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To Pastors + Parish Social Ministry [PSM] Partners, PSM Planning Team Members,
Religious Education leaders

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the Catholic Identity and External Relations division of Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.
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Re **Parish Social Ministry [PSM] Update # 46** [in 116 Months]

CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Louisville: Providing help, Creating hope!

PSM UPDATE delivery mode –

If anyone would prefer receiving this quarterly update by email as an attached .doc file, please contact S Mary Schmuck. Our point: what works better for you!

Contact the Nazareth Office if you would find a Catholic Charities of Louisville website BLOG helpful!
www.cclou.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Catholic Charities
Parish Social Ministry

PSM = Emergency Aid + Faithful Citizenship
+ Global Solidarity

*It's like a 3-leaf clover -
where the stem is **Catholic Social Teaching!***

PSM entails

invitation, conversion and empowerment!

Try tithing prayer: 10% of one's waking hours daily!

1. **EMERGENCY AID:**
Your Parish Community leads here...
2. **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:**
Parishes' weakest area!
Catholic Charities leads

3. with Catholic Conference of KY [CCK]
GLOBAL SOLIDARITY:
Catholic Relief Services leads, we implement....
This newsletter is set up with the above 3 elements in mind.

NB: Calls to Parish Social Ministry Partners begin Nov 10 Thursday, 2011 Conversation guide: last page!

Faithful Citizenship

MAJOR CUTS COMING: Our response?

We now have a new budget deal that entails very major federal budget cuts in several areas - with impacts on states also coming. This is no matter what the SuperCommittee and Congress do. Further, US Census data about poverty growth – thru 2010 before all this budget dealing – indicates our poverty problem grows – and among our



precious children! New current urging: decrease federal debt by \$400 billion/year for 10 years. A lot more people are going to get hurt - more.

Especially vulnerable are low income workers who use supportive services such as food stamps, childcare subsidies and housing vouchers to supplement their wages. An illness or a large car repair bill can bring catastrophe that ends in homelessness and all its problems for individuals and society.

Be encouraged to do some serious thinking, praying and planning about how your parish, your local community, ministerial association, county and others will respond to more people earnestly seeking help.

This will be an ongoing PSM Partner follow-up call topic.

Currently – over 208,000 Kentuckians are out of work
Information about LOCAL impacts continue to be sorely needed. Please send to Catholic Charities Nazareth Office asap. This is almost the only information getting the attention of our US Congress members from KY.

Our US Catholic Bishops urge:

- Spending choices have clear moral and human dimensions
- Catholic teaching’s moral criteria: protect people who are poor and advance the common good.
- Shared sacrifice should guide budget cuts, not disproportionate cuts in programs that serve poor persons at home or abroad.
- Poor and vulnerable people didn’t cause our budget problem; they should not bear the greatest burden in overcoming them.
- US Constitutional requirement: Promote the general welfare.

Remember: the big causes for our enormous debt:

- Starting 2 wars AND cutting taxes
- Unfunded Medicare drug benefit
- Inadequate healthcare reform
- Deregulation of financial industry

Are we addressing these CAUSES?

2011 CONGRESS’ AGENDA:

- Federal budget: FY ’12 (regular work)
- Action on Super Committee proposal
- Affordable Care Act implementation

Super committee recommendations development – complete by Nov 23; Congress vote by Dec 23, 2011

WHY FEW IN USA ACCEPT CST

“Why do so few people in the US accept Catholic social teaching [CST] about the market, business, and politics? Because, writes Fr John Coleman, SJ, Catholic Teaching and 3 elements of US culture are largely incompatible. One element is consumerism—putting a higher value on *having over being*.... The second is individualism—giving priority to yourself at the exclusion of others....This is ‘diametrically opposed to the Catholic understanding of the human person as profoundly and essentially relational.’ The third is a ‘romance’ with technology, which ‘stresses means, technique, [and] procedure...rather than substance and goals.’ The combination of these 3 produces wariness toward Catholic social teaching on the common good and human solidarity.” –Initiatives in Support of Christians in the World, Jan 11, P 5. National Council of the Laity, PO Box 291102, Chicago, IL 60629. www.catholiclabor.org/NCL.htm Underlining added.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP LUNCHEONS

