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The Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development increases awareness of Catholic social teaching through efforts that include the anti-poverty mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, as well as federal advocacy on domestic issues such as food security, housing and employment, and international issues such as peace, international assistance and religious freedom.

The work of JPHD includes the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Website: usccb.org/cchd

Poverty USA campaign: PovertyUSA.org (English),
PobrezaUSA.org (Spanish)

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

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Catholic Charities USA is the membership association of one of the nation's largest social service networks providing vital social services to people in need, regardless of their religious, social or economic backgrounds. Catholic Charities USA advocates for justice in social structures, guided by the moral responsibility to ensure that human dignity is reflected in all aspects of public policy.

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Migration and Refugee Services serves and advocates for immigrants, refugees, migrants and people on the move. It does this by supporting the development and advocacy of policy positions at national and international levels, working with the federal government and local churches to resettle refugees admitted to the United States, and meet the needs of Catholics among these populations.

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The Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection.

THE HOLY SEE

Website: vatican.va

VATICAN DOCUMENTS

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

“Sollicitudo Rei Socialis” (The Social Concerns of the Church), 1987

DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II (1965)

Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World), 1965

POPE BENEDICT XVI

“Caritas in Veritate” (Charity in Truth), 2009

POPE FRANCIS

“Joy of the Gospel”

COMPENDIUM OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

A Statement of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, 2005

See Chapter Four: Principles of the Church’s Social Doctrine including Responsibility of everyone for the common good (4,II.b), Participation (4, V) and the Principle of Solidarity (4, VI)

U.S. PASTORAL LETTERS & STATEMENTS

CALLED TO GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

International Challenges for U.S. Parishes

A Statement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops with Parishes Resources, 1997

uscgb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/called-to-global-solidarity-international-challenges-for-u-s-parishes.cfm

A CALL TO SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICA

A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2001

uscgb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/upload/statement-a-call-to-solidarity-with-africa-2001-11-14.pdf

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:

A Call to Political Responsibility

A Statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011

uscgb.org/faithfulcitizenship/index.htm

THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE: GOD’S PROMISE AND OUR RESPONSE

A Statement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1983

uscgb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/upload/statement-the-challenge-of-peace-1983-05-03.pdf

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Website: congress.gov

Congress.gov allows the public to access information about members of Congress, congressional committees, legislation, historical documents and other resources relevant to U.S. policymaking.

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KEY ADVOCACY TERMS

ADVOCACY — Implementation of different strategies aimed at influencing decision making, generally organized around the resolution of a problem in the political arena.

AMENDMENT — Text that changes the content of legislation or other measure.

APPROPRIATION — Provides authority for U.S. government to spend money on specific programs.

AUTHORIZATION — Establishes or continues a government program or policy, and usually includes general funding guidelines. An appropriations bill provides the actual money to fund authorized programs.

CHAIRPERSON — Presides over a committee or subcommittee.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION — A legislative measure that expresses the opinion of both chambers but that does not have the force of law.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE — A meeting of Senate and House members to resolve the differences in legislation that has passed both chambers.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION — Legislation passed by Congress as a joint resolution to provide funding for U.S. government agencies and programs when the new fiscal year is about to begin or has begun, but regular appropriation bills have not yet been enacted.

GERMANS — Relevant to the issue addressed in the pending legislation.

LEGISLATIVE NETWORK — A group of people that can be called upon to contact their elected officials and advocate for a particular piece of legislation or policy initiative.

MAJORITY LEADER — The Senate majority leader serves as chief spokesperson for the majority party and can cut off debate when there is disagreement regarding time limits. The House majority leader serves as principal assistant to the speaker of the House and spokesperson for the majority party.

MARK UP — A subcommittee or committee consideration of legislation whereby additions, deletions or amendments are made.

MINORITY LEADER — The Senate minority leader serves as chief spokesperson for the minority party and works with the majority leader to manage the legislative and executive business of the Senate. The House minority leader serves as chief spokesperson and strategist for the minority party.

SENSE OF THE SENATE/SENSE OF THE HOUSE — Legislative language expressing the opinion of the Senate or the House, but is not a law.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE — Most powerful leadership position in the House of Representatives; leader of and elected by the majority party. Administers proceedings on the House floor, including power to recognize members to speak, make motions and appoint members to conference committees.

VETO OVERRIDE — When the Senate and House of Representatives overcome a presidential veto by a two-thirds majority to enact a bill into law.

VOICE VOTE — A vote in which members of Congress approve or reject a bill by saying “yea” or “nay.” The names or numbers of senators voting are not recorded.

WHIP — Responsible for mobilizing votes within their parties. Often serves as acting floor leader in the absence of a party or floor leader.

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