

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering



***Faithful Citizenship: Promoting
Life and Dignity, Justice and Peace***

REGISTRATION PACKET

**February 24 — February 27
2008**

Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
202-737-1234

Invitation and Overview

Greetings, Once again, 19 Catholic organizations have come together to host this annual gathering in Washington, DC. The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) provides an invaluable opportunity for issue briefings, exciting plenaries, resource-sharing, networking, and support to strengthen the Catholic community's effort to act on Catholic social teaching and to promote human life and dignity. The Gathering will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, from Sunday, February 24 – Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

This year's theme "**Faithful Citizenship: Promoting Life and Dignity, Justice and Peace**" has as its focal point the bishops' statement "Faithful Citizenship" and its challenge to form consciences within our Catholic Community to act to defend human life and dignity and justice and peace in this election year and beyond.

The CSMG provides opportunities for building solidarity, strategizing, and strengthening our common work, as well as prayer and advocacy for those without a voice.

Highlights include:

- **In-depth policy sessions** on important domestic and international issues;
- Great **networking opportunities** and time to renew friendships;
- Plenary **presentations by Dr. Norman Francis, President, Xavier University in New Orleans, Lesley-Anne Knight, Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, as well as other leaders from around the country and around the world;**
- Top-notch **strategy sessions** designed to help all of us build a broad-based Catholic constituency for justice and peace;
- The energizing and inspiring **Msgr. Ray East**, as the master of ceremonies, and multicultural music by the **St. Camillus Choir** to help us celebrate God's love for us in our wonderful liturgies and prayers;
- **Advocacy** on Capitol Hill: opportunities to urge members of Congress to remember the poor and the vulnerable here and abroad as they make key decisions; and
- The return of the renowned *Capitol Steps* for our Tuesday evening entertainment.

You don't want to miss the 2008 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering. Join us in our nation's capital for this essential Gathering. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC!

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

The CSMG Planning Committee

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Sunday, February 24, 2008

Catholic Social Ministry Gathering Core Sessions

AFTERNOON SESSION

NEW ATTENDEES ORIENTATION:

3:15 pm

For persons who are attending the meeting for the first time.

HILL VISITS 101:

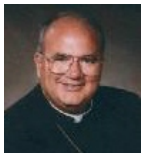
Those new to national advocacy are invited to a briefing on effectively presenting our issues to members of Congress.

STATE CAPTAINS MEETING:

Leaders from each state will be identified prior to coming to Washington. These captains meet briefly to begin organizing the state delegations to Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

OPENING SESSION

OPENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY:



4:30 pm

Most Reverend Robert Lynch, Bishop of St. Petersburg and Outgoing Chair, Catholic Relief Services Board, is the Celebrant and Homilist.

DINNER AND AWARD PRESENTATION:

Hosted by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, USCCB. Presentation of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of People Award.



OPENING PLENARY SESSION:

We will hear from an influential leader of the Church who will offer ecclesial and pastoral reflections on the place of Catholic social teaching in the life and ministry of the Church, how this teaching shapes our everyday day life, and how it can help shape public life.

Wrap-Around Sessions will end at approximately 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 24th.

Monday, February 25, 2008

7:00 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Catholic Charities USA Breakfast:
Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD, Associate Professor of Theology, Marquette University

MORNING SESSION

PLENARY:

Mr. John Carr, Secretary, Department of Social Development and World Peace, USCCB will analyze political and ecclesial trends and outline challenges as we continue to make social mission central to the life of the Church especially in this election year.



DOMESTIC ISSUES PLENARY:



Dr. Norman C. Francis, president of Xavier University in New Orleans, is the presenter for the domestic issue plenary. He will explore the continuing challenge of poverty in the United States through the lens of his academic leadership and experience as a survivor of Hurricane Katrina. He will offer an analysis of poverty in our country, what Hurricane Katrina revealed to us about this challenge, and how we can use our opportunities as Catholics and citizens to address poverty in the U.S.

STATE DELEGATIONS MEET:

Join with members of your own state to strategize for Hill Visits on Tuesday. State “Captains” are selected prior to the meeting.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

AFTERNOON SESSION



Lesley-Anne Knight is the Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working throughout the world. She is the first woman to hold this position. A British citizen, born in Zimbabwe, Ms. Knight has more than 25 years of experience in international development and has worked in Africa, Latin America and Europe. Within the context of the USCCB/CRS Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty, she will offer reflections on international poverty, human development and conflict.

POLICY PRIORITY BRIEFINGS:

Concurrent sessions on the two priority international and two priority domestic issues that we will be taking to Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon.