**St Joseph Maloney Room
W Stephen Foster & 5th St, Bardstown
Noon – 1 pm 3rd Tuesday. Current plan:**

Nov 15	KY Tax policy
Jan 17	New USCCB F C document
Feb - NONE C@C	
Mar 20	KY Medicaid process
Apr 17	C KY immigration overview F C Lnchn evaluations 5-11 recommended this topic – panel
May 15	Products from recycled mats

Bad weather policy: follow Bardstown School’s decision. No school, no luncheon!

Bring a sandwich; soup + drinks provided
November 15!

RSVP with Sister Mary Schmuck, RSM, 502-331-4545 or schmuckrsm@scnazarethky.org

Eternal thanks to St Joseph Parish for hosting these Faithful Citizenship luncheons!

CATHOLICS @ THE CAPITOL in Frankfort

**Feb 6-7, 2012 Mon-Tue 3 pm...c noon
“Many Gifts, One Spirit!”**

Plan now to come, invite others, help others to participate!

Capitol Plaza Hotel in Frankfort Monday; Visit Legislators’ offices Tuesday morning. Strive for a delegation (of at least 1!) from each parish! An energizing, informative experience!

Nazareth office will coordinate carpooling and hotel room sharing.

Finances: \$40 registration for 2 meals + materials; \$ 80 for Hotel Room for up to 4 people/room. Start now to piece together financing for it – matching funds from parish/parish groups? (A meaningful Christmas gift!)

Encourage our students – college, high and elementary schools - to participate! An invaluable experience in faithful citizenship for them!

Jan – Apr 2012 KY General Assembly session: Develop 2-year budget; redistricting??

PARISH HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

Thank you for all your great work in continuing Jesus' healing ministry!

KY HEALTH NEEDS

These include **the need to work on obesity reduction in Kentucky and smoking cessation....**

Any update on all your good work - always welcome!

St James School Elizabethtown: St James Jumping Knights Club sponsors jump rope clinics for other area schools!

Norton Healthcare continues to offer ongoing resourcing.

Rose Hamilton Cruey, St Joseph Bardstown, was a presenter in Norton's Oct 22 offering, End-of-Life Care: A Health Ministries Perspective. Rose's topic: "Funeral Planning: A Spiritual Experience." Contact **Sharon Elsesser**, Sharon.elsesser@nortonhealthcare.org 502-629-7431. Info: 502-629-1234 or www.nortonHealthcare.com/CHM

FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY KY

www.healthy-ky.org

Kentucky Voices for Health has developed an **easy-to-read guide to understanding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.** It explains how the legislation impacts workers, employers, Medicare beneficiaries and others.

www.healthcare.gov the official federal government website. It offers information about health care reform as well as notices of grants and other funding to expand access to care and increase consumer-centered services. To visit the website, <http://www.healthcare.gov/> This new law is one of the "most discussed and least understood topics" these weeks...! **It is so important that we are clear about what this new law entails – versus numerous gross distortions of it being spread abroad.**

KET's "Health 360" - 3 facets in 60 minutes from 360 degrees is a monthly series with Renee Shaw. The

first one on mental health was very fine. Next one: prescription drug abuse. Funded in part by a generous grant from Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Check TV schedules for the next one or www.ket.org

NB: our US Catholic Bishops are urging REFORM, not repeal of our Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Note further that the Ryan Plan put before our US House of Representatives last Spring in effect converts Medicare to a voucher system, and Medicaid to a block grant – which is like a voucher to each state. Both cover only some medical expenses and the vouchers do not increase with increasing need.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Norva Lark, St Brigid Vine Grove PSM Partner, has experience with her local disaster preparedness efforts. Given some possibility of the New Madrid Fault becoming active, our location along "tornado alley", experiences of high wind, some flooding, and major ice storms, each parish council is urged to look at designating someone to check out your local disaster preparedness agencies and plans.

