



Parish Sign-up Kit

Catholic Legislative Network

Thank you for getting your parish involved in promoting the common good. By publicizing the Network, and encouraging others to join you are adding your voice to thousands of Californians dedicated to bringing the values and wisdom of Catholic social teaching to public policy decisions.

In this kit you will find sample bulletin announcements, flyers, and sign-up cards (in English and Spanish). More cards are always available by contacting the California Catholic Conference.

Some ideas for spreading the word about the Network include:

- Work with your pastor to set up a Sunday to speak at all the masses. Explain the Network to your fellow parishioners, and have a supply of sign-up cards available after mass.
- If you have an internet connection available, log onto www.cacatholic.org and have parishioners sign-up directly on-line for the network.
- Once you join, you will receive a brief update each week on policy developments in the state and nation. Many of these items can be copied and pasted directly into a parish bulletin.
- Set up a link to www.cacatholic.org on your website.
- Sign-up for free parish social action training. We'll assemble a team of experts from your dioceses and neighboring ones, as well as experts in various forms of advocacy.
- Talk to neighboring parishes, schools and other groups about joining in the training. Schedule a Network Night to introduce others to the Network's resources.
- Participate in Catholic Lobby Day, held each year in Sacramento. You can find your diocesan coordinators contact information on www.cacatholic.org.
- **Most importantly**, use the Network to communicate with your representatives. Occasional alerts will be issued – all you will have to do is click “Take Action.” But you can use the resources of the Catholic Legislative Network any time you want. It's simple *and* effective.

Contact us at www.cacatholic.org or phone the Conference at 916.313.4000.

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Join with thousands of other fellow Catholics around the state in making a difference in our communities and advancing the common good. Visit www.cacatholic.org to join.



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Together, we will raise the **quality** and **compassion** of the public policy debate in California and bring a special emphasis to the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized.

The **Catholic Legislative Network** is a joint project of all 12 dioceses in California.

Both our faith and our civic duty compel us to engage our government representatives – to remind them of the **common good** and to inform them of the **needs of our communities**. Add your voice to thousands of Catholics throughout California

Join other Catholics in bringing the rich and caring messages of **Catholic social teaching** to today's public policy debates.

- Receive **alerts** on critical issues and opportunities to communicate with your representatives about the issues you find important.
- Gather with others in special **events** to explore the issues of the day and the meaning of the common good means in today's world.
- Become part of an influential **voice for good**.

The Catholic Legislative Networks covers the breadth of Catholic social teaching...

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Right and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work and Workers
- Solidarity
- Caring for God's Creation

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Sample Bulletin Announcements

Stay Informed! Make a Difference!

The Catholic Legislative Network – a cooperative venture of all 12 arch/diocese in California – is a simple way to keep up on the public policy issues of the day and explore how Catholic social teaching applies. Sign up today at www.catholic.org.

Faithful Citizenship

Perplexed over the moral and ethical debates in today's world? Catholic social teaching can help you explore your own thinking and how to apply it to public policy issues facing your community, state, nation and world. Receive email newsletters and alerts to help you keep up to date. Sign up for the Catholic Legislative Network, a program of all 12 arch/diocese in California, at www.catholic.org. Start making a difference today!

Elections Only Go So Far

Voting for or against a candidate isn't always enough. The Catholic Legislative Network helps you communicated with your representatives on the critical issues in your community, state and world. Plus its examination of Catholic social teaching helps you understand and appreciate our rich tradition and how to apply it to your decisions. Sign up at www.catholic.org.

Once the Voting's Over, Then What?

Faithful citizenship is more than just casting a ballot. It means becoming involved in promoting the common good. The Catholic Legislative Network examines today's issue using Catholic social teaching as a guide. Visit www.catholic.org for more information.

Catholic Social Teaching: Major Themes – Learn how each applies to today's public policy debates. Make a difference with your elected officials. Join the Catholic Legislative Network at www.catholic.org.

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