



Global Solidarity

Ambassador Launch

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Opening Prayer & Community **Journey**

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JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



Purpose of Justice & Peace Ministries

The purpose of Justice and Peace Ministries is to staff the Bishops of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and support archdiocesan clergy, parishes, schools, ministries and organizations on matters of justice and peace, as well as issues of social concern.

Objectives of Justice & Peace Ministries

■ JPM is committed to

- *deepening the capacity of Parish Social Action Ministries*
- *empowering all Catholics to answer the call to love of God and neighbor*
- *providing opportunities to actively engage in the social mission of the Church.*

■ Grounded in Catholic social teaching, JPM focuses specifically on

- *education programs, resources and tools*
- *raising awareness*
- *providing advocacy opportunities*

Span of Justice & Peace Ministries

- JPM interfaces with all archdiocesan clergy, seminarians, offices, staff, parishes, schools and ministries, as well as both Catholic and secular community organizations.
- In addition, the Director of JPM interfaces individually at the parish and diocesan level, with dioceses both regionally and nationally, with the USCCB and its affiliated organizations, and with Catholic and secular local, regional and national social justice organizations.

Partners with:

- USCCB Office of Justice, Peace and Human Development (JPHD)
 - *Catholic Social Teaching, Policy Issues, Tools & Resources*
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
 - *National and Local Grants, Multimedia Youth Art Contest, Domestic poverty, CCHD 2nd collection, CCHD Intern*
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - *Ethical Trade, CRS Rice Bowl, Parish Twinning, Global solidarity, Meal packing, Various 2nd collections, CRS Intern*
- Justice for Immigrants/Immigration Ministry (JFI)
 - *Advocacy briefings, Immigration education and resources, CLINIC collaboration*

Liaises with:

- Catholic Charities Atlanta and USA
- St. Vincent de Paul

Diocesan Committees:

- Global and Domestic Solidarity
- Human Trafficking
- Care for Creation

Diocesan Office for:

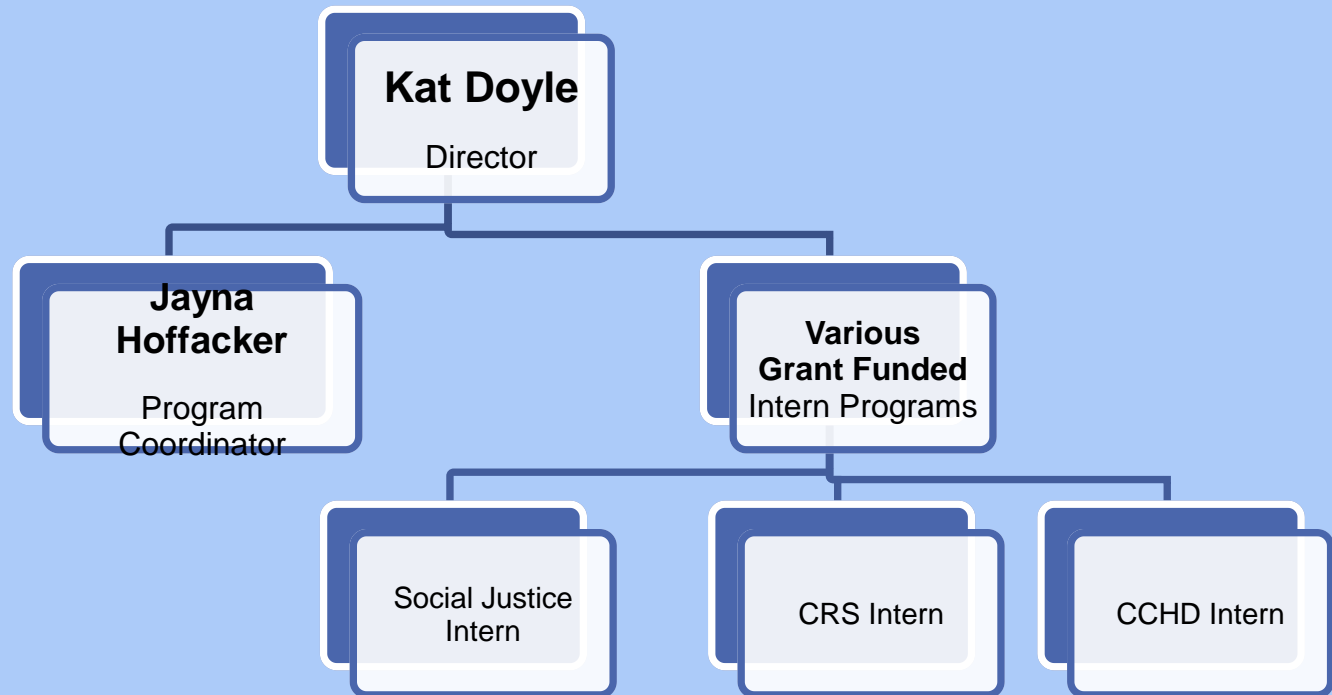
- Catholic Social Teaching Resources and Tools
- Parish Social Action Ministries
- HIV/AIDS Ministry
- Veterans/Military Ministry
- Care for Creation Ministry