Catholic Charities USA has rather extensive information for your review as your start and move through this effort.

This will be a topic in the phone follow-up with PSM Partners.

FEMA drill Nov 9 at 2 pm ET on radio/TV

JAIL MINISTRY

Gathering Oct 22, 2011 Saturday Morning at Louisville Catholic Charities 4th St Offices

"Assessing Needs for Prison/Jail Ministry and Volunteers and Future Directions" Participants: St Monica Bardstown: **Cristine de la Cruz, Martha Hickman, Rin Saginario;** St Augustine Lebanon/Holy Name of Mary Calvary: **Mike Luescher, Deacon Dennis May.**

Parishes are urged to encourage persons serving in jail ministry, invite yet others, support the ministry with resources, bless its participants. Jesus was a prisoner, and his mother and close associates were deeply affected by it and his cruel execution.

A powerful moment as the Oct 22 day concluded with prayer: Allie from Immaculate Conception LaGrange shared a petition from one of the persons at Roederer facility at LaGrange that gets included in St A's Book of Petitions. The young man was earnestly asking for God's and his own forgiveness for killing a young man at UK and that of the young man's parents – Judge and Mrs Mattingly! The event occurred c 4 years ago. Judge Mattingly serves in jail ministry in Marion County! Grace and community....!

Another thought for Jail Ministers: what about families with someone in jail? Word is: 1/24 adults in Kentucky has been in our corrections system. Family members are hurting too.... Victims families, too....

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“Love of God and love of neighbor have become one: In the least of the brethren we find Jesus himself, and in Jesus we find God....Love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind is as essential to (the Church) as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel.”
--Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est.

OPEN PRAYER DAYS

Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry continues to publish a monthly “Open Prayer Day” resource – 2 pages. It is sent to all parishes via email. Anyone wishing her/his own email or a paper copy, contact the Nazareth office, addresses P 1. This resource is being used in various parish communities in various ways.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY:

WHY MRS:

Refugees resettling to the country face a long and hard journey. They often flee their homeland with little more than a handful of clothing items and personal mementos. Migration and Refugee Services [MRS] provides refugees with the support and assistance they need in order to become self-sufficient.

Our role is to involve, organize, and bring together the agency, church, and community resources necessary for resettlement.

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Service [MRS] in Louisville serves refugees who come to the US from dire political repression in their home country + time [years] spent in a refugee camp in a 2nd country before arriving here. They have full clearance from our US State Department + Homeland Security.

Catholic Charities’ Migration & Refugee Services, 2911 S. 4th Street, a special resettlement service program for refugees through the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Please call **Chris Clements**, Community Resource Developer, at 502-636-9263, ext. 125 or ccllements@archlou.org - or **Vickie Lile** at vlile@archlou.org, 502-365-4713.

Household items and supplies are ALWAYS needed.

Contact Nazareth Office (P 1) for possible transport connections to our Louisville Office.

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

Marissa Castellanos, Human Trafficking Program Manager KY Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking, is based in our Catholic Charities Louisville office.
mcastellanos@archlou.org 502-974-4947

See the report on her excellent work in the Oct 28 *The Record* (For a paper copy, contact Nazareth Office).

ALSO - her 45-minute presentation is very informative (and disturbing!) with **good do-able action steps**. She is very engaging!

Contact her for further information with the thought of asking her to come talk with a good group you convene. That group could include your parish people, other churches, ministerial association, police chief, sheriff, healthcare providers, all civic Leaders. Human trafficking is in great danger of growing – it is so profitable, and a supply is “re-usable” vs that of drugs and guns. Such a grave abuse of human life and dignity and our sexuality and workers! Work on this matter is a real benefit to the health and wellbeing of victims for certain and our society.