[BREAD FOR THE WORLD RECEPTION \(optional\)](#)

[DINNER ON YOUR OWN](#)

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

7:00 am Daily Mass

8:00 am Continental Breakfast / State Delegations Meeting (optional)

MORNING SESSION

INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ISSUE WORKSHOPS:

Domestic:

1. Housing: As If People Matter
2. Immigration: It's All about Work
3. Fairness in The Farm Bill
4. Health Care as a Human Right — from Womb to Tomb
5. Making Work Worthwhile
6. Environmental Toxins and Children - Unborn and Born
7. The Moral Dimensions of Climate Change: Putting the Poor First

International:

1. U.S. Global Leadership on HIV/AIDS
2. Middle East: Challenges for U.S. Policy
3. Global Poverty: A Moral Imperative
4. Linking Trade and Human Rights in Latin America
5. Water for Life: A Source of Conflict
6. The Impact of Security Measures on Immigrants, Refugees and Development
7. Darfur: Ending the Nightmare

AFTERNOON SESSION

SEND - OFF TO CAPITOL HILL:

We will head off to Capitol Hill with an inspiring and empowering send-off.



HILL VISITS:

Social ministry leaders from almost every state will visit with Senators, Representatives and their staffs on four key issues of peace and justice. Don't miss the opportunity to communicate our legislative priorities on behalf of the poor and vulnerable to our leaders on Capitol Hill. Each state delegation will be coordinated by designated state captains.

CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION:

Cosponsored by Catholic Relief Services. This is an opportunity for state captains to share stories about their Hill Visit, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, as well as mingle with Congressional staff and leaders. **There is also an opportunity to hear from legislative leaders from both parties on our priorities.**

EVENING SESSION

ENTERTAINMENT:

THE CAPITOL STEPS! Back by popular demand, you won't want to miss the funniest comedy troupe in Washington. The Capitol Steps offers funny and sarcastic views of politics with songs, skits and humor. Don't miss their unique take on this election year.

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

7:30 am Catholic Relief Services Breakfast

MORNING SESSION

STRATEGY SESSIONS:

1. Pro-Life and Pro-Justice: Avoiding Divisions and Promoting Collaboration
Back by popular demand, this session will explore ways for those in social ministry and pro-life ministries to work together to promote human life and dignity.
2. Joining with the African Church: Reconciliation, Justice, and Peace
Participants will learn about the upcoming 2009 Synod of Bishops for Africa, and will discuss how we in the U.S. Church can prepare by learning about issues to be raised at the Synod and exploring ways of standing with the African Church in its mission of serving those who are poor and in need.
3. Developing Strategies and Sharing Best Practices for Building a Community of Faithful Citizens in Your Diocese (for diocesan leaders)
Diocesan leaders will discuss ways of making Faithful Citizenship a reality in our dioceses in the coming election year.
4. Becoming a Community of Faithful Citizens: How does our Parish Get There? (for parish leaders)
Parish leaders will explore how to raise awareness of and to build a culture of faithful citizenship among their fellow parishioners.
5. Immigration - Reframing the Immigration Debate
This session will discuss "where the action is" in the immigration debate in light of the continuing challenge of achieving comprehensive federal immigration reform.

CLOSING LITURGY:

Celebrant and Homilist: **Bishop Thomas Wenski**, Bishop of Orlando and chairman of the USCCB International Policy Committee.



AFTERNOON SESSION

CLOSING LUNCHEON:



Mark Shields David Brooks

"The Politics of 2008: Implications for Catholic Social Ministry" Always a highlight of our meeting, the policy and politics team from The News Hour on PBS, Syndicated Columnist **Mark Shields** (invited) and New York Times Columnist **David Brooks** (invited), will share their insights and analyses of politics and the challenges facing Catholic social ministry leaders in this election and in our troubled world.

CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL BLESSING (2:00 pm Adjournment)

Friday, February 22, and Saturday, February 23, 2008

Wrap Around Sessions



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Diocesan Directors' Meeting

Friday, February 22, 2008

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Come to the annual gathering of CCHD Diocesan Directors to network, share lessons learned and strengthen local efforts of dioceses and parishes to help break the cycle of poverty in the United States. Explore the current state of poverty in the U.S. and the Church's response of empowerment and solidarity with poor and low-income people. Learn about CCHD education initiatives, the future of the Poverty USA campaign, the CCHD Collection within the new USCCB structure, and grant-making successes and challenges.

For information contact: Donna Grimes at 202-541-3372; dgrimes@usccb.org



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Dinner for Diocesan Directors

Friday, February 22, 2008

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



We invite Diocesan Directors for Catholic Relief Services and The Catholic Campaign for Human Development to come together for networking with colleagues during dinner to make important contacts for our social ministries at the diocesan level. Come join us where the local and global meet for dialogue!

