

Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation in the time of Covid-19
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Power of Prayer and Intention – thank you to our Sisters, Associates, Companions and Colleagues who are praying daily for those affected by Covid-19, close to home and throughout the world. Thank you for bringing peace, justice, love and hope into our world!

Covid-19 reveals the cracks in our public health and social systems that threaten the health and wellbeing of all. It is a very busy time for peace and justice advocates in this time of Covid-19 and social distancing. Face to face meetings, appointments and conferences are replaced by webinars, digital forums, increased advocacy email alerts and public witness sign-on statements and letters. Covid-19 reveals, what we as a Congregation are acutely aware of, that those who are most vulnerable are the most affected. Those whom we serve ... our immigrant brothers and sisters, those with no health insurance, who are homeless, with limited or no income, no paid sick leave, those in detention and the incarcerated are most at risk. We are grateful and thank colleagues who minister to the vulnerable in organizations connected to the Sisters of Charity of New York. We are grateful for all workers who are serving the people. We keep you and those you serve in prayer. You are doing the work of peace, justice and integrity of creation!

Sisters of Charity of New York PJIC Office and Committees are advocating for the vulnerable during Covid-19 Crisis. Join us and groups we work with closely. Help us advocate for the sacredness of life and the common good.



The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), of which Sisters of Charity of New York is a member organization, launched the COVID-19 Campaign to Protect Immigrant New Yorkers. The SCNY PJIC Office advocates for ***New York United***, a comprehensive plan that calls upon all levels of government to immediately enact common-sense measures to ensure immigrants across the state can remain safe and healthy. The Immigration Committee has been doing email advocacy on this and other issues. To find out more information, visit <https://www.nyic.org/our-work/campaigns/responding-to-covid-19-new-york-united-campaign/>



BREAD FOR THE WORLD is mobilizing its members to address the Covid-19 Crisis and food insecurity nationally and globally. Congress took a good first step and passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R.6201). But more work needs to be done to help the most vulnerable among us. Tell Congress to boost Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) maximum benefits by 15% to ensure vulnerable populations in the U.S. have access to the resources they need. Urge senators and representatives to increase SNAP benefits to help families cope with the economic downturn that is accompanying efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Check www.bread.org/covid-19 for the latest information.



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Ending Slavery is Everyone's Work

Labeling for Lent, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAH) urges seafood producers, distributors, and retailers to make public, through product labeling or other means, their efforts to fight human trafficking in their product supply chains. Sisters of Charity of New York is a member of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (a member of CCOAH), which endorses this campaign. We urge all our supporters to participate! Click on and sign at <https://www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org/take-action/labeling-for-lent/>

Jubilee USA was successful in urging immediate International Monetary Fund (IMF) Covid-19 Action and Relief. Join the Sisters of Charity of New York (a member of Jubilee USA) in supporting one of Jubilee USA's Campaigns. Visit <https://www.jubileeusa.org/> and https://www.jubileeusa.org/pr_covid_19_relief_cardinal

The following websites offer information and ways to protect and advocate for the common good, those most vulnerable as well as ourselves.

<https://unitedwedreamaction.org/covid/>
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/covid-19-resource-page/>
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>

May the words of Pope Francis in his March 27th Urbi et Orbi address fill us with courage to act with love and justice and to live in hope, individually and communally!

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-francis-urbi-et-orbi-blessing-coronavirus.html>

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