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BREAKING BARRIERS: MAKING THE INVISIBLE...VISIBLE

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SUMMIT OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

on the 10th Anniversary of the founding of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice

Eucharist with Most Rev. Bishop Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland

Keynote Address by Sister Helen Prejean CSJ, and

Educational Workshops featuring over 20 presenters from Northeast Ohio raising our awareness of the "invisible" populations in our midst who are affected by POVERTY, TRAFFICKING, DISABILITIES, MIGRATION, INCARCERATION, AND VIOLENCE

(Cover artwork from the Good Samaritan fresco in Saint Gregory Palamas Orthodox Cathedral Thessaloniki, Greece)



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As an organized group of educators from across the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, we strive to support students from our diocese in living the call of their faith to build loving and just relationships which lead to a lasting peace.

We are committed to student formation within the framework of Catholic Social Teaching, which is rooted in the belief that all humans have dignity and are loved by God.

We are dedicated to providing opportunities that allow students to grow in awareness of social justice issues through coming together as a community of faith in prayer and facilitating participation in meaningful and appropriate social action.

We are devoted to fostering cooperative unity among Catholic schools and cultivating solidarity between all who yearn for justice.

We seek to be supportive of all students in these endeavors, especially those from academic institutions with limited resources.

Participants in Today's Summit are from every Catholic High School in the Diocese of Cleveland!

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| <i>Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron</i> | <i>Our Lady of the Elms High School, Akron</i> |
| <i>Beaumont High School, Cleveland Heights</i> | <i>Padua Franciscan High School, Parma</i> |
| <i>Benedictine High School, Cleveland</i> | <i>Saint Edward High School, Lakewood</i> |
| <i>Cleveland Central Catholic High School, Cleveland</i> | <i>Saint Ignatius High School, Cleveland</i> |
| <i>Elyria Catholic High School, Elyria</i> | <i>Saint Joseph Academy, Cleveland</i> |
| <i>Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills</i> | <i>Saint Martin de Porres High School, Cleveland</i> |
| <i>Holy Name High School, Parma Heights</i> | <i>Saint Vincent-Saint Mary High School, Akron</i> |
| <i>Lake Catholic High School, Mentor</i> | <i>Trinity High School, Garfield Heights</i> |
| <i>Magnificat High School, Rocky River</i> | <i>Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School, Cleveland</i> |
| <i>Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School, Chardon</i> | <i>Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls</i> |

Participants from other Catholic High Schools include:

Saint John's Jesuit High School, Toledo – Diocese of Toledo
John F Kennedy Catholic High School, Warren – Diocese of Youngstown

+ Eucharist +

Opening Song: #733 “How Can I Keep from Singing” – Robert Lowry

First Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Response: *Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Homily: Bishop Richard Lennon

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Hear our prayer.

Presentation of the Gifts: #830 “Prayer of Saint Francis” – Sabastian Temple

Communion Song: #915 “One Bread, One Body” - John Foley

Song of Praise: #774 “Blest Are They” - David Haas

Closing Song: #820 “We are Called” - David Haas

Bishop Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland

The Most Rev. Richard Gerard Lennon was installed as the 10th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio on May 15, 2006. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Lennon to the leadership position over nearly 800,000 Catholics in eight counties of Northeast Ohio on April 4, 2006.

A native of the Boston area, Bishop Lennon was born in Arlington, Massachusetts and graduated from Catholic High School and then attended Boston College before entering St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts where he received an M.A. in Church History and a M.Th. in Sacramental Theology.

Installed as the 10th Bishop of Cleveland on May 15, 2006, Bishop Lennon established a vision for the Church in the Diocese of Cleveland focusing upon evangelization with an emphasis on the Gospel. Also prioritized by Bishop Lennon has been the education of pastors and parish staffs and the institution of parish internal audits, diocesan school internal audits, and the establishment of norms on models for Catholic Schools and Catechetical models for Children.



Sister Helen Prejean CSJ

Sister Helen Prejean has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to state executions. She considers herself a southern storyteller and she travels around the world giving talks about her ministry.

Sister Helen is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph. She spent her first years with the Sisters teaching religion to junior high school students. Realizing that being on the side of poor people is an essential part of the Gospel, she moved into the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans and worked at Hope House from 1984 – 1986. During this time, she was asked to correspond with a death row inmate, Patrick Sonnier, at Angola. She agreed and became his spiritual adviser. After witnessing his execution, she wrote a book about the experience. The result was *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*. The book became a movie, an opera and a play for high schools and colleges. Since 1984, Sister Helen has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She has accompanied six men to their deaths. In doing so, she began to suspect that some of those executed were not guilty. This realization inspired her second book, *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*, which was released by Random House in December of 2004.