For information, contact: Donna Grimes at 202-541-3372; dgrimes@usccb.org or Christine Smith at 410-951-7272; chsmith@crs.org



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Parish Social Ministry Section Leadership Team Meeting

Friday, February 22, 2008

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 23, 2008

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Parish Social Ministry Section Leadership Team will meet to orient new members, strategize and set priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is for Leadership Team members only.

For information, contact: Rachel Lustig at 703-236-6234; rlustig@catholiccharitiesusa.org

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Wrap Around Sessions



CATHOLIC LABOR NETWORK

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Liturgy, 8:00 am

Opening Session, 9:00 am

Luncheon, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

The Catholic Labor Network has invited **Bishop Gabino Zavala** of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to celebrate morning Mass. Bishop Zavala is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ).



Our program will begin by focusing on the ways that Catholic dioceses and parishes can work with worker organizations like IWJ to advance the dignity of work and the lives of those working in low-paying jobs. We will pay particular attention to the growing number of Worker Centers now being developed in many cities and counties across the country. We will also discuss how the Catholic Church in the United States can work in solidarity with the World Movement of Christian Workers (a Vatican recognized lay movement). We promise an engaging luncheon speaker and time to share what's going on in your local diocese or Church. Join us!

For information, contact: Thom Shellabarger at the USCCB, 202-541-3189; tshellabarger@usccb.org



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Diocesan Directors Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 2008

8:00 am – Noon



This meeting for Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Directors will be an opportunity to reconnect with the CRS mission through discussion, sharing and listening to each other. This will also be a time for updates on events around the world over the last year by CRS **President Ken Hackett**, and to hear the impact you and CRS have made in the US over the past year by **Executive Vice President in the U.S., Joan Neal**.



Utilizing a discussion format, together we will strengthen relationships between the CRS global, national, regional and diocesan members. This is a time for CRS as an agency to listen and explore the needs of CRS Diocesan Directors, collect best practices and analyze topics such as diocesan capacity building, partnership development and effective global solidarity programming.

For information, contact: Tom Ulrich at 410-951-7469; tulrich@crs.org or Christine Smith at 410-951-7272; chsmith@crs.org



National Catholic Rural Life Conference & Catholic Coalition on Climate Change

Climate Change: Adaptation Strategies for Rural Communities and the Church

Saturday, February 23, 2008

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

This workshop will briefly layout the suspected causes of climate change, examine the potential impacts on agricultural ecosystems worldwide, assess implications of expected impacts for rural U.S. communities, identify adaptation strategies to be considered by rural communities, and consider the role of the faith community in such strategies.

For information, contact: Tim Kautza at 515-270-2634; ncrclctk@mchsi.com or Dan Misleh at 301-322-1180; danmisleh@catholicsandclimatechange.org

Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, 2008

Wrap Around Sessions



THE ROUNDTABLE ASSOCIATION OF DIOCESAN SOCIAL ACTION DIRECTORS 2008 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 23, 2008, 3:00 pm — 9:00 pm

February 24, 2008, 7:30 am — 3:00 pm

Promoting Family, Community and Participation in an Election Year

Presidential election years put Catholic social teaching on “family, community, and participation” and its stress on the role of the faithful in political discourse and decision-making into the national and local spotlight. At times, discussion of this teaching leads to dialogue; other times it can foment polarization within the church. The 2008 Roundtable Symposium will help diocesan social action directors and national partners generate more light than heat this election year through formation and education efforts grounded in virtue ethics and principles and practices of dialogue.



Virtue Ethics and “Family, Community and Participation” in an Election Year

Dr. Lisa Fullam of the Jesuit **School of Theology at Berkeley** will apply the tools of the rapidly expanding field of “virtue ethics” to the challenges faced by diocesan social action directors in election years. Extracting the virtues emphasized by the teaching of the *magisterium* and the statements of the U.S. bishops, Dr. Fullam will introduce the tools of virtue ethics and model their application to the promotion of “family, community, and participation.”



Lessons of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative for an Election Year

U. S. Catholics span the political spectrum. Wherever they are on the political spectrum, Catholics must be able to talk about Catholic teaching on public issues and electoral choices. Charity and civility are essential as diocesan social action directors work to promote Catholic teaching on “family, community, and participation” during this election year. Our efforts ought to promote dialogue more than debate as we lead those discussions in Catholic dioceses. The Catholic Common Ground Initiative has much to teach us in this area. Longtime CCGI Board member **Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM, JCD**, and CCGI facilitator **Ms. Peg Garvey, MSW** will offer concrete lessons drawn from a decade of CCGI dialogues and offer us an experience of dialogue on the pressing issues facing Catholics in this election year.



