



Office of Advocacy & Justice

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

Farewell Holy Father!

It is with a sense of sadness and excitement that we say goodbye to our dear Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI as he prepares to retreat to a life of prayer. Sad because we have grown accustomed to his sensible words and gracious smile and will surely miss his rich teachings. Exciting because we will now witness the election of St. Peter's Successor amid circumstances rarely seen in the 2,000 plus years of Christ's Church.

In homage to our beloved Benedict XVI we have provided below some links to statements and writings of the Holy Father in regards to issues of Life and Justice. May the Lord continue to bless him!

[A brief summary of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate](#)

[On the Sanctity of Human Life \(From Priests for Life\)](#)

[On the Importance of Marriage and Family](#)

[On Social Justice Issues](#)

[On Environmental Issues](#)



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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



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Calendar of Events

2013

March:

40 Days for Life continues through Lent, Contact Irene Sandler at iredoyle@aol.com for more information

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

30: Holy Saturday Morning Prayer and Rosary Procession with Bishop Noonan, St. James Cathedral Orlando 8am, [Flyer!](#)

April:

3: Pregnancy Center Luncheon, Chancery 12pm

21: Year of Faith Conference, St. Andrew, Orlando

USCCB News

[Information on Papal Transition](#)

[Christian Leaders Urge Bipartisan Solutions That Protect Poor People As Sequestration Looms](#)

Lenten Resources

[USCCB Page about Lent](#)

Catholic Relief Services Lent

[Activities, Reflections,](#)

[Recipes, etc..](#)

Lent and Easter Guidelines

[for the Diocese of Orlando](#)

Join us for the March for Rights, Respect & Fair Food

March 7-17

"The Fair Food movement began in February of 2000, when farm workers from Immokalee -- who until then had been largely locked in anonymous battle with Florida tomato growers within the boundaries of Immokalee -- joined forces with students, people of faith, and everyday consumers to take their call for "Dignity, Dialogue, and a Fair Wage" on the road. With little more than a map to guide them, a field truck to carry their supplies, and a 12-ft tall replica of the Statue of Liberty made of fabric, plaster and duct tape to lead the way, they took off on a two-week long trek from Ft. Myers to the offices of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association in Orlando."



[Click here for more information and Locations.](#)

Bishop John Noonan will join us and give us his blessing at the Publix Distribution Center on March 16th around 3pm . The address is as follows: 3005 New Tampa Highway, Lakeland, FL 33815

Stay of Execution Granted for Paul Howell

Paul Augustus Howell was scheduled to be executed by lethal injection on February 26th. A stay of execution has been granted and extended. "A federal appeals court issued a temporary stay of execution Monday in the case of Paul Augustus Howell, who was sentenced to death for killing a Florida Highway Patrol trooper in 1992. The temporary stay, issued by a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, put on hold for now the execution of Paul Augustus Howell, who had been scheduled to die by lethal injection Tuesday night at Florida State Prison in Starke." [Read the full story.](#) 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/.

From the Parents Television Council

A ten-part series on the Bible will air on the History Channel starting March 3rd. Read the Parents Television Council [interview](#) with producers and a [review](#) of the series.

Prayer for the Election of a Pope (from the Roman Missal)

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

