

**Advocacy & Social Justice
Awareness Opportunities
at the Parish Level**

Speakers

We are happy to speak to parish groups – social justice ministries, men’s/women’s groups, youth ministry, or others – or to the parish in general. Suggested topics are listed below. We can customize presentations based on your needs, including age of audience.

- **About Catholic Charities**
 - Mission, services and stories from our eight agencies
- **Poverty Education**
 - National and local poverty statistics
 - How poverty effects our community and agencies
 - The cycle of poverty/generational poverty and myths vs truths about living in poverty
 - How the Church, Catholic Charities, communities, and individuals can respond to help alleviate poverty
- **Advocacy**
 - Catholic Charities’ policy priorities
 - The difference between charitable works and social justice
 - How public policy impacts our clients and others living in poverty
 - How public policy impacts charitable work and agency missions
 - How to engage your parish in work for social justice and public policy advocacy
- **Catholic Social Teaching**
 - What does the Church say about social justice?
 - What are the social teachings that inform Catholic Charities’ policy work?
- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**
 - What is CCHD?
 - How can your parish support this initiative?

Legislative Events

- Catholic Charities can assist your parish in preparing for and hosting a conversations with legislators or other policymakers.

Other Opportunities

- Contact the Catholic Charities Advocacy Department for poverty awareness calendars to engage your group or parish on social media or through church bulletin
- Stay up to date on our advocacy news/public policy priorities and sign up for Advocacy Alerts at ccstl.org/get-involved/advocacy.
- Follow [CCHD on Facebook](#); [CCSTL Advocacy on Twitter](#); and CCSTL on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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