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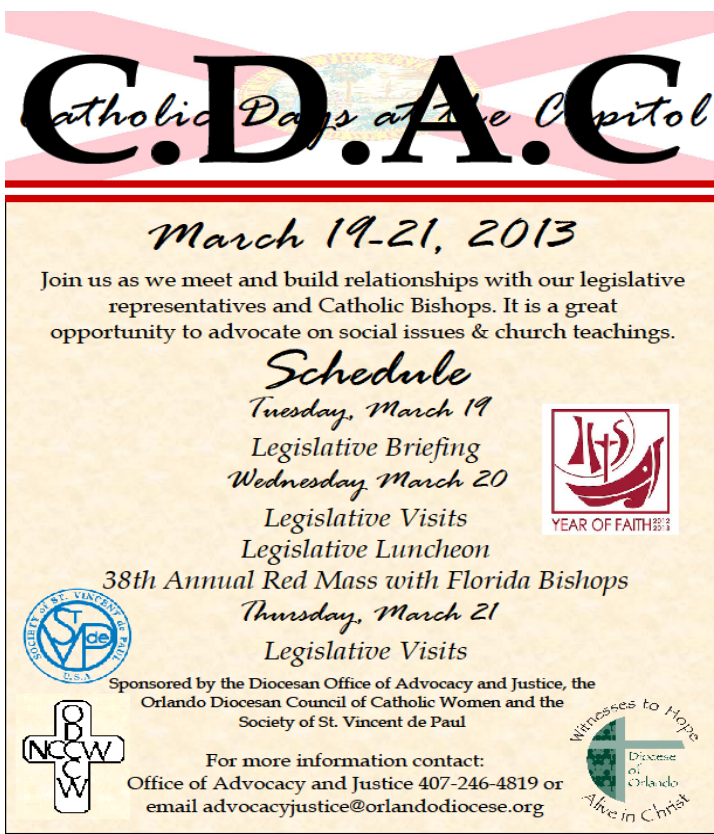
"The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful." -Pope Benedict XVI

USCCB RESPONSE TO NEW HHS PROPOSAL : FALLS SHORT IN MEETING CHURCH CONCERNS

The Feb. 1 Notice of Proposed Rule making from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) shows some movement by the Administration but falls short of addressing U.S. bishops' concerns. "Throughout the past year, we have been assured by the Administration that we will not have to refer, pay for, or negotiate for the mandated coverage. We remain eager for the Administration to fulfill that pledge and to find acceptable solutions—we will affirm any genuine progress that is made, and we will redouble our efforts to overcome obstacles or setbacks," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), in a February 7 statement. "Thus, we welcome and will take seriously the Administration's invitation to submit our concerns through formal comments, and we will do so in the hope that an acceptable solution can be found that respects the consciences of all. At the same time, we will continue to stand united with brother bishops, religious institutions, and individual citizens who seek redress in the courts for as long as this is necessary." To read Cardinal Dolan's statement, see: www.usccb.org/news/2013/13-037.cfm

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Youth Arts Contest Deadline is March 1st!

The deadline to submit your art work for the 2013 CCHD Youth Art Contest is quickly approaching. The 2013 theme is "Be a Disciple! Put Two Feet of Love in Action"-the contest is a great opportunity to teach about the **new two feet model**. Educators lead participants through 5 easy steps to learn about U.S. poverty, CCHD's response, and the Two Feet of Love in Action. Visit the contest materials now in **English**, or call the Office of Advocacy and Justice for details and ways teachers can meet their class objectives through the implementation of the art project. Call 407-246-4819 or email: advocacyjustice@orlandodiocese.org for more information. **DEADLINE is March 1.** Watch the recent interview with 2012's contest winner, Harley June Smith from St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School and her teacher Mrs. Gilda Brink for ideas on how to get started on your art project submission, [here!](#) Or go to our [CCHD page in our website](#).



