



2020 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

January 25 - 28, 2020, Washington, D.C.

Diversity Outreach Initiative

Diversity Scholarship Application deadline is Monday, October 28, 2019.

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) is an annual event in Washington, D.C. organized through the collaboration of 16 national Catholic organizations. We are rooted in the Sacraments, the Word of God and the Church's living Catholic social tradition. The gathering builds solidarity, knowledge, and skills among social ministry leaders. When we gather as one, we animate the Church's social mission for evangelization of the world.



CSMG participants with Msgr. Ray East, St. Teresa of Avila, Washington, D.C.

The Church is strengthened and enriched by great diversity and CSMG is committed to working with collaborating organizations to identify and foster leaders of diverse cultures, backgrounds and abilities. Every year,

*I was fortunate to participate in the CSMG as a diversity candidate. It was extremely beneficial to me personally, and to my Diocese. Not only did I learn **so much about the Church's position on important issues**, but I was able **to network and collaborate with my colleagues to plan for more effective dissemination of this information to the people we serve in eastern North Carolina.***

Lauren Green, Director
African Ancestry Ministry & Evangelization
Catholic Diocese of Raleigh

Diversity Outreach Initiative (DOI) participants are awarded scholarships to assist them in participating in the exciting briefings, workshops and presentations of CSMG, and to raise their voices on Capitol Hill to advocate for policies that promote human life and dignity in the U.S. and internationally. CSMG collaborating organizations call upon members of their own staffs, diocesan directors, clergy and religious, and CSMG Young Leaders Initiative Campus Coordinators to encourage leaders of diverse backgrounds and experience to share their gifts with our annual Gathering.

Diversity Strengthens our Ministry and Advocacy

CSMG DOI participants bring a richness of perspectives, skills, voices and vision to Washington D. C., enhancing the interaction of Catholic social ministry colleagues from around the country and the

world. We are committed to fostering these meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships that nourish all of us in our ministry, for the good of our Church and the world.

At CSMG, participants learn about great resources and connect with colleagues who can help them meet challenges they face in their communities. We encourage Catholic leaders from cultural, ethnic, and disability communities too often overlooked to take advantage of all the ways CSMG can broaden their networks, enhance growth in their ministry or profession, and serve the common good.



DOI scholarship recipients on advocacy day at the Capitol.

Eligibility and Application

Leaders and potential leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural and disability communities who are also active in Catholic institutions, parishes, schools, and social service agencies are encouraged to apply for scholarship assistance to attend the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering. As part of the application process, applicants will be asked to obtain a recommendation from one of the following: a CSMG committee member at a collaborating organization; a campus coordinator for our Young Leaders Initiative; or a diocesan director in a related area like social action, human life & dignity, or cultural/disability concerns.

Priority is given to new applicants who 1) demonstrate

leadership; 2) currently work with a national CSMG collaborating organization or diocesan social action office; or 3) meet the diversity criteria of this initiative and live in a USCCB designated home mission diocese. So that we can make this opportunity available to as many people as possible, CSMG participants are normally limited to no more than three years of scholarship assistance through the Diversity Outreach Initiative. Returning applicants will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Scholarship assistance will be extended only for registration and/or hotel fees, and will not be provided for participant travel to and from Washington, D.C.

Application and recommendation forms can be downloaded from CSMG at: www.catholicsocialministrygathering.org, or by contacting our staff at the address below. **All forms must be signed, dated, and submitted by e-mail, or post by October 28, 2019.** Scholarships will be awarded, and recipients notified by December 2018.



Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento at CSMG with recipients of the 2013 Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of Peoples Award.

The Diversity Outreach Initiative is made possible by the support of the following CSMG Collaborating Organizations:

Catholic Charities USA
Catholic Relief Services
National Assoc. of Black Catholic Administrators
National Catholic Partnership on Disability
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Black and Indian Mission

United State Conference of
Catholic Bishops

Catholic Campaign for Human
Development
Dept. of Justice Peace & Human
Development
Office of Cultural Diversity
Office of Migration and Refugee Services
Secretariat for Pro-Life



CSMG 2013 Young Leaders Jamie Visser and David Gayes, Dominican University (from right) leading morning prayer with Donna Grimes, Assistant Director for African American Affairs, Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB.

Recipients of the CSMG Diversity Scholarship come from dioceses from across the US. Here are the dioceses that the 2019 recipients represent.

Diocese of Arlington
Diocese of Atlanta
Diocese of Austin
Diocese of Beaumont
Diocese of Belleville
Diocese of Birmingham
Diocese of Brownsville
Diocese of Charleston
Diocese of Chicago
Diocese of Denver
Diocese of Galveston-Houston
Diocese of Indianapolis
Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Las Cruces
Diocese of Los Angeles
Diocese of Metuchen
Diocese of Miami
Diocese of New Orleans
Diocese of Oakland
Diocese of Orange
Diocese of Philadelphia
Diocese of Rapid City
Diocese of Richmond
Diocese of Rochester
Diocese of Sacramento
Diocese of Salt Lake City
Diocese of San Antonio
Diocese of San Jose
Diocese of Santa Fe
Diocese of Seattle
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
Diocese of St. Petersburg
Diocese of Washington