



Left to Right.... Row 1: Gabriel Belanger, Amy Toolan, Danny Cunniffe, Erin Cunniffe, Gavin Jones, Haley West, Joey Cain, Mason Kladis

Row 2: Debbie Toolan, Lee West, Owen Jones, Anita Kladis, Paige Eaton, Emma Belanger, Bryn Jones, Heather Jones

Row 3: Emily Kladis, Kathy Markwica, Tyler Toolan, Julie Angell, Austin West, James Cunniffe, Kelly Angell, Whitney Markwica, Jarod West, Charlie Weick, Barbara Orton, Leigh Cain

Back Row: Mark Semon, Mike Markwica, Rich Eaton (1/2!), Tim Toolan, Noah Markwica, Diane Angell, Brian Angell (behind Diane), Logan Webster, Kristine Webster,

Joe Miele (top half!), Kim Belanger (Squeezed in)

Missing from the picture: Ed and Linda Gaiotti, Dick Ouellette, Doug West,..... Dana Robichaud

Service Sunday Participants..... Thank them!

They really worked hard and made St. C's look great!.... And all in 55 minutes!



All in an hour's work!
May 19, 2013
THANK YOU!!!

"Today in the world this slavery is being committed against something beautiful that God has given us -- the capacity to create, to work, to have dignity. How many brothers and sisters find themselves in this situation! ... Not paying fairly, not giving a job because you are only looking at balance sheets, only looking at how to make a profit. That goes against God!"

--Pope Francis, Mass on May 1, 2013

Feel powerless? Are there just too many injustices? Not sure how you can help... or even if you should? Read further....

The bedrock truth of Catholic Social Teaching is :

Human Beings are made in the image of God.

In that light, we care about

Human Trafficking, Immigration Reform, Human Rights, Justice for the Workers,

Alternatives to War, Respect for Life, Protection of Families, etc!!!

For a short cut to issues the Church is concerned about, go to
the website of the US Bishops: www.usccb.org and click on Issues and Actions.

Or go to the National Catholic Social Justice Lobby website at
<http://www.networklobby.org/>

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Roots of Catholic Social Teaching are in Hebrew Scripture
where the prophets proclaimed God's special love for the poor
and called God's Chosen People to be just, loving, and peace-filled.

Catholic Social Teaching directly flows from Jesus, who brought good news to poor
and taught us, his followers, to recognize and respond to least in our midst.

Finally, Catholic Social Teaching comes from reflection on what God has revealed to us:
Our God is a Trinity of persons... therefore God revealed that God has a communal and social nature.
God is Love. Made in God's image, we are to reflect God's love. Our brothers and sisters matter.

Below are some of the issues the Sisters of St. Joseph focus on.
Is God calling you to do something about

New York State Issues....

NYS FARMWORKER FAIR LABOR PRACTICES ACT: In New York State two classes of laborers are not entitled to the fair labor standards which other workers enjoy. Farmworkers and domestic workers are excluded from the law since the 1930's. *New York's farmworkers have been excluded from the same rights and protections that most other workers take for granted, including a day of rest per week, overtime pay, disability insurance, and the right to bargain collectively with their employers.* The Justice for Farmworkers Campaign has campaigned on this issue for ten years. This year it has an opportunity to pass. Please contact Senator Betty Little to see if she is supporting this bill: S 1743 Please use this as an opportunity to lobby if your State Senator has not signed on or to thank her if she has signed on! Go to <http://www.nysenate.gov/> and enter your street and zip code information to send an email to Senator Betty Little. It is easy. The State Assembly supports the rights of farmworkers, but the Senate does not. "For the Senate to head off on summer break while leaving farmworkers subject to such exploitation would be an act of ignobility." (May 21 Time Union) *PLEASE DO IT THIS WEEK!* Also, please sign the petition at www.nysaflcio.org/justice4farmworkers.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please help us convince NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to support *The Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act (TVPJA; A.02240)* which increases penalties on a range of prostitution-related offenses involving the solicitation of minors, and makes clear that many individuals arrested for prostitution are actually victims themselves. The bill also aids prosecutors who ask for warrants when targeting and investigating suspected traffickers. *Call Speaker Silver's office: 518-455-3791. You can use the following script: "Hello, my name is _____ and I am from (city/town). I want to ask Speaker Silver to do all he can to support the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act (A.2240). The legislation strengthens New York State's response to human trafficking, combating trafficking and protecting victims. As a resident of New York State and a voter, I urge you to help the TVPJA come to a vote on the floor. Thank you for all you can do to make New York State a national leader in combating human trafficking and protecting victims."*

NATIONAL ISSUES

IMMIGRATION:

It is so remarkable that in light of Pentecost, the Immigration Bill passed its first big test, getting approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee with the support of 10 Democrats and 3 Republicans—and in a form that was barely changed from the original bill proposed by a bipartisan group of senators. There were no dramatic standoffs, no 18-hour filibusters. By and large, lawmakers came ready to compromise. Now there is a rare opportunity for us to come together to create a more just immigration system that reunites families, preserves communities and upholds the dignity of our vulnerable brothers and sisters. Together the CSJ's have been working to support the rights of immigrants - we know that the voice of voters make a difference. Now, more than ever, is the time to speak out, so please watch for the latest action alerts which will be coming when the bill goes to the full Senate. For more information, go to www.usccb.org and click on "Human Life and Dignity" and scroll down to immigration. (While there, note the MANY concerns of the Church) You can send an e-mail to your representative and senators, using our sample message, at <http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=62518641> See below for the email addresses.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

Also tell Congress to Protect 22.4 million children on SNAP. In both of these versions of the Farm Bill there are dramatic cuts being proposed to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Senate version is proposing \$4.1 billion in cuts, while the House is proposing \$20 billion in cuts to the program. The time is now to contact your Senators and your Representative and tell them that SNAP should not be cut. *NETWORK supports SNAP because it keeps many families out of poverty; 49% of all SNAP participants are children, which translates to 22.4 million children receiving benefits.* Without this program many families will find themselves falling into poverty or into even greater poverty. The House and Senate have a moral obligation to keep this vital program intact. [Send a message to Congress](#) via <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov> or <http://www.schumer.senate.gov/> or <http://owens.house.gov/>

GUATANAMO BAY

www.change.org/CloseGitmo The petition was started by Morris Davis, a retired senior military officer who says: *"I served 25 years in the US Air Force, I was the Chief Prosecutor for the Terrorism Trials at Guantanamo Bay for more than two years, and now I need your help.* It is probably no surprise that human rights and activist groups like the Center For Constitutional Rights, Witness Against Torture and Amnesty International have been outspoken critics of Guantanamo. It may surprise you that a former military prosecutor and many other retired senior military officers and members of the intelligence community agree with them. *The Patriotic thing, the American thing, the Human thing to do here is to Close Guantanamo. Please join us in the fight by signing this petition at www.change.org/CloseGitmo.*"

SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS (WHINSEC)

For 22-years, there has been a campaign to close what is now called the Western Hemisphere Institute on Security Cooperation at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. (WHINSEC) The institute, formerly known as the School of the Americas, trains military troops from throughout Central and Latin America.

Call for closure of the Army's training school started soon after the 1989 killing of six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter at the University of Central America in San Salvador, El Salvador. In 1990 a congressional task force found that five of the nine soldiers arrested for the killings had received training at the WHINSEC facility.

The School of the Americas, now called WHINSEC, has educated over 60,000 South and Central American soldiers in violence since 1946. As leaders, some of these men go on to commit human rights violations including rape, murder and torture. Not only have graduates been accused of human rights violations, but Salvadoran Col. Francisco del Cid Diaz is an example of a known human rights violator selected as a student. If we respect human rights and train our own military to higher standards, then we cannot fund this violence, anarchy, and dictatorship. The school has graduated at least eleven Latin American dictators who have led coup d'états against democratically elected leaders. These soldiers favor power and American business over the needs of their own people. Not only does WHINSEC hurt the reputation of the United States as a peace loving country, but it in no manner supports democracy or any of the values that our nation was founded upon. The school has been very secretive about its faculty, students and graduates. Currently inactive **H.R. 2567** would temporarily close the school for a thorough investigation. Not only does this school go against American principles, but against the people of South and Central America. We must instead let democracy benefit their citizens.

“Wisdom is better than weapons of war.” Ecclesiastes 9:18 (Networklobby.org)

The Army institute maintains it does not teach tactics that can be used on civilians but to sharpen the military skills of soldiers from participating countries. Its website says it "provides professional education and training for civilian, military and law enforcement students."

On the bench in the narthex are postcards ready to be mailed to our Senators:

Close the School of the Americas

Or contact our reps via email: Senator Charles Schumer www.schumer.senate.gov

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact

Congressman Bill Owens <http://owens.house.gov>

“If you want peace, work for justice.”

Pope Paul VI



Blankets and Comforters...

For the Taking....

Left Bay of the Garage
Behind the Church / Rectory

Take whatever you,
your family or neighbors,
can use.

*If leaving a donation makes you feel better,
then limit it to \$1 or \$2 per blanket/comforter.*

These will be available until June 3.

Thank you, Diamond Cove Cottages

Wall Hangings/Quilts Needed

Borrowed or Donated....

WHEN? Asap

WHERE? Needed for Church Hall

WHY? The noise in Jaracz Hall makes it impossible to have a crowd in there.

HOW? By hanging the quilts,
we will be able to muffle the sound
and hear each other.

SIZE? “Wall Hanging Size”

To be returned when you want them....
Or if they are too big or colors clash, they will be returned right away. Thanks! Ask SLH for further info.