1ST FRIDAYS FOR FOOD SECURITY

Our US Catholic Bishops are urging fasting every 1st Friday between May 6, 2011 and April 6, 2012. The event’s page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=110978892320508) provides a forum for Catholics to leave comments about their experiences and access learning and prayer resources.

A handout will be posted on Facebook each month, focusing on a different aspect of the issue. These will include: the reality of food insecurity in the U.S., migrant laborers and those who produce food, effects of hunger on pregnant women and their unborn children, and child nutrition and the school lunch program.

St FRANCIS PLEDGE TO PROTECT CREATION AND PERSONS WHO ARE POOR AND VULNERABLE

Dcn Gus Cooper, Holy Rosary Springfield administrator, reports that Holy Rosary had St Francis Pledge sign-ups Sunday October 9 – with **Sister Claire McGowan, OP**, speaking on the topic. Sister heads up Washington County’s New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future effort. 31 people signed the St Francis Pledge and others promised to do so online from home!

Plowshares Farm Center for Education & Spirituality

has a new website: www.plowsharesfarmcenter.com
Check it out!

Mercy Sacred Heart Village in Louisville provides ground for an extensive Billy Goat Hill Community Garden. This year's annual Harvest Festival included for the first time a blessing of animals with word about the Catholic St Francis Pledge effort. Among the human and animal guests present: Jim and Lance from Louisville Metro Police Department's Equestrian Unit, various dogs, a cat and a gerbil!

ST FRANCIS PLEDGE Survey The master summary of 117 Archdiocesan entity records (58.5% of the 188) is available upon request - 1 grand table with 15 "lines". Heartening reading! See all that others are doing as well as one's own parish or school!

A special hope: that with any parish renovations - especially given any Future of Hope Campaign funds available - the survey's results help facilitate sustainable energy choices being more easily made!

Bishop Thomas Wenski, USCCB International Policy Committee chairman, in a USCCB letter to Congress, has noted: USCCB urges **3 major themes and principles/values from Catholic Social Teaching to guide our responses:**

1. Give priority attention to **poor persons, communities and nations**
2. Pursue the **common good**
3. Practice **prudence** - lest the problem get worse and the remedies more costly.

Text for the June 15, 2001 USCCB document, **Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good**, can be found at

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/globalclimate.htm>

For a paper copy, contact Catholic Charities' Nazareth office.

Our overall need: **REDUCE** our various human demands on Earth's resources - pollution, supply drain, dumping on poor people. Earth is our only planetary home, God's gift to us all across the planet and centuries.

CCHD FOCUS GROUP

In preparation for our Thanksgiving Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 2 of our Regions 8-11 Deacons: **Sam Filiatreau**, St Thomas Bardstown, and **Richard Walsh**, St Joseph Bardstown, met October 4 with Mark Bouchard, our Archdiocesan Catholic Campaign on Human Development coordinator, at St Catharine College for a very helpful mutual sharing session. A phone conversation later with **Deacon Gus Cooper**, Holy Rosary Springfield who was in MS. Mark Bouchard is planning another deacons forum in January/February 2012 regarding Catholic Relief Services and Operation Rice bowl work in Lent.

4 IMPORTANT EFFORTS on the horizon:

- * USCCB's Faithful Citizenship document - promulgation and teaching. 2012 national elections
- * Feb 6-7, 2012 Mon-Tue **Catholics @ The Capitol** in Frankfort. Plan now to get people there!
- * Feb 29 Ash Wed **Haiti Day** for schools
- * **July 29 Sun - Aug 1 Wed Social Action Summer Institute** Bellarmine U, Louisville

GOOD NEWS from PSM PARTNERS!

Region 8: Hardin, Meade and 2 other Kentucky counties are collaborating on a recycling center. What can our 10 parishes in these counties do to heartily promote this fine development? Contribute volunteers? Get people including parish offices and our school to use the center? St Francis would be so pleased...!

