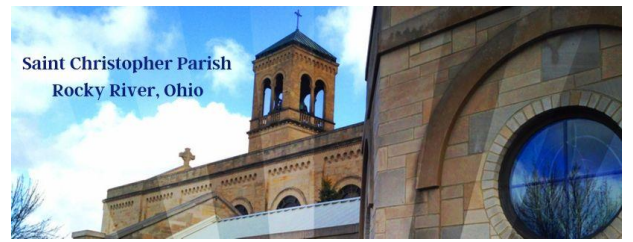


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Thank you for signing up to receive information from the Saint Chris Social Concerns Committee (SCC). We appreciate your continued interest in the Social Concerns Committee and looking for ways to help others.

Below, **prayer**, as always, comes first. Listed next are **volunteer opportunities** and **charitable actions**, followed by **advocacy and education**.

Consider keeping informed of the changing situation and social concerns issues via our Facebook page. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stchris-scc> (St. Chris Social Concerns Committee) to join. Just click on the box: **Join**

Group on the main picture. If you have a problem, let us know. We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to John Hosek: jjudehosek@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Give Us Hearts

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:
in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;
in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables;
in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;
in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically.

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

Bless us, O Lord...

- Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.



SEPTEMBER 2021 SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

(FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER)

Hunger Action Month

September 1-October 4: Season of Creation

September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

September 7: Endangered Species Day

September 8: World Literacy Day

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September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day
September 16: Int Day for Preservation Ozone Layer
September 20-26: National Migration Week
September 21: UN International Day of Peace
September 29: World Rivers Day



SEASON OF CREATION

VOLUNTEER AND CHARITABLE OPPORTUNITIES

ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE

You may now drop off non-perishable items at Saint Christopher Church in the Upper Gathering Area. The needs for September are Spaghetti sauce, pasta, and baking items. The September collection will be the weekend of September 11th and 12th.



The RRAP also needs monetary donations to continue assisting our neighbors in need. Tax-deductible donations can be made online via PayPal: <http://www.rrowc.org/donation> or by checks made to Rocky River Assistance Program, mailed to: P. O. Box 16724, Rocky River, OH 44116. If more convenient, you can also mail grocery gift cards to RRAP. Giant Eagle, Heinen's and Target cards in \$25 increments are the most helpful.

FEED THE HUNGRY

SAINT COLMAN PARISH

The next Neighborhood Meal will be on Saturday September 25th. For the foreseeable future, the meal will be a to-go meal. For information, please call 216-651-0550.

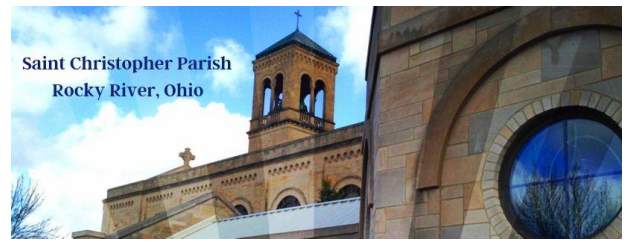
We thank our dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to plan for a safe reopening of this vital program for our Parish and our neighborhood. To



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donate, please send checks to St. Colman Church, 2027 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 441102.

ROCKY RIVER/LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS

We're fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers – but we always need more! Most of our volunteers commit to working for an hour or more on a weekly schedule, while others work occasionally as substitutes or on special projects and events. Companies and civic groups also volunteer with us to give back to our community.

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities through each of our kitchens:

- **Kitchen worker.** Help prepare food and pack-up meals for delivery. Most kitchen volunteers work a scheduled shift one morning per week. Cooking experience is helpful but not required.
- **Driver.** Use your own vehicle to deliver meals on a regular route one day a week at mid-day (exact hours vary by kitchen). Drivers sometimes bring along a “hopper” to take meals from the car to the door. Delivery routes usually take an hour or less to complete.
- **Substitute.** Rather than work on a weekly schedule, you can substitute occasionally when regular kitchen workers or drivers need to take time off.
- **Special events worker.** Help represent our program at bake sales, fund raisers, outreach efforts, community events, parades, and more.
- **Administrative help.** Volunteer for one of our committees or put your special skills to use in clerical, technology, publicity, photography, accounting, social services, or other support.