The Harry A. Fagan Roundtable Award Banquet

February 23, 6:30 pm — 9:00pm

Join friends and colleagues in honoring

Most Rev. John McCarthy, retired Bishop of Austin.

For information, contact: Jeffry Korgen at 212-431-7825; jkorgen@nplc.org

Sunday, February 24, 2008

Wrap Around Sessions



NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

Promoting Justice in the Community with Advocates with Disabilities

Sunday, February 24, 2008

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Do you work on housing, health care, employment, and poverty issues? If so, then please come and hear the personal experience of people with disabilities whose lives are impacted each day by public policies. Hear first-hand accounts from people who are fighting for the opportunity to live and participate in the community. Meet partners who can work with you in your legislative efforts. Strategize together on pending legislation that can make a difference, such as the Community Choice Act.

For information: contact Jan Benton at 202-529-2933; 202-529-2934 (tty); jbenton@ncpd.org

Other Events



ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

For Catholic College and University Faculty, Staff & Administration

“Integrating Justice and Peace Resources Across the Disciplines”

Sunday, February 24, 2008

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ACCU believes that the principals of Catholic Social Teaching have the potential to **transform** the way Catholic higher education teaches **every discipline**. We invite **you**, as one engaged in Catholic higher education, to join us in identifying the best ways to integrate justice resources throughout the academic community.

This 8th annual meeting will take your expert advice and lived experience to focus our conversation on practical ways of integrating justice resources across academic disciplines and sharing those resources between academic communities.

At the end of the session we will identify some creative ways to continue this sharing long after the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering has ended.

Our Church has challenged us to bring about a **fuller integration of the Church's social tradition into the mainstream of Catholic education**. Join with colleagues as we work together to answer that challenge.

For more information, contact Michael Galligan-Stierle at 202-457-0650; mgs@accunet.org or visit www.accunet.org

Monday, February 25, 2008

Other Events



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Poverty in America Breakfast: Spotlight on the Intersection of Poverty and Race

Monday, February 25, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am



Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, STD, Associate Professor of Theology at **Marquette University** and author of **Catholic Charities USA's** issue brief, **“Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good,”** will speak to the reality witnessed by so many working at Catholic Charities across the country – the deep connection between race and poverty. As we approach the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination, we realize that there is much that we must do to make his “dream” a reality.

For information, contact: Rachel Lustig at 703-236-6234; rlustig@catholiccharitiesusa.org



ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (Invitation only)

Catholic Higher Education Summit

“Catholic Higher Education in the 21st Century: Teaching Justice and Peace to a New Generation”

Monday, February 25, 2008

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (with social to follow)

Ten years ago the U.S Catholic bishops in *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions* called upon Catholic educators to bring social teaching into all aspects of academic life. This anniversary of the victories and challenges faced over the past decade offers the perfect opportunity to set new directions for the future.

The Catholic Higher Education Summit will focus on dynamic ways to reach a new generation of students. Speakers will share the latest research findings of this new generation and provide insights into effective ways to impart the CST message. The Summit participants will collectively share effective methods employed for the appropriation of Catholic social teaching by collegians today.

Issues addressed will include integrating religious and academic formation, crossing the digital divide, theological reflection, and other creative methodologies for Catholic Higher Educators in justice education.

This session will include presentation, as well as large and small group sharing. The latter part of the event will focus on identifying implementation strategies. Special attention will be given to collaborative methodologies among Catholic higher education, diocesan agencies and Catholic social ministry organizations.

For more information, contact Michael Galligan-Stierle at 202-457-0650; mgs@accunet.org or visit www.accunet.org

Monday, February 25 — Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Other Events



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – VOICE OF THE POOR

Monday, February 25, 2008
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Voice of the Poor will meet to share experiences, discuss objectives for 2008, and talk about issues related to the condition of the poor and disenfranchised for the purpose of helping Vincentians to live their faith. This will be an interactive discussion.

For information, contact: Jim Woods at 302-528-1994; jwoodssvp@verizon.net



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Hospitality Room

Monday, February 25, 2008 — Wednesday, February 27, 2008
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Drop by the Catholic Charities USA hospitality room for food, fellowship, and information on the Congressional representatives before making your visits to Capitol Hill. Participants will be able consult CCUSA lobbyists and a Congressional database prior to their visit.

