

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CONCERNS

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Thank you for subscribing to the St. Christopher Social Concerns Newsletter! It contains news and information related to Catholic social justice, advocacy, and charity.

Also consider keeping informed of social concerns issues and activities via the St Christopher website and Social Concerns Facebook page. The website can be found at [https://stchrisparish.com/ministries/social-](https://stchrisparish.com/ministries/social-concerns-committee/)

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We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to [jjudehosek@gmail.com](mailto:jjudehosek@gmail.com).

### PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR JUNE 2022

#### ***World Refugee Prayer***

*Almighty God,  
Millions of our sisters and brothers are on the move around the world,  
Not by choice, but by desperation.  
For those forced to flee violence,  
We pray they find safety.  
For those seeking economic opportunity,  
We pray they find secure livelihoods.  
For those trying to support and protect their families,  
We pray they find communities to embrace them.  
For those searching for peace and hope,  
We pray that we may be bearers of the Good News.  
We are called to be prophetic advocates in this world.  
To call out injustice and be heralds of Truth and Love.  
We pray that all migrants, refugees, and displaced persons  
May find safe and loving communities  
And the opportunity to thrive.  
And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act  
In defense of human dignity for all our sisters and brothers in need.  
Amen.*

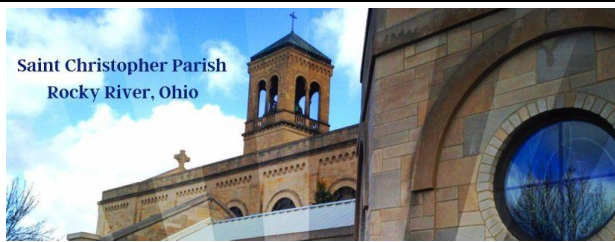
*---from Catholic Relief Services*



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### JUNE 2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

(FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER)

June 5th: World Environment Day

June 8th: World Oceans Day

June 19th: Juneteenth Day (oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States)

June 20th: World Refugee Day



### SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

#### ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE



You may drop off non-perishable items at Saint Christopher Church in the Upper Gathering Area for the Rocky River Assistance Program. **The needs for June are macaroni and cheese and canned veggies.** All non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted. Your continued support to this ministry allows many families in Rocky River to make ends meet throughout the year. **The June collection will be the weekend of**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

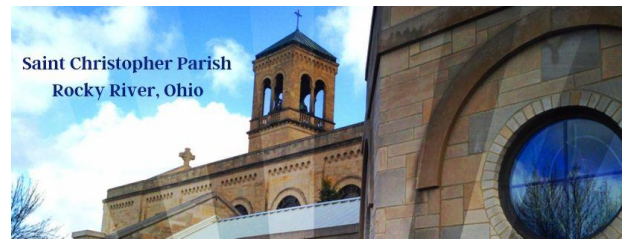
#### CREATION CARE ADVOCACY; THE CRY OF THE POOR

A goal of the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) is to respond to the cry of the poor. This is a call to promote eco-justice as it relates to human life from conception until natural death and to all forms of life on

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earth. Pope Francis reminds us that "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature." (LS 139).

The poor and marginalized suffer the most from environmental damage even though they do the least to cause it. Automotive exhaust is the primary source of air pollution in Cleveland. The health effects of air pollution, such as exacerbated asthma, occur more frequently in neighborhoods next to freeways, which often are low income. Families and individuals can help protect God's creation and reduce the burden on the poor by actions such as walking or bicycling rather than driving, carpooling, combining trips, eliminating automotive idling, and driving fuel efficient or electric vehicles. Working together to improve air quality will help everyone breathe easier.



### UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WEBINARS

The following opportunities and webinars are scheduled for June. Please use the links below or the website described above for more information or to register!

#### JUSTFAITH MINISTRIES

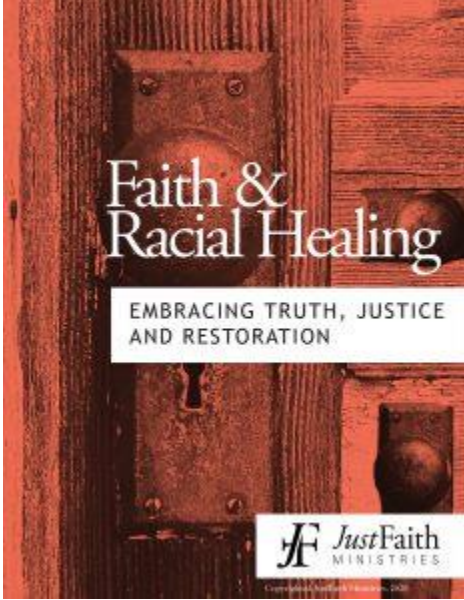
Join us on June 16th for our next Acting for Justice with Chuck Collins! He will speak on inequality and the beloved community: a faithful response to extreme wealth inequality and the racial wealth divide. Click here to register: <http://ow.ly/JrlS50JgEtW>

A promotional poster for a webinar. The top half features a teal background with a white box containing the text "JUSTFAITH MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO Acting for JUSTICE". Below this, the name "CHUCK COLLINS" is displayed in bold, followed by his title "DIRECTOR, THE PROGRAM ON INEQUALITY &amp; THE COMMON GOOD". The main title of the webinar, "INEQUALITY AND THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO EXTREME WEALTH INEQUALITY AND THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE", is written in a smaller font. A circular portrait of Chuck Collins is on the left. The date and time, "June 16th 7pm ET", are at the bottom right.

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On Thursday, June 23rd, at 3:30 PM ET, JustFaith Ministries staff members will provide a meeting for anyone interested in learning about the Racial Justice Series. The meeting will include tips about starting groups in your church or area, general information about the programs, and some time for Q&A. Register today!

<https://justfaith.org/june-program-information-meeting/>