[Post-Pandemic Parish Engagement through a Disasters Lens](#)

(recommended viewer starts at the 3:50 mark due to technical difficulties in the beginning)

### **Websites**

[Post Pandemic Parish Support](#) - Catholic Leadership Institute

### **Articles**

["As parishes reopen, mental and spiritual health care need attention"](#) May 13, 2020 | Featuring [Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston](#)

### **Archindy List of COVID Resources**

For a list of Archindy COVID resources - Food, Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

[Visit HERE](#)

### **Summer Meal Programs**

USDA Interactive map - Meals can be taken home to eat

[Meals for Kids & Teens](#)

[Safety Measures for Engaging Volunteers and Others On-site during COVID-19](#)



## Anti- Trafficking Ministry



Catholic Charities - Social Concerns  
is pleased to announce the launch of the  
**Anti-Trafficking Ministry.**

“Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it. In the end, we must work together—Church, state, and community—to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth.”

- USCCB - On Human Trafficking

[Check out the new  
Archindy Anti-Trafficking web page](#)

**Save the Date**  
**Archindy Anti-Trafficking Ministry**  
**Virtual Kickoff**  
**August 18, 2020**  
**6:30pm to 8pm**

# Catholic Relief Services (CRS)



Our faith calls us to believe. To serve. To lead.

At this pivotal time when COVID-19 is impacting health, societies and economies around the globe, we can come together as missionary disciples to make a difference.

Join a powerful movement of advocacy and action to transform our world. Leading the way begins now. We come together as a community and as individuals to pray, learn and take meaningful action to help those who will suffer the most from this global pandemic: migrants and refugees, communities that lack access to enough food and nutrition and people living in poverty.

Together we are building a movement to end global poverty. As people of faith, we are called to create a more just and peaceful world for all. Now is the time. Will you answer the call?



Lead the Way on Hunger Together, we can protect people most at risk of hunger and malnutrition during this COVID-19 pandemic. [LEARN MORE >](#)



Find out how YOU can Lead the Way

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)



**Congratulations  
Emily Och  
2nd Place Winner in the  
National USCCB - CCHD  
Multimedia Art Contest.**

**Emily Och, 16 year old, Roncalli High School student, won 2nd place in the National U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - Catholic Campaign for Human Development Multimedia Art Contest.**

The theme of the national contest was "More than a Roof" based on a quote by Pope Saint John Paul II, "A house is much more than a roof over one's head. It is a place where a person creates and lives out his or her life."



Here is a little peak behind Emily's vision for her art work...  
(The Criterion - Vol.LX, No.32 - May 22, 2020)

“Most people view a house as just a physical structure, something that protects you from turbulent weather and keeps you warm at night,” Emily notes.  
“However, a home can be much more than that.

“A home can serve as a gathering place. It can serve as a place of good times and memories. But most importantly, it can be a place of God.”

In creating her artwork, Emily chose God’s hands to be the roof under which people of all backgrounds can find shelter.

“This represents how God cares for us all equally, no matter the color of our skin or who we worship,” Emily notes. “Underneath these hands and behind the people—past the rain—there are plants growing, showing how God’s love is the only thing that lets us bloom and thrive as individuals.”

Emily’s award-winning artwork earned her \$375, which she will add to her savings for a car. Her award also let her designate a \$375 grant for an organization funded by CCHD.

She chose [Teen Mother Choices](#), a faith-based program with a chapter in Brookville “designed to encourage, equip and support teen moms who have already given birth and who have courageously chosen to parent their child,”

## Catholic Accompaniment Reflective Experience (CARE)

The Catholic Charities - Social Concerns CARE Program works in partnership with Bethany Christian Services and their Transitional Foster Care Program which offers temporary homes for unaccompanied children.



**Please prayerfully consider become a  
Foster Parent or a Transitional Foster Parent.**

Learn More Below:

[Bethany Christian Services](#) demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services. Bethany was founded in 1944 and has more than 100 locations, serving 5 continents and 12 countries. Bethany has worked in Indiana since 1983 and offers pregnancy counseling, adoption services, family preservation programs, and foster care services. There is always a need for foster families and we see this need continuing to grow in light of the Covid-19. With the many uncertainties in today’s world, its hard to imagine what life must be like for children who don’t have a safe or stable home life. Would you consider learning more about this need to determine if you can help vulnerable



children and families in our city? We offer virtual information meetings on a weekly basis. A schedule of upcoming meetings can be found [HERE](#).

## Prayer for the Month of June

### Prayer Against Anxiety and Depression

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

O Christ Jesus  
When all is darkness  
And we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
Give us the sense of Your Presence,  
Your Love and Your Strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
In Your protecting love  
And strengthening power,  
So that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
For, living close to You,  
We shall see Your Hand,  
Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.  
Amen.

## God's Work Through Our Hands



In response to so many who have asked us how they can support their parish, archdiocesan Catholic high school, Catholic charity or ministry during this time of uncertainty, we have created a central location where you can do just that.

You can now give to your parish or Catholic Charities online at [www.archindy.org/giving](http://www.archindy.org/giving)



# Parish and Community Food Pantry Availability

**Below are several resources to see what Food Pantries are available in your area.**

**ALWAYS CALL FIRST TO LEARN COVID-19 PROCEDURES OR TO SEE IF THE FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN.**

**Family & Social Services Administration**  
[Food Assistance Availability Map](#)

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Many Archdiocesan parishes have updated their FOOD PANTRY procedures to reflect COVID-19 procedures.

[Catholic Parishes and Community Food Pantry Updates](#)

(Updated 4/6/20)

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## Find Emergency Meals for Kids and Teens

USDA Food and Nutrition Service has begun granting waivers that allow states approved for non-congregate feeding, greater flexibilities which allow parents and/or guardians to pick up meals for their children, without the student needing to be present. This waiver is effective immediately, and remains in effect through June 30, 2020, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier. Click here for more information.

### Online Mapping Tool to Find Feeding Sites

Parents with kids and teens 18 years old and under can use our [Meals 4 Kids mapping tool](#) to find sites near them where they can pick up free nutritious meals and snacks. To maintain social distancing, kids and teens may take their meal home to eat. Simply type in your address and find results.

# Ministries of Catholic Charities

# Social Concerns

## What is Social Concerns?

Social Concerns encourages the Community to grow in a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by providing resources and strategies for effective action in parishes, schools and surrounding communities. Most importantly, it calls us to a deeper understanding in living out the Two Greatest Commandments, which is to Love God and to Love our Neighbors, both locally and globally."

Below are the Ministries that fall under Catholic Charities - Social Concerns.



**CARE**  
Catholic Accompaniment  
and Reflective Experience

**Archdiocesan -  
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Anti Trafficking  
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