Wednesday, February 27, 2008



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Wednesday, February 27, 2008
7:30 am – 8:30 am

Join Catholic Relief Services for its annual breakfast. We will come together for prayer and to share a simple meal as we hear Thomas Awiapo, from CRS/Ghana, share his personal story and how participation in Operation Rice Bowl supports programs in Ghana. We will also honor one of our Diocesan Directors for outstanding promotion and support of Operation Rice Bowl with the presentation of the 2008 Operation Rice Bowl Award.

For information, contact: Beth Martin at 410- 951-7359; emartin@crs.org or Christine Smith at 410-951-7272; chsmith@crs.org

Registration Information

Registration:

All registration and hotel accommodations must be made or modified through Capitol Services Incorporated, (CSI). Contact Anne Betts at 1-866-808-9834 or csmg@csi-dc.com.

Registration Rates:

Early Bird Registration before December 21, 2007 is \$260. Registration after December 21, 2007 is \$310. Registration fees include the core meeting (February 24-27, 2008), additional fees may apply for the wrap-around meetings. Daily rates are available. Registration is required for all “**No Fee**” meetings.

Hotel Rates:

The hotel rates are: \$194 for single occupancy, \$204 for double occupancy, \$214 for triple and quadruple occupancies. These group rates may not be guaranteed if you register after January 10, 2008, so register early!

Room Sharing:

Have Roommate(s):

If you have already identified a guest or roommate with whom you will be sharing a room, please list the name(s) on the registration form. As the primary reservation holder, you will be responsible for paying the full cost of the room.

Need Roommate(s):

If you would like to share a hotel room and you would like to be matched with a roommate(s), you must register online. You will be responsible for paying for your portion of the room cost upon registration.

Important:

In an effort to minimize your housing expense, we will make every attempt to match you with a roommate, but we cannot guarantee that a roommate will be found for you. Roommates are assigned on first come, first serve basis. Neither the USCCB nor Capital Services Inc. is responsible for roommate incompatibility.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to match you with a suitable roommate, you will be responsible for paying the total room cost, and the balance of the charges will be due on January 25, 2008. Your credit card account will automatically be charged unless an alternate form of payment is provided before the date.

Roommates must share two queen-sized beds. The hotel does not allow roll-away beds due to fire code restrictions.

Disability Access Needs:

If you would like to have a meeting coordinator contact you about disability access needs, please mark the box and tell us about your needs on the registration form.

Registration Information

How to Register:

For your convenience, there are four (4) ways to register:

- **Online:** Go to www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org, and click on the registration link to complete registration form. **Payment requires a credit card.**
- **By Mail:** (Make checks payable to: **USCCB**)
Send the completed registration form (see form on page 14 of this booklet) along with full payment to:

**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering 2008
c/o Capitol Services Inc. (CSI)/USCCB
108 N. Virginia Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046**

- **By Fax:** Fax completed registration form to Capitol Services Inc. at (703) 584-2461. Remember to include your credit card information for payment.
- **By Telephone:** Call Capitol Services Inc. toll-free 1-866-808-9834 , Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET). Have completed registration form and credit card payment information ready when calling.

Payment:

Please note: A credit card is needed for online, fax, or phone registrations. Check payments are only accepted by mail. Cash payments are not permitted. Please note that all credit card payments will be processed within 1-2 business days after your registration is submitted. VISA, MasterCard or American Express are acceptable forms of payment. Checks should be made payable to: **USCCB**. Please remember to write the registrant's name on the check!

Confirmation:

A confirmation with additional information about the Gathering will be sent to you within 3-5 business days after receipt of your registration and payment. If you do not receive your confirmation package within ten (10) days of your registration, please call the conference registrar at 1-866-808-9834 or send an email to csmg@csi-dc.com

Cancellation/Refunds:

Registration refund requests must be submitted in writing and received by close of business (5:00 pm ET) or post-marked no later than January 25, 2008.

Requests are to be sent to:

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
c/o Yolanda Taylor-Burwell
3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017
Email: ytaylor-burwell@usccb.org or Fax: 202-541-3339**

Refunds will be issued by check (even if you paid by credit card). A penalty equal to one night room and tax will apply for no-shows. Refunds will not be processed until after the Gathering. A \$75.00 fee will apply for processing refunds.

Join leaders of Catholic Social Ministry!

Go to Capitol Hill and be heard!

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www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org

For more information about the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering
contact: Yolanda Taylor-Burwell at
202-541-3185 or ytaylor-burwell@uscgb.org



2008 CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

Faithful Citizenship: Promoting Life and Dignity, Justice and Peace

February 24-27, 2008
(Catholic Partner Organizational Meetings February 21-23)

SAVE Early Registration
Deadline: December 21, 2007

Register by January 10, 2008
If you need hotel accommodations

REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

FOR FASTER REGISTRATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org

Registration Instructions: All conference attendees must register. Early bird registration rates need to be received no later than December 21, 2007. Please make checks payable to: **USCCB**
Send your registration and payment to:

For questions regarding your Gathering registration or hotel, contact Anne Betts at 1-866-808-9834 or by email to csmg@csi-dc.com.