Additional information on volunteering can be found at: <https://www.westshoremow.org//volunteer>

WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER

VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

For the past 44 years, our volunteers have not only been the face, but have also represented the heart and soul of the West Side Catholic Center. It is only through the tireless efforts of our over 500 volunteers



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that the WSCC can respond to the community's need for food, clothing, shelter, and advocacy year after year.

The West Side Catholic Center offers volunteer opportunities for young and old, individuals and groups, primarily Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm:

- Sorting, folding, and distributing clothing and household goods
- Answering phone calls, morning, and afternoon shifts
- Mentoring job-seekers
- Donor door greeter
- Cooking and serving meals
- Sharing other talents or skills



If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or offering your time, please contact Veronica Favela, Advancement Manager, by [email](#) or phone at 216-631-4741 x122. Information session required. [You can also fill out our volunteer application here.](#)

Donations:

Thank you for your donations of new or gently used items for our Clothing and Household Distribution Program. We ask that you bring only season appropriate, practical clothing that is either new or clean and gently used. Our space is extremely limited. We can only accept TWO bags per delivery. Please note: *WE DO NOT ACCEPT FURNITURE.* We can accept donations Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 1:00PM.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We Love our Volunteers!

Help us continue to help others. Whether it's assisting at our hunger centers, helping at our downtown Central office by answering phones, assisting with data entry, researching, and



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compiling lists and helping with mailings, organizing a food drive or responding to disasters, ***we have the need for your time and talents.*** To join our dedicated volunteer corps, please complete the [Volunteer Application Form](#).

THE GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

Volunteers are crucial to all operations of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, whether in traditional roles (collecting, sorting, and repacking food that comes through our warehouse every day) or using special skills to support with administrative functions or special projects.

In 2019, more than 21,000 volunteers contributed more than 92,000 hours of service to the Food Bank, a savings of more than two million dollars in salaries and benefits, allowing for additional food to be provided to our agencies and clients.

Reach Volunteer Services by phone at 216.738.2053

Get started by clicking on one of the options below:

- [Learn more about our different project areas!](#)
- Interested in bringing a group out to volunteer? [Click Here](#) to fill out a volunteer group request form.
- [Learn about our Skill-Based Volunteer Program!](#)
- If you or your group is interested in having a member of our Speakers Bureau give a presentation on the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and our Advocacy efforts, [Click Here!](#)
- [View Our FAQ Page](#)



FRONT STEPS

Help us touch lives and end the cycle of homelessness for men, women, and children in Cuyahoga County. **Front Steps has relied on the generosity of volunteers since its inception.**

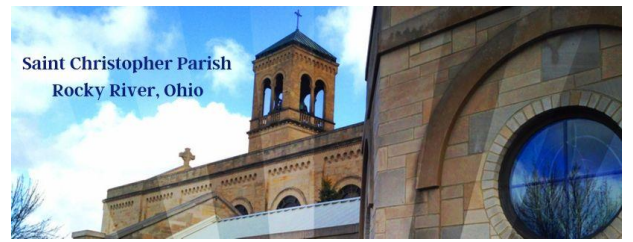
If you are interested in volunteering or more information about how you can involved, please fill out the form at: <https://www.frontstepsservices.org/volunteer> We hold **Volunteer Orientation** meetings on the



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second Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 am. For more information contact Jane at jamata@frontstepsservices.org or 440-360-9010.

NORTHEAST OHIO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS



NEOCH needs the time and skills of volunteers to help us implement programs and achieve our mission to break the cycle of homelessness.

As a note, NEOCH has many opportunities for volunteers, from clerical work to assisting with our Street Chronicle to planning meetings and events. We are happy to work with volunteers to find something engaging and meaningful for you to assist in our advocacy work.

• If you are interested in volunteering with NEOCH, fill out the volunteer form at <https://www.neoch.org/become-a-volunteer> or call us at 216.432.0540 to discuss your skills and interests.

MAY DUGAN CENTER

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Whether by packing bags of food for a family or tutoring an adult education student, the time volunteers give to May Dugan Center is critical to providing the help, hope and promise of a better tomorrow for our clients. Their dedication is a testament of the positive impact people can make on their community especially in these challenging times!