Region 10: St Augustine Lebanon/Holy Name of Mary Calvary Service Committee is entering a new energetic phase of ministry!

St Rose Springfield donated 2/3 car load of household supplies to Catholic Charities of Louisville MRS! Thank you much

DEATH PENALTY OPPOSITION TRAINING

Special training for concerned persons and leaders: Sponsored by Kentucky Coalition for the Abolition of the Death Penalty in conjunction with Catholic Conference of Kentucky and KY Council of Churches.

Nov 16: Home of the Innocents in Louisville, 1100 East Market St

Nov 17: Berea Friends Meeting House, 300 Harrison Rd 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Lunch provided.

Topics:

- * Overview of death penalty situation in KY
- * What to say
- * How to contact public officials
- * Discussion and work sessions.

To register: 859-269-7715 KY Council of Churches
Or <http://tinyurl.com/3mppw2c>

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU

Elaine Geer, St John the Baptist Rineyville, featured in Hardin County's *The News-Enterprise's* "Wednesday's Woman 8-10-11 P 6-7. Elaine is seen as Rineyville's unofficial mayor! In addition to extensive community building efforts she is a generous nurse, farmer, church organist and pianist, teaches religious education classes and has worked with young people.

WELCOME

to **Father Paul Eve**, administrator pro tem for Good Shepherd Columbia, Holy Spirit Jamestown and Holy Redeemer Greensburg!

SPECIAL THANKS to:

Robert “Butch” Cecil, for his very dedicated service as PSM Partner for St Francis Xavier Raywick and board member for Catholic Charities Louisville! He continues strong service with Sister Judy Popp, SL in serving people who are very poor in western Marion County.

Adam Cecil, for his service as PSM Partner for St Gregory Samuels. He continues to be very active in his parish and family.

Nazareth Campus Service for on-campus duplication, participation in its Internet service and many other blessings!

Sisters of Charity at Nazareth Rose Eleanor Perry, Rita Spalding, Margaret Regina Murphy, Mary Assumpta Dwyer, Mary Immaculata Kuehner, Pauletta Kane, Catherine Arnold, Joseph Marita Wheatley, Joan Wilson and Dolores Greenwell for such gracious help folding this PSM Update for mailing!

GBA Office Solutions, N 3rd Street, Bardstown - for “big jobs” service-while-one-waits and a good price!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Deacon Gus Cooper and family; his mother entered the fullness of eternal life in October.

Our parish elementary schools, Bethlehem High School and St Catharine College, as each continues work following through with accreditation from Southern Association of Schools. It is very worthwhile work that will yield much good....

SOCIAL MINISTRY LOGISTICS TIPS!

USE 9-DIGIT ZIP CODES; Get Email Addresses

Use of 9-digit zip codes of US Postal Service mailings is encouraged.

To find an address' zip code: www.usps.com/zip4
Street addresses can be pasted in from another document. If other addresses have the same city, use “Back” to return to the 1st USPS.com entry and just change the street address.

These 9-digit zip codes do not change – a blessing. Our Archdiocesan Directory has started adding them in. A 9-digit zip is a 1-1 correspondence to each address the way one's Social Security number is to each individual.

A 9-digit zip is key to finding a lot of residence-specific government information!

Again, adding email addresses to parishioners' records is an increasingly wise move, too.

Email addresses for our priests: know that this office tries hard to use “Fr” or “Rev” [with/without periods] in its email address book, but some providers just won't take such titles. Hence “Bill” and “Kevin” et al. Why this?

There seem to be more mysteries in life than theological ones!

Materials provided PSM Partners

August 11, 2011 to present:

Given very intense US Congress work this summer with major consequences at stake, this has been a most uncommonly busy summer.

