Awards

The P. Francis Murphy Social Ministry Recognition Awards are presented to parishioners who exemplify a commitment to social justice in service or advocacy, and are nominated by their pastors. All nominations are due January 31, 2018.

The John Hook Parish Award is given to an individual who has shown an outstanding life-long commitment to social justice ministry through a parish setting through direct service, advocacy, community organizing and solidarity with the broader community over an extended period of time. This parishioner has also drawn others into the ministry of charity and justice.

The Doris Johnson Community Award is given to an individual who has worked for justice within the community in harmony with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The award recipient has made a positive difference to those around them as well as those indirectly impacted by the issues addressed.

The International Peace and Justice Award honors an individual who is dedicated to peace, development, advocacy, and activism on issues involving international concerns consistent with Catholic Social Teaching.

For more information about awards, contact Marie Wicks, marie.wicks@vincentbaltimore.org.

Registration

Online registration and payment NOW AVAILABLE!
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Or complete the form below and follow the instructions for mailing. You must register by the deadline to guarantee lunch and to determine which workshops will be repeated.

DUE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Name: _______________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
E-mail: ______________________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________________
Parish: _______________________________________________
Lunch: Check one  _____Turkey  _____Ham  _____Vegetarian
Workshop Number: _____AM   _____PM
Cost: $15
Please make checks payable to: CCHD/Archdiocese of Baltimore
Return Registration and Payment to: Nancy Cupp
Catholic Charities, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
**Scholarships Available**
For any questions or special needs accommodations, contact Dana Davenport, ddavenport@cc-md.org or 667-600-2005.
39TH ANNUAL SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION

Schedule
8:00–9:00 a.m.  Registration, Awards Breakfast and Social Ministry Fair
9:00–9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Prayer  Archbishop William E. Lori
9:30–10:45 a.m.  Keynote Address:  Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D., Principal, St. Frances Academy
10:45–12:00 p.m.  Morning Workshops
12:00–1:00 p.m.  Lunch and Social Ministry Fair
1:00–2:20 p.m.  Afternoon Workshops
2:20–3:30 p.m.  Awards Ceremony and Closing Prayer Service
3:30–4:00 p.m.  Optional Solidarity Demonstration (weather permitting)

Workshops

1. Pro-Life and Pro-Peace Advocates in the Parishes: Exploring Common Ground
   John Whitehead, Consistent Life; Joanna Coughlin, Archdiocese of Baltimore Respect Life Office; Bishop Mark E. Brennan (AM only)
   On this 50th anniversary of the Papal encyclical Humanae Vitae, this workshop will consider the common ground found in Church Social Teaching for Catholic pro-life and pro-peace advocates to work together to achieve common aims. Divested of party politics, the pro-life and pro-peace objectives could be seen from the perspective of Church Social Teaching and thus go beyond the political sphere.

2. Immigration y Sus Derechos 2.0 (por la mañana/AM only)
   Mikhael Borgonos, Catholic Charities Esperanza Center; Giuliana Valencia-Banks, Catholic Charities Esperanza Center
   The presentation responderá a preguntas e inquietudes sobre inmigración y los últimos anuncios del gobierno incluyendo quiénes son las prioridades de deportación migratoria, qué hacer si un oficial de policía o inmigración lo detiene, sus derechos legales y cómo prepararse a sí mismo y a su familia en caso de deportación. Los presentadores también ofrecerán información sobre el fraude del notario público y diferentes formas de alivio de la inmigración.

3. Immigration 101 (por la tarde/PM only)
   Mikhael Borgonos, Catholic Charities Esperanza Center; Giuliana Valencia-Banks, Catholic Charities Esperanza Center
   The Immigration 101 presentation will bring light the push-pull factors of immigration and how the Esperanza Center welcomes the stranger. The presenters will give a breakdown of current immigration laws and the obstacles many immigrants face when trying to gain lawful status in the United States.

4. Concentrations of Under-Resourced Communities – Why? What can we do?  
   Rev. Derrick DeWitt, Rev. Clyde Harris, and Fr. Ray Bomberger, Clergy United for the Transformation of Sandtown
   This workshop will dive into the causes and effects of inadequate resources for communities. Pastors and church members will share their testimonies of how to work effectively to transform communities and actions that we can take to further create positive change.