For other questions about the Gathering contact: Yolanda Taylor-Burwell at 202-541-3185 or by email at ytaylor-burwell@usccb.org.

Capital Services Inc. /USCCB
Attn: Anne Betts
108 N. Virginia Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046
By Fax: 703-584-2461
Online registration may be found at:
www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org

This form has three sections please fill out **each** section:
Section A: Core Meeting Registration
Section B: Strategy Sessions
Section C: Wrap Around Meeting Registration
Section D: Hotel Information

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please check if this is your first Gathering!

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

Most Rev. Msgr. Rev.

Last Name: _____

Sr. Bro.

First Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

*E-mail: _____

**E-mail address will be used to communicate conference updates.*

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

CORE MEETING REGISTRATION (Section A)

Core Social Ministry Gathering			
Select either entire Core Meeting or Individual Dates		Early Registration Discount by 12/21/07	Standard Conference Rate after 12/21/07
<input type="checkbox"/> Core Meeting Feb. 24-27		US \$260	US \$310
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Feb. 24		US \$70	US \$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Feb. 25		US \$35	US \$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Feb. 26		US \$105	US \$115
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Feb. 27		US \$65	US \$75

Total US \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Disability Access Dietary
 Food Allergies Vegetarian

Please specify: _____

STRATEGY SESSIONS (WED. FEB. 27, 2008) (Section B)

- Session 1 Pro-Life and Pro-Justice
 Session 2 Joining with the African Church
 Session 3 Faithful Citizenship – Diocesan

Strategy sessions run concurrently. Please choose one.

- Session 4 Faithful Citizenship - Parish
 Session 5 Immigration - Reframing the Debate

WRAP AROUND MEETINGS (Section C)****No Fee – All welcome, must pre-register for sessions.**

	Early Registration Discount by 12/21/07	Standard Conference Rate after 12/21/07
Friday – February 22, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> CCHD Diocesan Directors Meeting**	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> CCHD/CRS Dinner for Diocesan Directors**	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> CCUSA Social Ministry Leadership Team Meeting**	No Fee	No Fee
Saturday - February 23, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Labor Network (lunch included) <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Only / <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Only	\$65 \$25 / \$45	\$70 \$30 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> CRS Diocesan Directors Meeting**	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> National Catholic Rural Life Conference & Catholic Coalition on Climate Change	\$25	\$35
Saturday/Sunday - February 23/24, 2008	Members and National Partners	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Roundtable Symposium (includes banquet)	\$175	\$180
<input type="checkbox"/> The Roundtable Banquet – Only	\$75	\$80
Sunday - February 24, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Catholic Partnership on Disability Meeting**	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCU – Integrating Justice and Peace Resources Across the Disciplines	\$35	\$35
Monday - February 25, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> CCUSA Poverty in America Breakfast**	No Fee	No Fee
ACCU Catholic Higher Education Summit (Invitation only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Voice of the Poor Meeting**	No Fee	No Fee
Wednesday - February 27, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> CRS Annual Breakfast**	No Fee	No Fee

Total US \$ _____

HOTEL REGISTRATION (Section D) Please indicate each night you will stay in the hotel.

Thu. 2/21	Fri. 2/22	Sat. 2/23	Sun. 2/24	Mon. 2/25	Tue. 2/26	Wed. 2/27
<input type="checkbox"/> Single at \$194.00 per room night		<input type="checkbox"/> Double \$204.00 per room night		<input type="checkbox"/> Triple or <input type="checkbox"/> Quadruple at \$214.00 per room night		

Total Hotel Fees US \$ _____

ROOMMATES

<input type="checkbox"/> I have found my own roommate or have a guest. There will be a total of _____ people in the room. The names of guests in the room are (do not include yourself):	Note: If you have not already identified a roommate(s), but you would like to be matched with 1, 2, or 3 additional participants, you must complete the entire form online.
Name of Roommates / Guest:	
1:	
2:	
3:	

PAYMENT INFORMATION (Payment must accompany the registration form)

All reservations must be made or modified through the registration company Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI). **The hotel will not accept changes.**
 Contact Anne Betts at 1-866-808-9834 or csmg@csi-dc.com.