The following information has been forwarded to PSM Partners:

- Aug 11: Chancery memo re E African relief
- Aug 11: MRS plea for supplies
- Aug 17: Cath Conf of KY Social Concerns C mt notes
- Aug 23: Materials explaining US Deficit “Deal”
- Sept 9: Justice for Immigrants legislative info
- Sept 16: CRS funding update
- Sept 22: KY households in poverty info
- Oct 6: Health for a Change workshop information
- Oct 8: Faithful Citizenship item + USCCB media release re its F C document reissue
- Oct 13: CCUSA PSM disaster preparedness webinar information

HELP SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Louisville is your Church's response to the baptismal call of service and advocacy. In your name it responds to societal needs

in an organized and professional way and this is not possible without the support of the community. Last year Catholic Charities of Louisville served more than 30,000 individuals through 10 programs and numerous services.

Please consider an investment in this work. Gifts can be sent in the envelope provided or made online at www.cclou.org. Thank You!

“...there is probably no other private organization in our state that offers the scope of spiritual and human services provided through out archdiocesan agencies and organizations.! --Fr Jeff Hopper, St Monica and St Thomas Bardstown Administrator.

PSM UPDATE Recipients

Region 8:

Fr Bob Abel	Becky Flaherty
Brenda Redman*	Greg Beavin
Fr Stanley Osborne	
Fr Dennis Cousens	Susan Barefoot
Dean Sears*	Fr Dan Lincoln*
Norva Lark* em	Fr Leo Craycroft
Fr Kevin Bryan*	Teri Pierce *
Regina Bennett	Phil Millay
Judy Banks	Peter Bucala
Melba Kindervater*	Fr Chuck Walker
Fr Matthew Hardesty	Glory Kramer
Sr Michael Marie Friedman, OSU	Normaline Skees *
Brenda Skees *	Dcn Michael Vessels
Fr Pablo Hernandez *	Bob & Sharon Ernst
Tony Simon	Connie Thompson

Region 9:

Linda Lewis
Harriet Elmore *
Fr Troy Overton *
Adam Cecil *
Ben Wiederholt em
Terry Rogan
Fr Bill Hammer *
Sr Marie Seaman, sfcc
Judy Beaven
Fr Tom Clark
Tom Hamilton BHS
Fr Gary Young, cr
Fr Ken Fortener *
Fr Chris Allegra *

Martha Hickman
Joe Zarantonello
Fr John Schwartzlose *
Dcn Joe Filiatreau
Mary Florence Barnes
John Westerfield
Rose Hamilton Cruey *
Fr Mike Wimsatt
Fr Joe Batchelder
Fr Jeff Hopper
Jonathan Raley, BHS
Dcn Sam & JoAnn Filiatreau *
Fr Paul Beach *
Elaine Dickerson

Region 10:

Fr Joe Hemmerle* em
Fr Jim Reinhart *
Pam Breunig
Fr Kevin McGrath, op *
Dcn Gus Cooper *
Fr Jim Graf *
Fr Jerry Bell
Lois Southall
Fr Patrick Dolan*
Sue A Goode
Jodi George
Fr Jim Reinhart *
Sr Judy Morris, op
Sr Judy Popp, sl

Sr Marina Gibbons, OP
Fr Trumie Elliott*
Sr Theresina Greenwell, OP
Jessica Smith
Pam Grundy
Robert Cecil *
Fr Bill Bowling *
Dottie Kehm
Alicia Riggs
Kathy Shannon
Mike Luescher
Agnes Ann Schum, sl
Sr Marilyn King, rsm

Region 11:

Fr Paul Eve *
Fr Larry Gelthaus *
Fr Charles Zmudzinski, cpm
Marian Stenken, scn *
Dcn David Smith

Kathy Frick *
Fr Joel Rogers, cpm.*
Fr Kenneth Soroko, cpm
Kathy + Leo Krug

And: Sharon Elsessor, Norton Healthcare Church & Health Ministries
Region 8-10 Jail Ministers, Sr Judy P opp, SL

Serving and striving to animate 38,556 persons, young and old, in 47 parishes across 19 counties to serve as and because Jesus did!

* = designated Parish Social Ministry Partner.

