



## Catholic Charities Social Concerns

Hello!

By now we have all seen the pictures and read the stories of the troubling situation that is taking place on our southern borders where children are being separated from their families. Though steps are now taking place to help families stay together, we must remain diligent through prayer, education and action that the best interests and the dignity of all families and their children are being upheld.

Sr. Donna Markham OP PhD, President and CEO of Catholic Charities stated, "Surely as a national we can debate the best way to secure our border without resorting to creating life-long trauma for children, some whom are mere toddlers... Securing our borders does not and should not come at the expense of our humanity."

Over the last several days I have received calls and emails from many of you who are concerned and would like to do something... anything... to make a difference. Below are several links to Catholic organizations that are making a difference and need your support.

### Catholic Charities USA has provided Five Ways to Help Stop Family Separation.

1. **Pray:** You can find a prayer for migrant children [Here](#).
2. **Speak Up:** Sign our [Action Alert](#) and share with your networks. Also consider contacting your senators and representatives directly by phone to voice your concern. You can find the number for your representative [here](#) and your senators [here](#).
3. **Take Action:** Join the [Share the Journey](#) global solidarity campaign with migrants and refugees. Learn about the [Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration](#) so you in turn can educate others.
4. **Give:** To support agencies that are helping families and children impacted by the crisis. (100% of your donation will go to the 21 Catholic Charities agencies assisting unaccompanied children).
5. **Learn More:** To learn more about [Family Separation](#), visit the Justice for Immigrants (JFI) ["Family Separation Webpage"](#) to review backgrounders, educational material and a webinar.

### Catholic Relief Services also released a one page resource. Central American Migration: Family Separation.

"As a Church and as a nation, we must protect children in their home communities, in the United States and in transit. Meeting our responsibilities requires a regional approach and addressing both the short-term needs of these children and the longer-term problems that spur flight." - CRS, Central American Migration: Family Separation.

You can read the one page bilingual document [here](#).

**"Welcoming the stranger is thus intrinsic to the nature of the Church itself and bears witness to its fidelity to the Gospel"**  
(Instruction on the Love of Christ Toward Migrants, 2004)

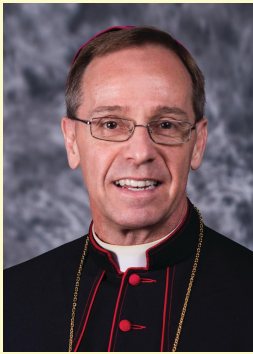
**Keep Scrolling down to See More!!!**

Visit our Website - Catholic Charities - Social Concerns

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

# **Parish Social Ministry Gathering**

## **Saturday, August 25th**



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Archbishop**  
**Charles C. Thompson**

**Time:** 9am to 2:30pm \* **Doors Open:** 8:15am

**Location:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish - Beech Grove, IN  
89 N. 17th Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107

**Cost:** \$15.00 (to cover the cost of lunch - financial assistance available)

**Optional:** Mass offered at Holy Name at 8:15am

**REGISTER**

**[www.archindy.org/ParishSocialMinistryGathering](http://www.archindy.org/ParishSocialMinistryGathering)**

## **What To Expect from the Day**

- **Spirituality and Social Mission**
- **Practical Ways to Live our Faith through Service**
- **Catholic Social Teaching**
- **Sharing Best Practices**
- **Learn about Existing Ministries within the Archdiocese**
- **Dive Deeper into what is Parish Social Ministry (PSM 101)**
- **Lunch**

# Ministries of 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.



*Love Your Neighbor*



## Highlighted Ministry



In January 2003, the bishops of the United States and Mexico issued a joint pastoral letter, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, ("Strangers No Longer") that presented a Catholic framework for responding to the ongoing migration in their respective countries. Strangers No Longer offered pastoral guidance to Catholics who encounter and engage migrants, including undocumented immigrants, migrant children, and refugees, who are living and working in their communities. The letter also suggested systematic reforms to U.S. migration policy and presented an alternative to the existing immigration paradigm.

In 2004, the Catholic bishops of the United States committed to immigration reform as a priority of the U.S. Catholic Church, and to creating a culture of welcome in which all migrants are treated with respect and dignity. A diverse group of Catholic organizations with national networks joined the U.S. Catholic bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI) in an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of goodwill in support of immigration reform. The JFI campaign's primary objectives are:

- To educate the public, especially the Catholic community, about Church teaching on migration and immigrants;
- To create political will for just and humane immigration reform; and
- Advocate for just and fair reforms in U.S. immigration and refugee laws and policies that reflect the principles enunciated by the bishops.

To Learn More about Justice for Immigrants (JFI) please visit [Here](#).

## FEATURED RESOURCE



Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all.  
-Pope Francis

## Justice for Immigrants [#Migration Monday](#)

Migration Monday is a Social Media tool from Justice for Immigrants. Each Monday a new picture and quote is released in English and Spanish that can be shared on Social Media. Check back with JFI weekly to see the new new [#Migration Monday](#) or [email acube@uscceb.org](mailto:acube@uscceb.org) to be put on their email list.

\*\* Catholic Charities - Social Concerns, May 2018 newsletter included the incorrect link for the Catholic Social Teaching 101: 7 Part Video and Discussion Guide.

[This is the correct link.](#)

## FROM OUR FRIENDS

**YOU can adopt a duck to provide hunger relief, safe housing and hope for those in need through the**

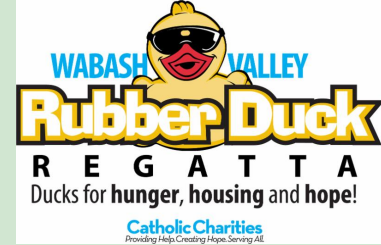
services of Catholic Charities.

Single Duck – \$5

Quack Pack – 6 for \$25

Flock of Ducks – 12 for \$50

Waddles Winning Pack – 24 for \$100



Join the **Wabash Valley Rubber Duck Regatta** on July 4th at Fairbanks Park starting at 5 pm. 15,000 rubber ducks will be released into the Wabash River and one lucky duck will win \$10,000! 100% of the Wabash Valley Rubber Duck Regatta proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities to provide hope for a future without hunger, homelessness or insecurity in the Wabash Valley.

Visit **WabashValleyRubberDuckRegatta.com** or follow us on Facebook **@WVRubberDuckRegatta** to learn more.

**If you live outside the Terre Haute area**, please call (812)232-1447 to request an adoption paper.

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