

Justice, Peace and Life

March 2019



open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love *a pastoral letter against racism*

*“Too many good and faithful Catholics remain unaware of the connection between institutional racism and the continued erosion of the sanctity of life. We are not finished with the work. The evil of racism festers in part because, as a nation, there has been very limited formal acknowledgement of the harm done to so many, no moment of atonement, no national process of reconciliation and, all too often a neglect of our history. Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people. **God demands more from us.**”*

- Open Wide Our Hearts

Last November the Catholic Bishops of the U.S. issued a pastoral letter on Catholic teaching against racism, entitled “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love”. Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is working to bring opportunities for parishioners to study this letter and to find ways of living it out. It will be a special focus of our annual Diocesan Social Ministry Conference. We hope you’ll plan to attend. But even before the event, you can find the letter at www.usccb.org and make it part of your Lenten reflection.

2019 Diocesan Social Ministry Conference:

Open Wide Our Hearts

Thursday May 2, 2019

Mass: 10:30am, Conference: 11:30am-5:00pm



Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua NY

**\$20 registration fee
includes lunch and materials**

**Registration Deadline:
Friday April 26**

To register, contact Kathy Dubel at
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**Workshops and discussions on
Catholic Social Teaching issues
and their connection to racism
and social division, including
*Farmworker rights/Pro- Life Issues/
Care for Creation***

**PLUS:
*Social Ministry success stories from
Diocese of Rochester parishes and***

BRIDGES NOT WALLS

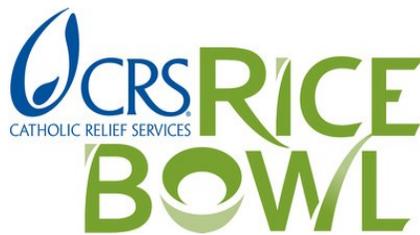
President of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and
Chairman of Bishops' Committee on Migration
Respond to President's Order to Fund
Construction of Border Wall

"We are deeply concerned about the President's action to fund the construction of a wall along the U.S./Mexico border, which circumvents the clear intent of Congress to limit funding of a wall. **We oppose the use of these funds to further the construction of the wall.** The wall first and foremost is a symbol of division and animosity between two friendly countries. We remain steadfast and resolute in the vision articulated by Pope Francis that at this time we need to be building bridges and not walls."

-Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration



Pope Francis prays on the U.S border while visiting Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
Catholic News Agency photo/Paul Haring



Learn about our sisters and brothers in **Gaza, Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, and Sierra Leone** through this year's CRS Rice Bowl activities. Pick up a bowl at your parish and please be generous in your giving this Lent. You'll find Lenten prayers, stories about people served by Catholic Relief Services and international recipes for meatless meals at www.crsricebowl.org. Those recipes look really good, so maybe you shouldn't count them as penance! 😊

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