Total Amount:

(Total of Section A, C and D) US\$ _____

 Check (Payable to: **USCCB**) American Express MasterCard Visa

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's Name (print): _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Registration applicant agrees that (a) this request will not result in a registration until applicant's check clears or credit card has been debited and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' receives the applicant's payment, (b) all requests to register, and any subsequent registration are made in Virginia and (c) the sole jurisdiction and venue for any claim or litigation arising out of or relating to the request to register or the registration will be an appropriate federal or state court located in Virginia.

Directions and Transportation

Directions to the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

From Washington Reagan National Airport

By Car: Take George Washington Parkway. Exit on I-395 North to Washington. Follow signs to I-395 North/US Capitol. Take the exit for US Senate/D Street/I-395 North. Stay in the right lane go through two tunnels. In the second tunnel, take the D Street exit. Make a right at the traffic light as you exit the tunnel onto D Street. Go to 2nd traffic light, turn left onto New Jersey Ave. The hotel is on the left.

By Metrorail: (DC's subway system). Look for the "Metro" signs in the airport. Purchase a ticket (approx. \$2.50 one way) at the station. Take Metro's "YELLOW LINE" towards Georgia Avenue/Petworth. Exit to Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro Station and follow signs to the "RED LINE". Take the red line towards Glenmont and exit at Union Station. Come up the escalator and walk to "E" street. Continue walking down "E" street and turn left on New Jersey Avenue. Metro system is wheelchair accessible.

By Taxi: Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area. The fare is approximately \$20.00 (10-20 min.). Visit www.mwaa.com for up-to-date information.

By SuperShuttle: See Transportation Services below.

From Dulles International Airport

By Car: Follow signs to Washington D.C. on Dulles Toll/Access Road. Follow center lane (no toll) to I-66 East to Washington. Cross Roosevelt Bridge. Follow signs to Constitution Ave. toward U.S. Capitol. Proceed approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Louisiana Ave., NW. Travel to the 3rd light. Turn left on New Jersey Ave. Hotel is on the left.

By Taxi: Washington Flyer Taxi Service is the exclusive taxi provider at Dulles. A ride to the hotel will be approximately \$60.00. Visit www.mwaa.com for up-to-date information.

By Super Shuttle: See Transportation Services below.

From Thurgood Marshall/Baltimore Washington International Airport

By Car: Exit airport on I-195 West. Merge onto MD-295 South via exit 2B toward Washington. Merge onto New York Ave NE/US-50 toward Washington. Stay on New York Avenue for approximately four miles. Make a left onto North Capital Street, proceed for approximately one mile. Make a right onto E Street, proceed for one block. Make a left onto New Jersey Avenue, hotel is on the right.

By Train: Free Amtrak Shuttle buses will pick you up from the arrival area at BWI to the BWI Amtrak station. There you can take either an AMTRAK (www.amtrak.com) or MARC (www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc/) train to Union Station. Upon arrival proceed up the escalator and walk to "E" street. Continue walking on "E" street and turn left on New Jersey Avenue. (About a 5 minute walk) Taxis are also available outside the baggage claim area. The fare is approximately \$7.00.

By Taxi: Fares to the hotel will vary. Visit www.bwiairport.com for up-to-date information.

By Super Shuttle: See Transportation Services below.