Workshop Presenters - Sessions ONE and TWO:

MIGRATION (Immigrants, Refugees, Migrant Workers)

Bishop Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland

Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND, Secretary of Parish Life and Development, Diocese of Cleveland

Tom Mrosko, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

Stacy Dever, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

Alissa Ostrove, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

Chelesea Mullarkey, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

Jeff Stewart, Immigrant Worker Project

Father Peter Mihalic and Mrs. Shannon Sterringer, D.Min, St. Anthony of Padua, Fairport Harbor

Daniel Mabuoi, Sudanese Lost Boys of Cleveland

Tim Farrell, Dream Activist Ohio: Undocumented Students Network

Kevin and Natalia Ockunzzi, Independent Adoption Agency - Ukraine to USA

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Kathy Baka, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Keathun Gale, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Peggy Gerovac, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Sister Cecilia Liberatore SND, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Crystal Murphy, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Sister Laura Wingert SND, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking

VIOLENCE (Bullying, Sexual Violence, Militarization, Genocide)

Mark Swaim-Fox/Lisa Lefstein-Berusch, Facing History and Ourselves

Lt Tammy Tarleton, Capt. Lamont Dodson, Cpl .Michelle Cruz & Cpl Serena, StopBullying.gov/Cleveland Municipal School District

Alison Rerko, Fairview Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Brian Dodyk, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Brian Stefan-Szittai & Andy Tares, InterReligious Task Force on Central America

Dr. Richard Clark, John Carroll University Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Program

Workshop Presenters -Sessions THREE and FOUR:

POVERTY

Barb Taylor and Jennie Highfield, West Side Catholic Center

Angelo Anderson, 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter

Natalie Leek-Nelson, Providence House

Rev. Randy Brown, The City Mission

DISABILITIES

Chris Garr, Youth Challenge

Rachel Reeves, Saint Martin de Porres High School

Sylvia Snyder, Cleveland Sight Center

Karen Fifelski, Southwest Adult Activities Center and Holy Name HS Bowling with Friends

Virginia Malloy, Saint Martin de Porres High School

Jean Mendis, Deaf Access Program at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center

Mary Lou Beers, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Willowick

PRISONERS (Death Penalty and Prison Ministry)

Fr. Neil Kookoothe, Death row spiritual advisor & pastor St. Clarence North Olmsted & **Joe D'Abrosio**, Former Death Row Inmate

Adrian Griffin, Ohioans to Stop Executions

Sr. Erin Zubal OSU & Sr. Beverly Ann OSU, Prison Ministry and Women's Re-Entry

Father Neil Walters, Prison Ministry, St. Clarence North Olmsted

Edward Little, Cuyahoga County Office for Reentry

Shakya E. Diaz, American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio

Kathy Soltis, Cleveland Coalition Against the Death Penalty

Advocacy

Seven Easy Steps to contact your Legislators

1. Visit either www.house.gov or www.senate.gov
2. In the top right, please plug in your zip code (for the House) or state (for the Senate), where it indicates: "FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE" or "FIND YOUR SENATOR." This will connect you to your representative or senator's website.
3. Once at their website, click on the contact me button
4. It will take you to a form, asking you to enter your contact information
5. Take the time to fill out the form with all of your necessary contact information.
6. Let your elected official hear your views- add your comments in the comment section. This is a great way to share what you've learned today! To learn more about **Catholic Social Teaching** on each issue see the US Bishop's Website:
Violence: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/violence/>
Poverty: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/poverty/>
Human Trafficking: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/human-trafficking/>
Migrants/Refugees: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/migrants-refugees-and-travelers/>
Immigration: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/>
Prisoners: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/>
Death Penalty: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/death-penalty-capital-punishment/>
Disabilities: <http://old.usccb.org/prolife/personswithdisabilities.shtml> & <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability/>
7. Click submit and you've done it!

Organizational Fair Presenters

During lunch, you will be able to meet representatives from these organizations and learn how you can get involved:

- Catholic Charities Disabilities Services
- Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking
- Facing History and Ourselves
- InterReligious Task Force on Central America
- John Carroll Univ. Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Dept
- 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter
- Providence House
- Youth Challenge
- Cuyahoga County Office for Re-Entry
- Dream Activist of Ohio
- American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio
- Ohioans to Stop Executions
- Stop Bullying.gov-Cleveland Municipal Sch. Dist.
- Cleveland Coalition Against the Death Penalty
- Fairview Hospital Sexual Assault Department

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