

~ 31st Annual ~
Archdiocesan
Social Ministry
Convocation

Peace, Poverty,
& Mother Earth



Saturday

March 6, 2010

8:15 am – 3:00 pm

If you want peace, work for justice.

Seton Keough High School † Baltimore, MD 21227

Peace, Poverty, & Mother Earth

8:15 am..... Registration, Hospitality, and Social Ministry Fair

9:00 am..... Welcome and Opening Prayer Service: **Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien** **Auditorium**

9:30 am..... Keynote Address:

Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS — “Love in Truth”: Living Faith & Justice in a Complex World. This presentation will apply the new encyclical, “Caritas in Veritate”, to the political and social reality of our country today. These economic and environmental challenges of today will be explored through gospel reflection, Washington politics, poetry, and the light of our baptismal commitment. **Auditorium**

10:30 am..... Break

10:45 am..... Workshops (Clock Hour = CH)

#1: PRACTICAL LIVING OF “LOVE IN TRUTH” **Room 011-012**

Presented by: Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS, Network: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

Explore concrete actions to embody “Caritas in Veritate” and the challenges we face in doing so. Opportunities range from the very personal level to political and social engagement. All of us can live love in the world and respond to the challenges set forth in this encyclical. **CH: 1C**

#2: USING OUR NATIONAL ENERGY:

HOW COMMUNITIES RESIST ENERGY EXPLOITATION

Room 205

Presented by: Jennifer Connor, People’s Alliance for Clean Energy & Bishop Walsh, School Students

Learn about two energy issues affecting the larger region: nuclear resurgence and mountaintop removal, leveling mountains to access coal. Explore the spectrum of resistance by impacted communities and their allies, with a focus on the role of arts in inspiring the movement. **CH: N/A**

#3: “WATT WATCHERS” SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY, SAVE THE PLANET

Room 202

Presented by: Dick Doran & Mary D’Ambrogi, Fuel Fund of Maryland

Understanding energy bills, reducing energy use and so lowering costs — while living more responsibly on our fragile Earth — are critical in these challenging times. Learn simple, helpful tips and gain insight into the complexities of energy policy that concern advocates. **CH: N/A**

#4: MATTER MATTERS: A LOOK AT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Room 203

Presented by: Mercy High School Seniors & Harris Creek Watershed Association Members

Explore “matter” here in our own backyard, from the Harris Creek Watershed in Baltimore City to Sparrows Point, and places in between. Consider the relationship of “matter” to these areas and especially to the economically disadvantaged people who live near them. **CH: N/A**

#5: EAT SIMPLE. LIVE SIMPLE. SAVE THE PLANET.

Room 208

Presented by: Angela Smith, Johns Hopkins’ Food & Faith Project & Nora Collins, Catholic Relief Services

The Spirituality of Simplicity. Living in Solidarity. Saving the Planet. Good Health. These are four very compelling reasons to eat simply and locally. We'll explore the practical "how-tos" in light of our faith's call to wrestle with the issues around global food consumption. **CH: 1C**

#6: EARTH IS IN THE ER: HOW ARE WE CALLED AS PEOPLE OF FAITH TO RESPOND? Room 211

Presented by: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph Earth Center

Focus your Catholic perspective on faith response to climate change. Both Scripture and Church Tradition speak to a call for healing; Earth is now in desperate need of that healing care. Practical ideas for application of these principles will equip the participant for action. CH: 1C

#7: THE ABC'S OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Room 213

Presented by: Sr. Elizabeth Langmead, MSHH, Marian House & Sr. Joan Marie Stief, OSB, Catholic Charities

Practical ideas for service and justice using "Communities of Salt & Light." Emphasis on meeting the needs of those coming for help in these difficult economic times and on legislative advocacy for the vulnerable in our area and our country. CH: 1C

#8: LOW-WAGE WORKERS AND THEIR WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Room 209

Presented by: Leaders of the United Workers Association, Baltimore

Workers at Camden Yards and the Inner Harbor lead efforts to provide safe, clean, healthy environments for workers as well as patrons. Discover opportunities to collaborate with their campaign to end poverty and degradation by establishing a Human Rights Zone. CH: N/A

#9: PRECIOUS WATER: THE CAUSE OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS?

Room 215

Presented by: Chris Seremet, Catholic Relief Services

Water is precious. Yet, as the world "heats-up", water shortages can become the cause of global conflicts. Explore how our faith calls us to live as "peacemakers" in a time of increasingly scarce resources. CH: 1A

#10: LET'S TEACH PEACE!

Room 207

Presented by: Eileen Phelps, Immaculate Heart of Mary School & Frank Passaro, Calvert Hall College High School

Why are we violent but not illiterate? Because we are taught to read. Why not teach peace? "If we are to reach real peace in the world we shall have to begin with children." (Gandhi) This session will explore the issue of peace education, its implications and its potential impact. CH: 1C

12:00 pmLunch and Social Ministry Fair

1:00 pmRepeat of Most Workshops

2:20 pmAward Ceremony and Closing Prayer Service



"If you want to cultivate peace, safeguard creation"

~ Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace, 2010

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Clock Hours

The Office of Religious Education and/or Youth and Young Adult Ministry will recognize one clock hour credit for your participation in the keynote address and another for those workshops indicated.

Thank you for attending this year's Convocation!

We hope to see you next year.