

Prayer Experiences

[Christian Unity](#): Every January 18-25 we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During this week a Christian Unity Prayer Service is held with the Orlando Diocesan Bishop and other area faith leaders. Students are encouraged to attend and participate. Contact the Office of Advocacy and Justice to confirm your school's attendance.

Programs and Contests

[CCHD Multimedia Youth Arts Contest](#): The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest is an opportunity for schools to engage young people **grades 7-12** in learning about the root causes of poverty; CCHD's support for groups of empowered, low-income people working to address these causes; and Catholic social teaching's call for Catholics to support such efforts through both charitable works and social justice. Lesson plans are available for Religion, Civics, Social Studies, Art, and English classes. [Click here](#) to watch a video about the 2010 Second Place national winners from St. Andrew's Catholic School.

[Operation Rice Bowl](#): Resources for educators are designed to help you share, through the lens of Catholic social teaching, information about our world community and the realities faced by many in our global family. Lesson plans for **grades 1-12** bring to life the personal stories of people CRS serves around the world, and your students will learn how they can help transform our world using the traditional practices of Lent. Available in English and Spanish.

[Fair Trade Fundraising](#): Fundraising is about more than dollars. It's about bringing your community together to support worthy projects that improve our lives. Your fundraiser can have twice the impact when you "Raise Money Right". A CRS Raise Money Right Fair Trade chocolate fundraiser helps your community raise funds while helping cocoa farmers around the world have a better life. Speakers are available to come to your school to present on Fair Trade and Catholic social teaching. **All Ages**

[Food Fast](#): Grounded in Catholic social teaching, Food Fast teaches youth about issues faced by their peers in the developing world; encourages youth to take action on behalf of the poor and hungry; and invites youth to share their perspectives and knowledge about our world with their community to create lasting change in our world. Find prayers, reflections, lesson plans, schedule, and activities on the website. **Middle and High School**

[Justice Walking](#): (J-Walking) is a three to six month "prophet-raising" process that forms small communities of adults and older teens who experiment with living the Gospel message. Key to this process are the relationships created within each J-Walking community and those they encounter at the margins of our society. Program includes 12 bi-weekly sessions and costs \$200 per group/per year. **High School**

Lesson Plans and Resources

The Diocese of Orlando Media Center is an excellent resource for DVDs and media on related topics. [Search their catalog here.](#)

Catholic Social Teaching

[Lesson Plans and Resources](#) from the USCCB

Stewardship/Care for God's Creation:

Consider introducing this topic near October 4- the feast day of St. Francis.

[Catholics and Climate Change](#): Power Point presentations, Climate Change Lesson Plan grades **K-2**, Climate Change Reports

[Catholic Climate Covenant](#): Climate Change Primer, Handouts, Resource Packets, St. Francis Pledge, Action Ideas **Middle and High School**

Sacredness and Dignity of Life

[About Abortion, About Life](#): An interactive 18 minute video produced by the Florida Catholic Conference hosted by Bishop Victor Galeone, Diocese of St. Augustine.

Includes a quiz, call to action, Church teaching, facts and statistics, and ways to help. **Middle and High School**

[Life and Dignity of the Human Person](#): Lesson Plan for **Elementary School**

[Life and Dignity of the Human Person](#): Lesson Plan for **Middle and High School**

[Supporting Ethical Stem Cell Research](#): An 11 minute multimedia presentation hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski which provides background on stem cells, the difference between adult and embryonic stem cells, ethical concerns and alternatives, and medical success stories. **Middle and High School**

Death Penalty [Study Guide](#) and [Prayer Service](#)

Solidarity

[CRS Campus Connection](#): Provides academic resources and campus activities related to solidarity and global poverty. **High School**

[One Human Family](#): Lesson Plan for **Elementary School**

[One Human Family](#): Lesson Plan for **Middle and High School**

[Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#): Ideas for involvement for students age 10 and under and age 10 and above. **All Ages**

[Catholic Relief Services](#) Resources and Lesson Plans

[Peace in Sudan](#): Activities, Prayers, and Updates on the Sudan

Rights and Responsibilities

[Faithful Citizenship](#): Provides resources, lesson plans, and suggested activities for a variety of grade levels for teaching about our civic responsibility as Catholics. **All Ages**

Option for the Poor

[Option for the Poor and Vulnerable](#): Lesson Plan for **Elementary School**

[Option for the Poor and Vulnerable](#): Lesson Plan for **Middle and High School**

[Justice, Fairness, and Changing the Rules](#): A game illustrating the difference between justice and charity. **Elementary and Middle School**

[PovertyUSA Education Center](#): For grades **K-12**. Gives a focus, activity, ways to get involved, and places to learn more.

[PovertyUSA Quiz](#): Students can test their knowledge on this regularly updated quiz. Online or handout version available. **Middle and High School**

[PovertyUSA Student Action Project](#): The *Poverty USA Student Action Project* extends CCHD's mission to our school children, helping to raise our youth's awareness of poverty in America and to promote a continuing commitment to social justice. This toolkit is designed to help Catholic elementary school principals and teachers as well as religious education directors engage their schools and/or parishes in a poverty awareness campaign utilizing resources developed by CCHD. For grades **K-8**.

[Ending Poverty in Community \(EPIC\)](#): an interactive, interdisciplinary curriculum for youth ministry programs and **high school** classrooms. The lessons will introduce participants to the epidemic of poverty in the United States and to the steps they can take to work with the poor in eliminating the root causes of poverty today. The curriculum comprises six lessons with classroom-ready handouts, warm-up exercises and reflection activities that reinforce student learning and inspire a faith response.

Community and Common Good

[Caritas in Veritate](#): Resources for Pope Benedict's third encyclical including: 4 Sessions of Study Guides, Action Guide, Outline of document, Reflection Guide, and Power Point Presentation. **High School and Adult**

Peace

[CRS Education: Going Global with Youth](#): Search for resources and lesson plans by country or topic. Includes, Haiti, Darfur, Iraq, Sudan, and others. **Middle and High School**