There are many ways you can help but our greatest need at this time is for our bi-monthly Produce & Food Distribution Program (packing food bags, drive thru, pre-scheduled walk ups and delivery to vulnerable populations).

If you would like to volunteer for the May Dugan Center, please fill out our form with your area of interest and availability by clicking below.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGPwp7mnLFR9j-jUd75YTA4m9Fb3xPsc53Z1hQWQN4adgBw/viewform>

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ST MALACHI PARISH

Saint Malachi is located at 2459 Washington Avenue in Cleveland.

Backdoor Ministry The Back Door Ministry, which provides food to anyone who comes to the window between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily, 365 days a year. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, click [here](#).

Monday Night Meal

This ministry is completely volunteer-driven and provides a hot meal on every Monday of the year (including Holidays). Volunteers are needed to work the meal and are asked to arrive between 5 & 5:30 and stay until clean-up at 7:15 pm. Volunteer activities include cooking, serving, set-up and clean-up. Volunteers are welcome from the community and the parish. [Click here](#) for more info on this ministry.

Samaritan Ministry



The Samaritan Ministry provides an annual workshop to educate and develop understanding and awareness about alcoholism and substance addiction, causes, effects, treatment, recovery, and prevention. This workshop is provided to area church ministers, social workers and others involved in the care of people. [Click here](#) for more info on this ministry.



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MALACHI HOUSE



Malachi House is always looking for new volunteers. Whether you have an extra hour a month or several hours every day, Malachi House can benefit from your time.

Caring, concerned people are at the heart of what we do each day. There are many opportunities for getting involved at Malachi House. For information on how to become a volunteer, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Emily Shumaker-Chop at (216) 621-8831.



ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



CATHOLIC SISTERS ON RACISM, MIGRATION AND CLIMATE

What does economic justice mean to you – as a woman in the workforce, as an immigrant without health care, as a mother with many mouths to feed. For those in our society whose avenues of opportunity in seeking economic justice are limited by the status quo between the haves and the have-nots.

Join our conversation on September 8, 2021, at 3 pm Central as host Charish Badzinski with a panel of experts explore the challenges of creating a system of economic justice and the actions available in ensuring economic security for all.

SEPTEMBER 8, 3pm (CT) | ECONOMIC JUSTICE

JAKE BARNETT
Impact Investment Advisor

ELIZABETH GARLOW
Educator and Advisor

KIM LAMBERTY
Director and Founder

Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nMyI6R7FTnaZAWIPDE4Bwg

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COLLABORATIVE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Learn more about the realities of sex and labor trafficking and how to get involved by joining our next Human Trafficking 101 webinar on Tuesday, September 14th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Register here: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84441728558>



CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA (CCUSA)

CCUSA Advocacy and Social Policy team advocates for policies that uphold human dignity and promote integral human development. Informed by the experience of local Catholic Charities agencies, we urge policy makers to see the faces of those in need in their communities and to create policies which assist and support them.



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Sign up for Washington Weekly and receive Advocacy Alerts:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-vision-and-ministry/advocacy/action-center/>

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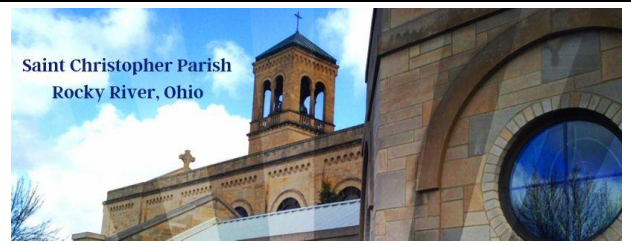
The Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland seeks to shape a more caring society and a more peaceful world through justice education, advocacy, community development and organizing. Our work is based on the call of the Gospel to work for the respect and dignity of all human life, the elimination of poverty, to speak out against injustice, and to promote the common good. The office is composed of County-based social action offices, and office



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for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.

<https://www.ccdocle.org/service-areas/diocesan-social-action-office/advocacy/take-action-now>

ACTION ALERTS FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO:

Click here for Action Alerts from the Conference:

<https://www.ohiocathconf.org/issues/category/legislative-action-alerts>

