



# Just Notes

A newsletter from the Life, Peace and Justice Commission for the Diocese of Reno, Nevada

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## Statement of Purpose for the Commission:

We, the Life, Peace, and Justice Commission, attest to the unity we share in the Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit. In solidarity, directed by Catholic Social Teaching and inspired by Scripture, we commit ourselves to encourage our parish communities to work for justice and peace. We speak for the voiceless in our community and world, seeking to advocate for the dignity of all and promote the unity that we share as the creation of a loving God.



Walking the Walk

Key Themes of our Catholic Social Teaching

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Rights and Responsibilities

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Solidarity

Care for God's Creation

## BISHOP McELROY ON FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Sept. 6, 2012 - 7:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
100 Bishop Manogue Drive - Reno

By special invitation, the Diocese of Reno hosts Bishop Robert McElroy, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, who will speak to the people of our diocese on the USCCB document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. The talk will be titled "Three Questions of Conscience: What Does It Take to Be Both Faithfully Catholic And Politically Engaged in Today's America?" and will address the issues of religious liberty, conscience and voting, partisanship in America today and the principles of *Faithful Citizenship*. Bishop Robert W. McElroy received a master's of divinity degree from St. Patrick Seminary and University in 1979. He was ordained to the priesthood April 12, 1980 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Bishop McElroy's educational background also includes a bachelor's degree in History from Harvard University, a master's degree in History from Stanford University, a doctorate in Political Science from Stanford, and a doctorate in moral theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has taught at the university level and is the author of two books and many articles. All are welcome.

## IMMIGRATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Diocese of Reno and the national Justice for Immigrants present an *Immigration Education Campaign, Justice for Immigrants – a Journey of Hope*. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger among us and to simply love our neighbor. In order to work toward solutions to the complex problems, we must be informed. Learn about: The U.S. Bishops' stance on immigration and Justice for Immigrants, the myths and facts of immigration, the economic effects of immigration, and immigration reality in the United States. Education evenings have been held at St. Albert the Great, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Snows, and Holy Cross. Scheduled education evenings are at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M., St. Rose of Lima on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M., and St. Francis in Incline Village on September 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Rita Sloan, Life, Peace and Justice coordinator at [wrksloan@hotmail.com](mailto:wrksloan@hotmail.com) or 775-849-1653.

"If you want peace, work for justice." - Pope Paul VI

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**ACTIONN**

**Acting in Community Together In Organizing Northern Nevada**

By Elizabeth Reville

**ACTIONN is a new faith-based community organization that is coming together to help build leadership for the common good and whose members are committed to acting on shared values to help build a more just world. This effort is being led by several local congregations and faith leaders who are building this new organization. Committed to putting their faith into action, representatives from several congregations have held many research meetings with local leaders from the business industry, education, and governmental agencies to discuss issues dealing with jobs and education in the State of Nevada. The nonpartisan group has conducted voter registration drives in faith communities and throughout the public sector. Please plan on attending the ACTIONN Founding Convention scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at Little Flower Catholic Community from 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. All are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about ACTIONN, please contact Rita Sloan at [rwrksloan@hotmail.com](mailto:rwrksloan@hotmail.com) or 775-849-1653.**

**PARISH NEWS: ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

By Deone Smith

**Eight St. Rose of Lima *JustFaith* graduates were acknowledged at the 5:00 pm Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. These parishioners attended 30 weekly sessions of *JustFaith*, which is a national program that has graduated over 30,000 participants. In Northern Nevada, parishioners from St. Francis, Holy Cross, Our Lady of Snows, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Teresa of Avila have participated in this program and its educational modules. Parishioners who commit to the program share a journey through scripture, prayer, weekly readings and discussion, videos, speakers, and the opportunity to put into practice the tenets of our Catholic social teaching.**

**This program helps us to examine our attitudes about poverty and homelessness and our response to these issues, and to see the dignity in each human being, recognizing that we are one humanity in Christ. As a graduate of the *JustFaith* program, I believe that *JustFaith* provides us with direction to strive for the kingdom of God by focusing on God's ways. God judges us as to how compassionate we are to every human being, no matter what their status. The *JustFaith* community meets people where they are thereby we become solution-seekers. This fall, St. Rose of Lima will conduct another *JustFaith* 30-week session. To learn more about bringing the *JustFaith* program to your parish, please contact Rita Sloan at 849-1653 or Deone Smith at 828-2118.**