

WORKSHOPS – SESSION 1

Five Principles for Healthy and Effective Engagement

Shawn Duncan—Lupton Center

What does a reimagined charity framework look like? This presentation continues the keynote address as Shawn walks us through the basic principles for effective engagement with economically disadvantaged communities.

Bringing Our Catholic Faith Into the Public Square: Impacting the Legislative Process in Connecticut

David Reynolds—Connecticut Catholic Conference

This workshop will explain the legislative process and how an individual or group could attempt to shape the final outcome on an issue. Two actual examples of legislation, one focusing on a social justice issue and the other a pro-life issue, will be used to highlight the opportunities and challenges faced when attempting to impact public policy based on the teachings of our faith.

Uncover God's Call

Kevin Johnson—The Inner Room

Communities of Salt and Light encourages us to “anchor social ministry in prayer, where we uncover the depths (and breadth) of God’s call to seek justice.” Kevin offers prayerful tips about how you might hear God’s call, individually and as a social ministry group in your parish.

Sharing the Journey, Building the Kingdom: our Church's Response to Migration

Mari Barboza—Catholic Relief Services Relationship Manager

Church teaching on immigration calls for a “right not to migrate. Learn how Catholic Relief Services (CRS) moves beyond charity by addressing root causes of poverty and migration.

Las enseñanzas en el entendimiento del poder y la responsabilidad social en los ministerios sociales de las parroquias.

Fr. Diego Jimenez—All Saints -Todos los Santos, Waterbury

El taller ofrecerá una reflexión guiada hacia el entendimiento de la responsabilidad social de todo católico de ayudar al prójimo, basado en el documento “los dos pies de acción”; La ayuda urgente (obras de caridad), y la justicia social que concierne a los aspectos sociales, políticos y económicos en la vida social de la Iglesia.

Como organizar y entender campañas sociales exitosas en la Iglesia, que permitan cambios.

Fr. James Manship—St. Rose of Lima, Meriden

El taller ofrecerá un entendimiento teológico de cómo las parroquias pueden poner su fe en acción, también podrán escuchar experiencias no sólo reales, sino altamente exitosas.

WORKSHOPS – SESSION 2

Changing the Charity Paradigm

Shawn Duncan—Lupton Center

This session addresses the importance of assessing current health and effectiveness and lays the groundwork for how we go about changing the way our church or organization responds to material paradigm. By looking at real life examples, participating in thought-provoking exercises, and being exposed to compelling teaching, participants come away ready to start a journey toward a more effective engagement with the materially poor.

Grass Roots Organizing—Making Change from the Ground Up

Naugatuck Valley Project

Brazilian Worker Center

This workshop jointly presented by the Naugatuck Valley Project (NVP) and the Brazilian Workers Center, will discuss organizing practices for embodying change in our congregations, our communities, and our world. Learn practical ways in which you can begin a grassroots movement, a real-life case study of grass-roots in action on behalf of domestic workers in Connecticut, and how NVP can help you get started.

Building the Beloved Community

Kathleen Maldonado—Center for Latino Progress

Taylor Mayes – CT Roundtable for Climate & Jobs

Rev. Henry Brown—Mothers United Against Violence

Building a just community is not something we can do on our own! Come learn from community leaders from local organizations on how to get more engaged in the community and how parishes can collaborate with their efforts.

Connecting with OCSJM—Vehicles for Action

Lynn Campbell—OCSJM, Executive Director

Patrick Laorden—OCSJM, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

Overwhelmed? Where to begin? An interactive workshop where participants will learn about the resources available to them and some best practices to use to engage parish participation in the work of charity and justice.

Como ayudar a las comunidades inmigrantes

indocumentadas desde las causas de sus necesidades, sin dejar atrás la importancia de la “obra corporal de la misericordia”

Arturo Iriarte, OCSJM

El taller ofrecerá una reflexión sobre los factores que limitan a los inmigrantes desde las dimensiones estructurales, también incursionaremos a través de ejemplos prácticos de como proveer ayuda urgente a ellos y sus familias.

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