

## Rooting Out Global Poverty

### Catholic Relief Services Chapters.....Come and See!

Do you want to help end world hunger?

Do you think all children should have access to an education?

Does your faith call you to stand with victims of natural disasters?

If so, then get involved in a new initiative in our diocese: **CRS Chapters**



Catholic Relief Services is the U.S. Catholic community's global humanitarian aid and development agency serving our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries around the world. You probably know CRS best through CRS Rice Bowl, the annual Lenten program focused on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving.



Catholic Relief Services is inviting parishioners to start a **CRS Chapter** in our Diocese. This is a great way to make a positive impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers around the globe. CRS Chapters bring Catholics together to learn how to advocate for federal policies that provide assistance to poor countries that get at the root causes of hunger, child stunting, and migration and address the needs of people adversely affected by climate change.

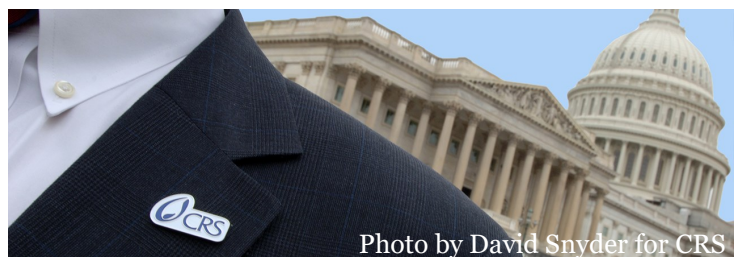
CRS Chapter members will be part of a national community of Catholics working together on one advocacy strategy with one specific set of actions.

We invite you to a **Virtual "Come and See"** meeting led by Catholic Relief Services staff members in September. During this meeting, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about CRS Chapters. Then you can decide if you are interested in deepening your commitment to global social justice and policy change by participating in the CRS Chapter in our Diocese.

Here's a [link](#) to an article by the CRS Executive Vice President for Mission & Mobilization Bill O'Keefe, from U.S. Catholic magazine, which offers additional information on the role and impact of CRS Chapters .

To learn more about this impactful initiative, or to sign up to participate in the *Come & See* in September, contact Justice & Peace staff member **Kathy Dubel**, our CRS coordinator for the Diocese of Rochester, at [kathydubel@dor.org](mailto:kathydubel@dor.org). She will send you the Zoom link for the Come & See meeting as soon as it is available.

**USE YOUR VOICE TO SPEAK OUT  
FOR FEDERAL POLICIES  
TO ERADICATE GLOBAL HUNGER  
AND POVERTY**



## Your Voice Needed to Help Save Lives and Protect Human Dignity

With a few easy clicks you can add your name to these two petitions to speak up for human life. But don't stop there. Please post these petitions to your own social media page and ask that your parish do the same.

### Save Hyde. Save Lives.

*From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:*

"Taxpayer dollars should NOT pay for abortion. The majority of Americans agree with this - both Democrats and Republicans.

For 45 years, the Hyde amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortion.

The Hyde amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976, whether the Congress and the White House were led by Republicans or Democrats.

The Hyde Amendment has saved nearly 2.5 million babies and mothers in difficult circumstances from the tragedy of abortion.

An overwhelming majority of Americans, including low-income women and women of color who are most impacted by it, support the Hyde Amendment and laws that prevent government-funded abortion."

Please sign the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' online petition to oppose taxpayer-funded abortions at: [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com)



### Support Fairness and Dignity in the Workplace

*From the Catholic Labor Network:*

"Tell Your Legislator to Support the PRO Act and Defend the Right to Organize in Unions

For 130 years the Catholic Church has taught that workers have the right to organize in unions to defend their rights.

And Pope Benedict XVI, in his social encyclical Caritas in Veritate, observed that "The repeated calls issued within the Church's social doctrine, beginning with Rerum Novarum, for the promotion of workers' associations that can defend their rights must be honoured today even more than in the past [25]."

Unfortunately, that is not the case in the United States. Too many workers are disciplined or fired when they try to organize in unions; too many gig workers at employers like Uber and Lyft have been classified as "independent contractors" without a legal right to join a union. As a result, union membership has declined from 1 in 3 private sector workers in the 1950s to 1 in 16 today, and real wages for workers have stagnated for nearly 50 years.

The Protecting the Right to Organize or PRO Act (HR 842) would address these injustices, adding real penalties when employers retaliate against workers who exercise their rights, and would give gig workers the right to form unions and bargain collectively.

The PRO Act will once again make the right to organize real in the United States, answering the call of Amos (5:24) to "Let justice surge like waters, and righteousness like an unfailing stream." Please sign here:

<https://catholiclabor.salsalabs.org/supporttheproact>

**"Trade unions have been an essential force for social change, without which a semblance of a decent and humane society is impossible under capitalism."  
Pope Francis**



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