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SALT & LIGHT

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES VIDEO

If you have 8 minutes to spare, it might be well-spent learning a bit more about the work Catholic Charities agencies, including Catholic Family Center, do in your name in our diocese. Go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZD-r1Tnec>

A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

May God bless you with a restless discomfort -- about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger -- at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears -- to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness -- to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done

DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE

Join with others from our Diocese to pray together at this Mass for the protection of all human life, especially the vulnerable unborn. Bishop Matano will be celebrating the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua. This is in anticipation of the pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the March for Life. The parish is hosting a light reception following Mass. Questions? Contact Suzanne Stack, Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator, at 585-328-3210 x1304 or suzanne.stack@dor.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019

Buses are leaving from around the Diocese to the March for Life in DC. Join many 1000's marching because every human life is unique from day one, with inherent value. Buses leave Thursday night, January 17 and return Friday night, January 18.

10:00 AM Mass with Bishop Matano as principal celebrant, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University of America. March with Bishop Matano and others from the DOR. Buses are filling up! Make your reservations today. Contact(s) for buses leaving from the Rochester area:

Greece (Mother of Sorrows) ghubbel@frontiernet.net; 585-317-8686

Webster/Penfield (Holy Spirit) committeeforlife@yahoo.com; 585-503-3256; <http://march4life.gmsander.info>

DIMITRI HOUSE

Volunteers are desperately needed to support the work of Dimitri House. Anyone who may be interested in helping at the Dimitri House can email them at generalinfo@dimitri-house.org or call them at (585) 325-1796. Their biggest need right now: overnight shifts from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

Don't forget National Migration Week, Jan. 6-12. Find homily suggestions and other resources at

<https://justiceformigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week/>

"Authentic political life, grounded in law and in frank and fair relations between individuals, experiences renewal whenever we are convinced that every woman, man and generation brings the promise of new relational, intellectual, cultural and spiritual energies. That kind of trust is never easy to achieve, because human relations are complex, especially in our own times, marked by a climate of mistrust rooted in the fear of others or of strangers, or anxiety about one's personal security. Sadly, it is also seen at the political level, in attitudes of rejection or forms of nationalism that call into question the fraternity of which our globalized world has such great need. Today more than ever, our societies need "artisans of peace" who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family.

Pope Francis,
2019 World Day of Peace Message

2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

January

Poverty Awareness Month

Jan. 1, World Day of Peace

Jan. 6—12, National Migration Week

Jan. 14—22, Nine Days for Life

Jan. 15, Martin Luther King birthday—holiday 1/21

February

African American History Month

Feb. 8, Human Trafficking Prayer and Awareness

Feb 9 & 10, Diocesan Advocacy Weekend

March

Women's History Month

March 6, Ash Wednesday

March 8, International Women's Day

March 22, World Water Day

March 24, Archbishop Romero assassination

April

April 19, Passover begins and Good Friday

April 21, Easter

April 22, Earth Day

April 26, Arbor Day

May

May 2, Diocesan Social Ministry Conference, Notre Dame Retreat Center

May 5—June 4, Ramadan

May 12, Mother's Day

June

Torture Awareness Month

June 5, World Environment Day

June 8, World Oceans Day

June 16, Father's Day

June 19, Juneteenth Day

June 20, World Refugee Day

July

July 30, International Friendship Day

July 30, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

August

August 6, Anniversary of bombing of Hiroshima

August 9, Anniversary of bombing of Nagasaki

August 10-11, Eid al-Adha, Islamic Holy Day

August 9, Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People

August 28, Anniversary March on Washington and

MLK's *I Have a Dream* Speech

September

Sept. 1, World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Sept. 2, Labor Day

Sept. 10, World Suicide Prevention Day

Sept. 21, U.N. International Day of Peace

Sept. 29, Rosh Hashanah begins

October

Respect Life Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Oct. 8, Yom Kippur begins

Oct. 16, World Food Day

Oct. 18-20, Interfaith Children's Weekend

November

Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 15, America Recycles Day

Nov. 16, Martyrdom of Salvadoran Jesuits

Nov. 19, World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

Nov. 20, Universal Children's Day

December

Dec. 1, World AIDs Day

Dec. 2, Martyrdom of 4 Church Women in El Salvador

Dec. 3, International Day for Disable Persons

Dec. 10, Human Rights Day

Dec. 18, International Migrants Day

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried . . .

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" . . .

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . . .

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!