5. LGBT and the Welcoming Church
   Fr. Joe Math, St. Matthew; Fr. Jim Caciotto, St. Ignatius
   What does it mean to be a welcoming church? We will focus on how to encourage LGBT members of our communities to be involved in parish life and creating a safe space to share LGBT stories.

6. Understanding Implicit Racial Bias
   Sr. Gwynette Proctor, SND, Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Black Catholic Ministries
   In an ongoing atmosphere of racial divisions and tension, workshop participants will discuss the meaning and characteristics of “implicit racial bias.” The group will also explore new understanding about the barriers to meaningful relationships across racial boundaries, and examine transformative learning principles that will lead to engaging in authentic cultural/racial diversity.

7. Reviving an Old Alliance: Baltimore Catholics and Organized Labor
   Fr. Ty Hullinger, Interfaith Worker Justice; Terry Cavanaugh, SEIU MD/DC
   Baltimore has a historical alliance with organized labor that invites us to pause and look at the past and present forms of this relationship. Learn how local Catholic laypeople have continued to take leadership in organizing and representing workers and how priests in the U.S. are organizing in support of their efforts—all as Pope Francis calls for labor organizations to take the lead in bringing about a just distribution of wealth.

8. Navigating Politics Today
   Dana Davenport, Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry
   Today’s politics can easily make us want to wash our hands clean of it, and yet, we are continually called to engage in it to promote the common good. This workshop will focus on how to find a way through the negativity surrounding politics so we can mercifully work for justice, and perhaps evangelize in the process.

9. Salt and Light: The Glue Between Social Justice and Outreach (AM only)
   Allison Stone, Catholic Charities Mission Integration
   Working to engage fellow parishioners in social justice action? Want to expand your outreach ministries? Come explore the framework for Parish Social Ministry found in Communities of Salt and Light. Learn and discuss practical ways to help your parish make a difference in your community and beyond.

10. Justice Social en la Parroquia (por la mañana/AM only)
   Rev. Bruce Lewandowski, Sacred Heart of Jesus
   En este taller hablaremos sobre cuán importante es que las parroquianos sean una voz que defienda a las personas marginadas, inmigrantes, pobres, etc. Además se darán ejemplos concretos de cómo se puede poner en práctica la justicia social en el parroquio.

11. The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and the Recent UN Nuclear Weapons Abolition Treaty
   Dr. Eli McCarthy, Conference of Major Superiors of Men
   The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative advanced from a conference at the Vatican in 2016 and is already making an impact which lead Pope Francis to state that nuclear deterrence and even the possession of nuclear weapons are no longer compatible with Church Social Teaching, and a resurgence of nonviolence as a mode of action for Catholics. This workshop will describe the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and discuss what lies ahead and delve in the recent UN Nuclear Weapons Abolition Treaty.

12. The Kingdom of God on Earth: Building A New Society
   Brian Dolge, Catholic Community of Relay
   This workshop will examine and emphasize that Catholics need to approach political struggles not in terms of selecting a side to champion, but rather in terms of demanding that the right questions be asked. Drawing on aspects of Church Social Teaching and other sources, the workshop will examine the economic and political structures which more closely approximate the sort of society a truly Christian community could build.

   Anthony Thomas, University of Maryland Peer Recovery Specialist; Members of Turn-Around Tuesdays
   It can be challenging to find sustainable work, especially for someone in recovery, with a criminal past or long-term unemployment. A lot of people get swept under the rug. Hear how Turnaround Tuesdays, a program of BUILD, provides hands-on training and tools to find a new job with major Baltimore employers such as Johns Hopkins or the University of Maryland. Learn how people looking for a fresh start have been able to turn their lives around.

14. Advocacy: Let Your Voice Be Heard!!/Abogacía: ¿Qué se escuche tú voz!! (English - AM/En Español por la tarde)
   Katharina Acosta, Maryland Catholic Conference; Daisha Gamboa, Bread for the World; Mary Beth Iduh, Catholic Relief Services
   This workshop will be presented by three panelists who will give us the tools of their organizations, which we can use to advocate and defend the rights of those who most need our help.

15. Entrega de Vida Cristiana, en la mission por Cristo (por la tarde/PM only)
   Rev. Roger Brito, Hispanic Parochial Vicar
   Que significa ser misionero, siguiendo el modelo del Beato Oscar Arnulfo Romero.