



Workshops Available from Catholic Relief Services

The workshops below are available in West Coast dioceses for 2008-2009.

Topics can be presented in either one or two hours for:

- Conference workshops
- Ministry formation programs
- Continuing education for ministry staff, clergy, leadership

Also, presentations can be tailored to the needs or interests of a specific gathering.

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please contact: **Joe Hastings** at jhastings@crs.org or 206-568-7237 for **Workshops 1- 5** and **Maria G. Arroyo** at marroyo@crs.org or 619-987-5266 for **Workshops 6-8** which are offered in both Spanish and English.

1. The People of the Way: Teaching the Bible's Story of Migrants and Refugees

People who are migrants and refugees are often at the margins of American culture, but they are at the center of the Bible. From Genesis to the Epistles, the Bible is the story of God's presence among migrants in search of a new life in new lands and refugees escaping war, persecution, and conflict. This workshop draws together the Bible's many stories of migrants and refugees and gives participants' tools for reading, interpreting, and teaching these stories in their parishes and schools.

2. Starting and Strengthening Parish Social Ministry

Ministries that serve the poor and advocate for justice are as central to the parish as celebrating liturgy or forming parishioners in our faith. This workshop helps participants in planning to start a parish social justice ministry that is (1) rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, (2) connected to other ministries in the parish, and (3) a leaven to invite all parishioners to participate, not just a motivated few? These effective (and realistic!) steps are also helpful for strengthening or renewing the social justice ministry that already exists. We will review some of the many resources available for planning the ministry and building a firm foundation in Catholic Social Teaching. This workshop draws on the presenter's experience helping many parishes start, strengthen or renew their ministries of service and justice.

3. Think Globally, Act Locally: Integrating Global Solidarity into Parish Life.

Reaching out to the world in service and justice is at the heart of the gospel, but many parishes find it difficult to start and build a social justice ministry. This workshop gives participants the tools they need to make global concern a part of the parish's existing ministries: religious education, liturgy, outreach, and youth ministry. Participants will draw on best practices in starting and guiding parish social justice ministries, adult education, and liturgy, and will receive resources to help them start a social justice ministry in their parish or to strengthen the ministry already there.

4. Forming a People of Peace

Peace is not the absence of war; peace is the presence of justice. - Pope Paul VI Everyone wants peace, but it seems that few know how to pursue it. Jesus of Nazareth taught a nonviolent alternative to the violent world of the first century, and today Catholic Relief Services continues to “build” peace in conflict areas around the world, in places like the Philippines, Rwanda, and Colombia. This workshop shows that there is a real alternative to violence, and gives participants tools for teaching peace in our parishes and communities.

5. Teaching the Bible in an Age of Globalization

In the current age of “globalization” we are increasingly in touch with people from around the world – their culture, conflicts, and their faith! The Bible itself encompasses people from many lands and cultures, and has much to say about how faith draws people together across cultural lines while respecting their God-given identity. This workshop shares seven major insights from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East on how to read and teach the Bible in our interconnected world.

Presenter information:

Joe Hastings, M.Div, works with Catholic Relief Services promoting global solidarity in West Coast dioceses from his office in Seattle, WA. Before coming to CRS he worked with the homeless, in parish social ministry, and in religious education. He has taught classes and workshops in scripture, theology, social justice, and nonviolence in programs for adult education, catechist certification, deacon formation, and young adult leadership. He received his BA in Theology & Political Science from Boston College and his M.Div. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He shares the work of CRS and Catholic Churches in the Middle East, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

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6. Jesus’ Mission: an Invitation to Justice

The message of the struggle for justice and peace on earth is deeply rooted in the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Gospels we see the prophet’s message fulfilled through Jesus and his mission. His words and deeds clearly manifest the justice and peace of the Kingdom of God here on earth. His mission and message invited everyone to a personal *metanoia*; a change of heart. His message challenged the social structures that were in place to a new way of being in the world. Today, Jesus continues to invite us and challenge us to a new way of being and to make manifest the justice and peace of the Kingdom of God here on earth. In this workshop we will walk along Jesus’ mission of justice and peace and explore our own response to *metanoia* in our lives.

La Misión de Jesús: Una Invitación a la Justicia

El mensaje de la lucha por la justicia y paz en la tierra tiene sus raíces en los profetas de las Escrituras Hebreas. En los Evangelios vemos que el mensaje de los profetas se cumple en la persona y misión de Jesús. Sus palabras y obras claramente manifiestan la justicia y paz del Reino de Dios en la tierra. Su misión y mensaje invitaba a todos a una *metanoia* personal; un cambio de corazón. Su mensaje

desafiaba las estructuras sociales a una nueva manera de ser en el mundo. Hoy en día, Jesús continúa invitándonos y desafiándonos a una nueva manera de ser y de manifestar la justicia y paz del Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. En este taller caminaremos a un lado de Jesús y su misión de justicia y paz y exploraremos nuestra propia respuesta a la invitación de *metanoia* en nuestras vidas.

7. Our Sacramental Call to Justice

We are a Church walking in faith, celebrating and giving expression to it together. We are a Church filled with symbols and rituals that bring us life. We are a Sacramental Church. The Sacraments are neither passive nor individualized rituals. It is in the Sacraments that we encounter our God more fully and in community give our “yes” to a committed life of discipleship; a discipleship in which we become the hands, heart and person of Jesus in our in our communities and our world at large. In this workshop we will take a closer look at the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist exploring how they continuously call us back to our promise of discipleship and challenge us to actively move outside of ourselves and into the world seeking and sharing the Kingdom of God.

Nuestro Llamado Sacramental a la Justicia

Somos una Iglesia caminando en fe, juntos celebrándola y dándole expresión. Somos una Iglesia llena de símbolos y rituales que nos otorgan vida. Somos una Iglesia Sacramental. Los Sacramentos no son rituales pasivos ni individualistas. En los Sacramentos encontramos a Dios más plenamente y en comunidad damos nuestro “sí” a una vida comprometida al discipulado; un discipulado en el que nos convertimos en las manos, los pies, la persona de Jesús dentro de nuestras comunidades y en el mundo. En este taller miraremos más de cerca los Sacramentos del Bautizo y la Eucaristía, explorando como continuamente nos llaman de regreso a nuestro discipulado y como activamente nos mueven más allá del ‘yo’ y hacia el mundo buscando y compartiendo el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra.

8. Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching Principles

It is known as the Catholic Church’s *best kept secret*. For over 100 years the Church has actively developed a body of teachings rooting the Gospel’s message of justice and peace into our lived reality in the modern world. They speak to and challenge our individual person, our social structures and events taking place in our world in light of a Christian perspective inviting us to a new way of being in our world. Although the body of documents is quite abundant, seven general principles have been identified. This workshop offers a basic introduction to the seven general principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the opportunity to explore our own personal response.

Introducción a las Enseñanzas Sociales Católicas

Se habla de ello como *el mejor secreto de la Iglesia*. Por más de 100 años la Iglesia ha desarrollado activamente un cuerpo de enseñanzas enraizadas en el mensaje de justicia y paz del Evangelio y en la realidad de nuestro mundo moderno. Estas enseñanzas nos hablan de y desafían a nuestra persona y a las estructuras y eventos sociales presentes en nuestro mundo mediante una perspectiva Cristiana invitándonos a una nueva manera de existir en el mundo. Aunque el cuerpo de documentos es abundante, siete principios generales se han identificado. Este taller ofrece una introducción a los siete principios generales de las Enseñanzas Sociales Católicas y la oportunidad de juntos explorar nuestra respuesta personal.

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Presentadora:

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