Catholic Charities Nazareth Office

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Call to just a few PSM Partners August 16+
- 23 teleconference/webinars regarding issue updates!! Usually 5.
- 2 Faithful Citizenship Luncheons
- CCHD focus group with deacons
- Quarterly report to Catholic Charities Louisville Sept 30
- 3 region meetings of clergy
- 2 Reg 11/Sou KY Missions meetings
- Get acquainted meetings with 2 new Fathers of Mercy in Glasgow
- CCK Social Concern C mt Louisville Aug 17
- KY Council of Churches Care for Creation working group meeting Fern Creek Sept 6
- Bost Health Policy Forum Somerset Sept 13 with Martha Hickman and Sisters Joetta Venneman and Rose Eleanor Perry.
- KY Council of Churches annual assembly Georgetown Oct 27-28

TASKS November - December 2011

- Call to each PSM Partner November 10+
- 1 Faithful Citizenship Luncheon
- Quarterly report to Catholic Charities Louisville Dec 31
- 1 Reg 11/Sou KY Missions meeting
- CCK Social Concern C mt Nov 16
- KY Council of Churches Care for Creation working group meeting Fern Creek

NAZARETH OFFICE INFORMATION

The phone's voice mail is unfilling.
Email faithfully awaits attention.
Great care is to respond to both as soon as possible.

NB: No one is in the office on normal Mon-Fri from 10:30 am – c 1 pm: Mass, mail, newspapers (30/wk), duplicating and faxing - all in 1 round in this series of campus buildings to avoid taking precious time walking long halls and waiting for elevators.

RESOURCES

Join Catholic Charities USA's PSM Section:
An online service, interesting, helpful, no charge. A topic for PSM Partner conversation. Others, contact Nazareth Office (cf P 1) for further information!

FAITHFUL CITIZEN LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

- **Faithful Citizen Advocates** – Get people to sign up! www.ccky.org – Email only
- **Faithful Citizenship Network:** Catholic Charities Nazareth Office – USPS only

ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN 21ST CENTURY KENTUCKY: HOLDING OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE

The 7 brochure titles in “**Economic Justice in 21st Century Kentucky: Holding Ourselves Accountable**”:

- Life is Priceless
- The Cost of Discipleship
- Who Pays the Bills
- Protecting the Common Good
- Honoring the Creator's Gift
- What Borders Are You Talking About
- At Home in the Web of Life
- Resources & Suggested Uses

Printed copies were mailed to all Kentucky parishes and Catholic schools. They are all available in either color or black/white on the web: www.ccky.org

Catholic Conference of Kentucky website:

Many rich resources – including its

- Faithful Citizen Advocate service and voter registration
- Recent documents from our 4 KY bishops
- 3 commentaries by Fathers Ron Kettler and John Rausch and Sister Mary Schmuck, RSM

Catholic Charities of Louisville website:

www.cclou.org (Do change your Favorites!)

Check it out and be proud!

CARE FOR CREATION RESOURCES: KENTUCKY INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT:

major 1-stop resource for effective parish/congregational energy efficiency efforts! www.kentuckyipl.org

PLOWSHARES FARM CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY,

12704 Campbellsville Road, Buffalo KY 42716. 270-325-3801. plwshare@scrtc.com Excellent programs, wonderful field trip/visit opportunities! www.plowsharesfarmcenter.com

PASSIONIST EARTH & SPIRIT CENTER:

1924 Newburg Road Louisville KY. 40205. 502-452-2749 <http://www.earthandspiritcenter.org/lent45/> or www.lent45.org

Catholic Approach to Climate Change

Question and Answer Resource. 9-page resource is divided into 5 sets of questions and answers: faith, science, political, economics and poverty. Download: <http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org/resources.html> and click on "A Catholic Approach to Climate Change" under "Education" A superb concise resource! See also the background on **Benedict XVI's statements on the environment and climate change.**

