



# Office of Advocacy & Justice

"The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful." Pope Benedict XVI

## Don't Forget to Vote! Election Day is Two Weeks Away!

"Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will."

*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



## Know What the Presidential Candidates Stand for

Being an informed voter is essential for all citizens. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has released an information sheet detailing the presidential candidates' positions on a variety of issues. The candidates' own words, websites, or public policy statements have been used to explain their positions. Please refer to this flyer as a way to inform yourself of where the candidates stand. [Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates.](#)



## Florida's Bishops Support Amendments 6 and 8!

Our bishops are urging us to vote yes on amendments 6 and 8.

**Amendment 6** prohibits public funding for abortion and would allow for parental consent laws regarding abortion. Please read our [bishops' statements](#) on amendment 6. Watch the latest ad: [Hard Choices](#).

**Amendment 8** would ensure that religious individuals and organizations are not discriminated against by our government. Please read what our [bishops](#) have said about amendment 8. [Watch ad.](#)



## Congratulations to Karen Reilly, Respect Life Volunteer of the Year 2012 for the Diocese of Orlando!

Karen Reilly, a volunteer who serves as the Diocese of Orlando's Rachel's Vineyard coordinator, was recognized at this year's Respect Life Conference in Jacksonville.

The Office of Advocacy and Justice thanks Karen for her outstanding efforts to spread the message of healing to post-abortive women. May God bless her! For more information about this life-changing ministry please click below:



Registration is now open for the MRS/CLINIC national conference  
**Migration Policy and Advocacy in 2013 and Beyond:  
New Challenges and New Opportunities.**

The registration site is <http://www.cvent.com/d/zcqs9t>  
To view an invitation to the conference, go to:  
<http://www.cvent.com/d/zcqs9t/1Q>

Please share this information with your networks, colleagues, and other supporters of immigrants.  
Contact [acube@uscbb.org](mailto:acube@uscbb.org) with any questions about the conference or for registering for the event. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta! -The Justice for Immigrants Team

### More updates from Justice for Immigrants:

[Arizona Catholic Bishops' Statement on Federal Court Lifting SB 1070 Injunction](#)

[Latest news from Justice for Immigrants.](#)

## Join Us for the March for Life St. Augustine on January 19, 2013



Schedule  
10:30am Arrive in St. Augustine  
11:00am Speakers/Tour Mission  
12pm March/Keynote Speaker  
1:45pm Lunch/Tour the Cathedral  
2:30pm Depart St. Augustine

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Mark Houck**  
**The King's Men**  
**"Building men in the mold leader, protector, and provider."**

**Other speakers include:**  
**Bishop Felipe Estévez**  
**Pastor Bill Montgomery**  
**And others...**

To register please call us at 407-246-4819 or email us at: [aluciano@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:aluciano@orlandodiocese.org)

## Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions for October

**General Intention:** New Evangelization. That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

**Missionary Intention:** World Mission Day. That the celebration of World Mission day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

## Calendar of Events

### November:

**3: Helpers' Mass and Rosary Procession, St. James Cathedral, 8am**

**18: Million Meals Challenge, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, [more info.](#)**

### December:

**1: Helpers' Mass and Rosary Procession with Bishop John Noonan, St. Mary Magdalen, 8am**

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### January:

**5: Helpers' Mass and Rosary Procession, St. Augustine in Casselberry, 9am**

**19: March for Life, St. Augustine, FL**

**22: Prayer Service for Christian Unity St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, 10:30am**