Transportation Services

Super Shuttle

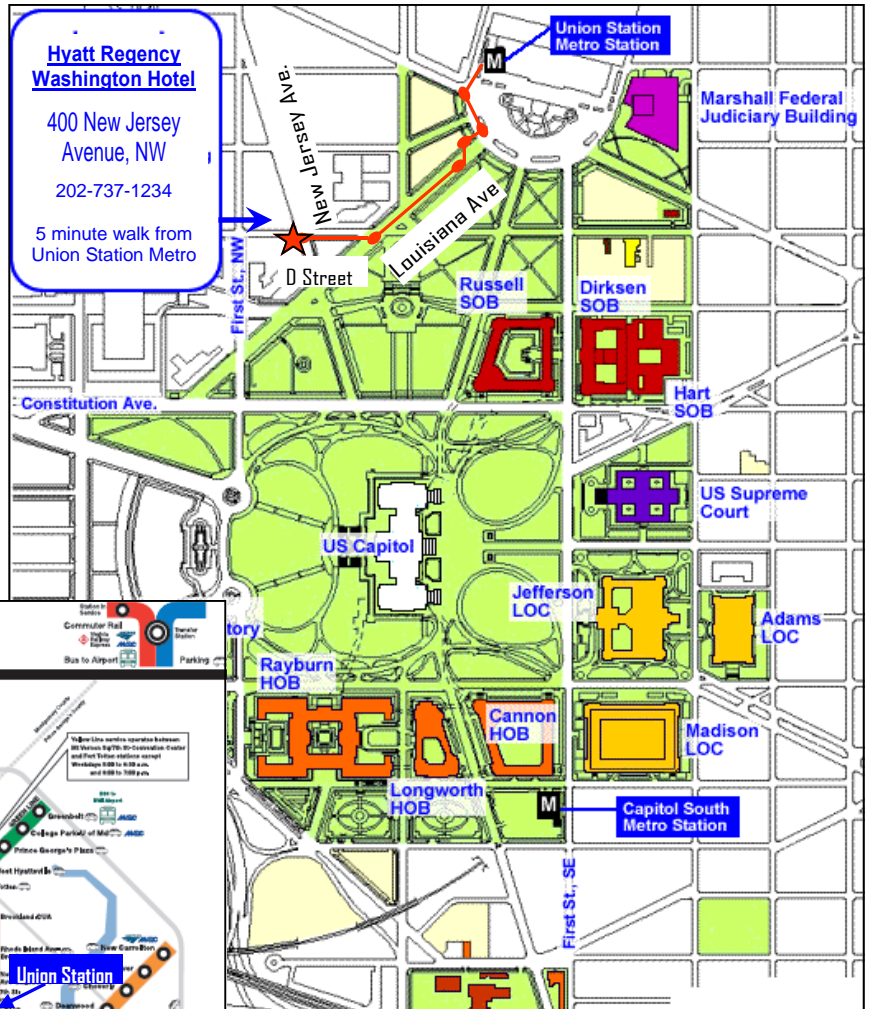
Super Shuttle vans are available at the all the 3 Metropolitan Airports. Call 1-800-258-3826 (1-800-BLUE-VAN). Advance reservations may be required. Visit www.supershuttle.com for more details. Wheelchair accessible vans available; 24-hour notice required.

Transportation and Parking

From Union Station Metro

The Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel is a brief 5 minute walk from Union Station.

From the metro, take Louisiana Avenue to D Street until New Jersey Avenue.



From Reagan National Airport Metro

Take the **Blue** or **Yellow** line.

Transfer to the **Red** line to get to Union Station.

Go to www.wmata.com for Metro system schedules and information.

Parking:

Valet parking is available at the hotel for approximately \$21/day *subject to change without notice*. Other parking is available nearby.

Important Information

- Early bird registration rate of \$260 is available until December 21, 2007.
- Last day to request cancellations or refunds for registration or housing is January 25, 2008.
- Advance Registration ends February 15, 2008 at 9:00 pm ET. After this date, all registrations must be made onsite at the Hyatt Regency. Please see below for registration hours.
- CSI cannot guarantee group hotel rate after January 10, 2008.

REGISTRATION HOURS

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE HYATT REGENCY FOYER

Friday, February 22	7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, February 23	7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 24	7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday, February 25	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 26	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 27	7:00 am – 11:00am

AUDIO/VIDEO:

Plenary sessions and certain workshops will be made available on audio CD for purchase either on-site or may be purchased/ordered after the meeting. Please be aware that you may be photographed, videotaped, and/or recorded during the meeting. By your attendance at the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, you hereby agree that you may be photographed, videotaped, or recorded and such photography, videotape, and/or recording may be edited or modified and distributed by USCCB in any format chosen by USCCB.

Union Station

Union Station is the most visited destination in Washington, DC with over 25 million visitors a year. Washington's train station and premier shopping mall, also serves as a venue for world-class exhibitions and international cultural events.

You will find 130 stores at Union Station featuring everything from men's and women's fashion to jewelry to decorative arts to games and toys. The Food Court at Union Station is a great place to enjoy a snack or take the whole family for a quick and inexpensive meal. Full service restaurants include America, B. Smith, East Street Café, Station Grill, Thunder Grill and Uno Chicago Grill. A state-of-the-art, 9 screen American Multi-Cinema complex is located on the lower level.

Restaurants at Union Station

America

(202) 682-9555

Street Level - Main Hall

Full service restaurant with over 200 American food items. arkrestaurants.com

B. Smith's

(202) 289-6188

Street Level - East Hall

Full service restaurant featuring Cajun, Creole and Southern cuisine. bsmith.com/restaurant

Center Café

(202) 682-0143

Street Level - Main Hall

Quick bites for the hurried traveler and candlelight dinners. arkrestaurants.com

East Street Café

(202) 371-6787

Mezzanine Level

Full service café style restaurant with a variety of Asian food. eaststreetcafe.com

Pizzeria Uno

(202) 842-0438

Mezzanine Level

Station Grill

(202) 898-4745

Street Level - West Hall thestationgrill.com

Thunder Grill

(202) 898-0051

Street Level - Main Hall arkrestaurants.com

Union Station is within walking distance from the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel.

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