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Catholic Days at the Capitol

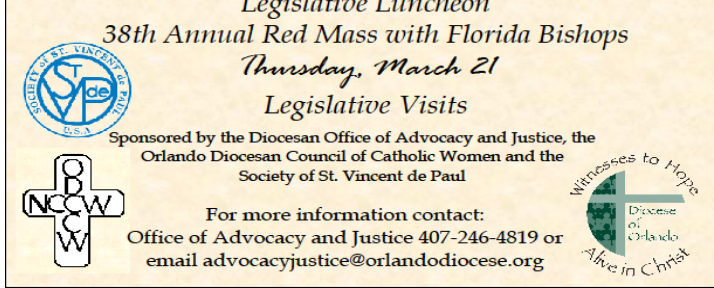
March 19-21, 2013

Join us as we meet and build relationships with our legislative representatives and Catholic Bishops. It is a great opportunity to advocate on social issues & church teachings.

Schedule
 Tuesday, March 19
 Legislative Briefing
 Wednesday, March 20
 Legislative Visits
 Legislative Luncheon
 38th Annual Red Mass with Florida Bishops
 Thursday, March 21
 Legislative Visits

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Advocacy and Justice, the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For more information contact:
 Office of Advocacy and Justice 407-246-4819 or
 email advocacyjustice@orlandodiocese.org



Calendar of Events 2013

February:

13: 40 Days for Life begins,
Contact Irene Sandler at iredoyle@aol.com for more information

March:

19-21: Catholic Days at the Capitol, Tallahassee, FL
[more info here!](#)

30: Holy Saturday Morning Prayer and Rosary Procession with Bishop Noonan, St. James Cathedral Orlando 8am

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[Cardinal Dolan's Statement on the abdication of Pope Benedict XVI](#)

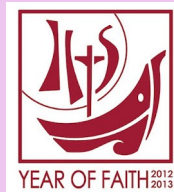
[Military Archdiocese objects to Department of Defense Same-Sex Couple Policies that Undermine Marriage](#)

[Lenten Resources](#)

[USCCB Page about Lent](#)

[Catholic Relief Services Lent Activities, Reflections, Recipes, etc..](#)

[Lent and Easter Guidelines for the Diocese of Orlando](#)



Execution Scheduled for February 26th

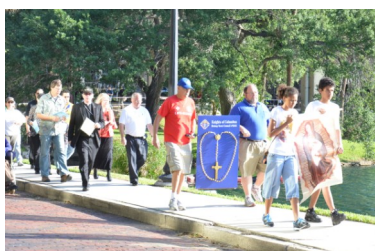
Paul Howell is scheduled to be executed on Tuesday, February 26th. Please pray for Mr. Howell, his family, the victim's family and friends, that they will continue to receive healing through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; for all the public officials involved in this scheduled execution; for Governor Scott, that he will discern God's will and apply the teachings of our Catholic faith on the death penalty. Please refer to the petitions and bulletin insert below. If you would like to schedule a prayer service for your parish or want more information, contact the Office of Advocacy and Justice, advocacyjustice@orlandodiocese.org or 407-246-4819.

The U. S. Catholic Bishops have called all Catholics to participate in a campaign to achieve the abolishment of the death penalty, see: www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/.

SURVEY: Parents Overwhelmingly See Media Violence As Influence on Real Violence

While entertainment industry executives attempt to deflect any responsibility for the "culture of violence" gripping America, parents know better. According to a recent survey, a whopping 77% of parents say violence in entertainment creates a culture of violence -- more than said access to guns does. And even more parents (88%) said that ads for violent video games, TV shows, or movies should not be shown during programs watched by large numbers of children. [Read more from the Parents Television Council's newsletter.](#)

Helpers' Mass and Rosary Procession A Witness of Love and Compassion



In future issues we will discuss this ministry and how you can participate in becoming a witness to life.

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions for February

General: That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

Missionary: That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