"Climate Change: Our Faith Response,"

c 10-minute DVD with wonderful study guide produced by the Catholic Committee of Appalachia with partial funding from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is intended for religious education classes and is being distributed to the 27 Catholic dioceses in the Appalachian region. Contact CCA at 304-927-5798 or ccappal@citynet.net Donation greatly appreciated. **Catholic Charities Nazareth Office has the DVD + study guide available for loan.**

–NCRLC [National Catholic Rural Life Conference] Bulletin 7-28-08

Kentucky Health Facts – a website designed to provide ready access to key health data for KY counties and area development districts. Data categories: community demographics, health status and access to health care. www.kentuckyhealthfacts.org

Resource Manual for Ex-Offenders – contact Rachel Hurst at Catholic Charities' Louisville Office, 502-637-9786 x 191 or rhurst@archlou.org

CATHOLICS MOBILIZING NETWORK

Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) proclaims the Church's unconditional pro-life teaching and its application to capital punishment and restorative justice. CMN works in close collaboration with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to prepare Catholics for informed involvement in campaigns to repeal state death penalty laws and expand or inaugurate restorative justice programs. Join us in our campaign to end use of the death penalty in the United States. <http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/>

JustFaith – in the style of RCIA: an intensive justice education program for "would be" prophets and social ministers. A 30-week program involving participants in a panorama of learning experiences that form a rich context for personal transformation and fresh commitment to parish social ministry. Author: Jack Jezreel. sponsored by Catholic Charities USALSO: JustMatters an expanding series of formation materials from JustFaith Ministries. JustMatters allows participants to focus on a particular current social justice topic. The general format for these topic-focused modules is prayer, readings, videos, speakers and dialogue. JustMatters allows a group of eight to fifteen people to give sustained attention to a specific area of social concern or social ministry (some with special emphasis on Catholic social teaching) and culminating in a call to engaged action. Here are the currently available modules: *Faith Encounters the Ecological Crisis * In the Footsteps of the Crucified * Living Solidarity * Crossing Borders

* God's Creation Cries for Justice * Prison Reform
* New Wineskins * Engaging Our Conflicts
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GLOSSARY

"Parish Social Ministry Update": this periodic report on time-urgent social ministry across our Archdiocese.

"Parish Social Ministry Directory": is now a database document, capable of producing various types of reports. This database is located in Catholic Charities Louisville office.

"Parish Social Ministry Report": the annual listing of each parish's social ministry work that is shared with all parishes in each region of Region 8-11. This work is based in Catholic Charities Nazareth office.

"Parish Social Ministry Partner": a pastor-designated person in each parish community in Regions 8-11 who works with Catholic Charities, especially through its Nazareth office.

PSM GATHERINGS - convened periodically by Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Department. Participants are from all archdiocesan regions.

All of these terms point to the reality that carefully and generously tending social ministry is 1 of 5 major areas of responsibility in each parish community and our Catholic community generally:

- Worship Faith formation
SOCIAL MINISTRY Stewardship Administration.

PSM PARTNERS

PHONE CALL AGENDA:

- What do you need to better engage others in PSM?
- Would you like more information about Catholic Charities USA's PSM Section – an online service
- How do you want to receive PSM Report to update? USPS-mailed paper copy? Over the phone? Email exchange?
- **Federal budget – local impacts? Status of your parish planning for much increased need?**
- St Francis Pledge Survey work: any news?
- What is your parish doing re disaster preparedness information gathering? What is the plan for your county?
- Any Parish Health & Wellness Ministry developments?
- Any Jail Ministry developments?
- Interest in a human trafficking presentation?
- Other?

You word (by phone or email) of a good time to call is a BIG help...! Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

**HELPING AS AND BECAUSE
JESUS HELPED!**

**Catholics believe, celebrate
AND serve!**

*Special blessings on Everyone
as Autumn nears and unfolds
(with gentle winds, please...!)*

**Next PSM Update currently scheduled for:
Early January, 2012!**

