

# Office of Advocacy & Justice

"To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope."

-Pope Francis

## MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE ADVOCACY AND JUSTICE TEAM

On May 12, 2014, Kelley Santalla became the Administrative Assistant for Advocacy and Justice. She is a graduate of Boston College with a degree in Speech & Communication. Over the past 20 years, she has worked in a variety of industries in administration, information technology, corporate training, marketing and advertising, consulting, accounting and legal services.



Growing up in Upstate New York, Kelley helped to run multiple family businesses in the construction, real estate development, and airplane leasing industries. Travel around the country with her husband's career led to positions at: Viacom's Showtime Satellite Networks in the marketing and advertising department where she conducted comparative research on competing networks; a large Seattle-based HVAC Mechanical contractor working in project administration, providing corporate training and developing archival and information management systems; and Weyerhaeuser Corp. supporting the Information and Technology and Research and Development departments.

While living in Georgia and Miami, Kelley continued to work in information technology, and designed, programmed, and maintained database management systems for various small firms. Most recently, Kelley served as the Education Coordinator for the Civic Life Project, Inc.—a non-profit organization that partners with high schools and universities to teach the art of documentary filmmaking as a means to engage young people in civics and government. Prior to joining Civic Life Project, she spent several years teaching Spanish as well as teaching in the early childhood program at a small Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT. Kelley resides in Avalon Park, FL with her husband and three children. You can reach her at [ksantalla@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:ksantalla@orlandodiocese.org) or by phone at 407.246.4819.

# NEWS

[Planned Parenthood Facility Opens in Kissimmee, FL](#)

[Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments of Breast Cancer Prevention Institute Amicus Brief](#)

[Abortion Breast Cancer Link Confirmed in Chinese Meta-Analysis](#)

[Join the Catholic Mobilizing Network \(CMN\) Rejuvenation Campaign to End the Death Penalty and Promote Restorative Justice](#)

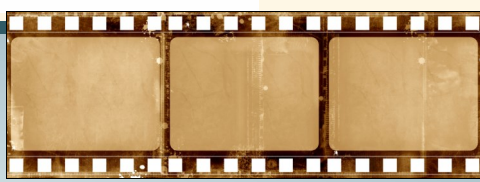
[On Fire for Immigration Reform: A Pentecost Resource](#)

[Spanish Version](#)



## Stand Up for Responsibly Grown Food with EFI

The Equitable Food Initiative is an innovative program designed to ensure that food has "integrity from farm to fork." Take the EFI Pledge now to stand up for responsibly grown food. [Read More](#)



## Hungry for Justice Film

*Hungry for Justice* tells the story of a local Florida farm, [The Family Garden](#), and their commitment to focus on social justice issues for their workers by seeking the Food Justice Certification (FJC) and market label. FJC, a project of the Agricultural Justice Project, is unique as it is the only third party verification program to cover U.S. farmworkers and farmers, as well as other food system workers, that has included farmers and farm worker representatives in the development of the certification standards, the verification process, and in a consensus-style governance structure. [Watch the Video Here.](#)

## I WAS IN PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRY

By Cathy Jarboe, CMN Director for Catholic State Networks and Organizations



Dale Recinella has gathered thousands of stories – both joyful and painful - along his 20-year journey as a spiritual counselor and Catholic lay chaplain in Florida's prisons. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Florida, he ministers cell-to-cell to the more than 400 men on Florida's death row and the approximately 2,000 men in Florida's long-term solitary confinement. He and his wife, Dr. Susan Ward Recinella, have ministered as a team during executions. He serves as spiritual advisor to the condemned and Dr. Recinella serves as a lay minister to the families and loved ones of the condemned.

Dale and Susan are inspirational speakers and members of the CMN Speakers Bureau team – traveling internationally and throughout the U.S., telling their personal story and sharing the powerful and tragic stories of those they meet in their daily lives. [Read more.](#)

## Seven Reasons Why We Need Prison Reform



1. The U.S.A. is the only country in the Western industrialized world that still uses the death penalty.
2. Since the war on drugs began in 1971, America's prison population has grown 700%. We lock up more people than any other country in the world, holding 25% of the world's prison population (but we only have 5% of the world's people).
3. Since 1980, California has built one college campus and 21 prisons.
4. Ten years ago there were only five private prisons in the country. Today there are 100. The prison industry complex is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States, with its own trade exhibitions, conventions, and catalogs.
5. The majority of people we incarcerate in this country have never committed a violent crime: 97% of federal inmates and about two-thirds of state inmates have been convicted of nonviolent offenses.
6. Poor people and people of color are disproportionately affected by incarceration. A recent study found that one in every three African-American males will be incarcerated at some point in their lives.
7. The passage of the "three strikes" laws in 13 states (life in prison after being convicted of three felonies) made it necessary to build 20 new federal prisons. One of the most disturbing cases resulting from this measure was that of a prisoner who received three 25-year sentences for stealing a car and two bicycles.

(Sources: [globalresearch.org](http://globalresearch.org) and [usccb.org](http://usccb.org))

## PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

By Fr. David Kelly



*Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation Training Circle meeting.*

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR) is a not-for-profit organization that reaches out to youth and family in the Back of the Yards/Englewood community in Chicago, in particular those who are impacted by incarceration and conflict. We embrace two core values: hospitality and accompaniment.

[Read more and view a video of Fr. Kelly](#)

## NEW RESOURCE: WEEKLY SPANISH LANGUAGE PODCASTS EXPAND CMN'S REACH



CMN's outreach to the Catholic Latino community is growing stronger! Working with journalist Andrea Acosta, CMN is producing a weekly podcast addressing the church's teaching on the death penalty and restorative justice in three versions (30 seconds, 1 minute, and 5 minutes).

The podcast format makes the program suitable for use in various ways: for radio programs, on YouTube and websites, in social media, and more! The podcast is being distributed to a network of 34 Hispanic Catholic radio stations and networks, reaching nearly a million people. We are looking for more stations and networks. Starting soon, CMN will post these on Facebook and Twitter (#CMNPodcast). The first podcast received great feedback from Virginia, California, and even Argentina!

[Listen to it here.](#) Please share the podcast and retweet freely. For more information, contact [sr.ilaria@catholicmobilizing.org](mailto:sr.ilaria@catholicmobilizing.org).

### Prayer Intentions for Our Community:

Please pray for Haylee Madison Crawford, granddaughter of Michael and Joyce Crawford

## Live Out Loud! On Buena Nueva FM!

With Deborah Stafford Shearer From the Office of Advocacy and Justice

What does the Church teach about euthanasia or abortion? Does the Church have a position on environmental issues and immigration?

What is our responsibility towards the poor? What are our duties as Catholics and citizens in the political realm?

Listen in **every Monday at 11:00am** as Deborah Stafford Shearer answers these and many other questions regarding Catholic Social Teaching and living our faith fully through the Gospel. From beginning of life issues to economics and beyond, Catholic Social Teaching brings the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church together to help the laity build a just and ordered society oriented towards the common good and discipleship.



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## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

The Pope's general prayer intention for June is:

"That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples."

His mission intention is:

"That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization."

Visit these websites for up-to-date news about the Holy Father:

[News.va](http://News.va)

[L'Osservatore Romano](http://L'Osservatore Romano)

[Rome Reports](http://Rome Reports)