Common Advocacy / Awareness Issues

– *Offering presentations, resources and opportunities for action:*

- Family Stability/Poverty
- Food/Nutrition/Agriculture
- Civil Rights/Race Issues
- Economy/Foreign Aid
- Border Issues/Migration
- Criminal/Restorative Justice-Death Penalty
- Labor/Dignity of Work
- Human Trafficking-Sex/Labor/Child Soldiers
- Violence/Weapons
- Just War/Peace Initiatives
- Ethical Trade
- Human Rights
- Environmental Justice
- Faithful Citizenship

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Learning More About CRS

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CRS Mission Statement

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to:

- **PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and,
- **SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES** as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.





CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



“The only way for individuals, families and societies to grow, the only way for the life of peoples to progress is via the culture of encounter.”

—Pope Francis, July 27, 2013

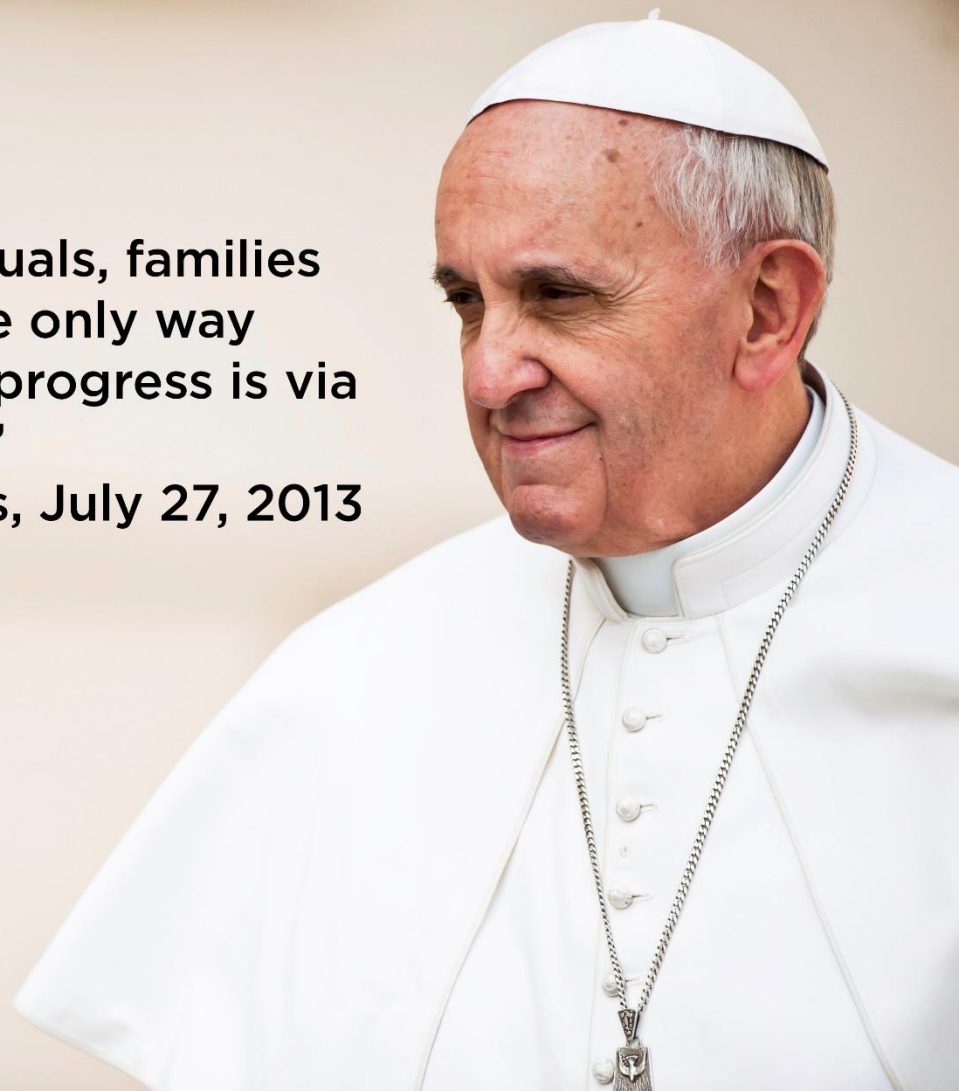


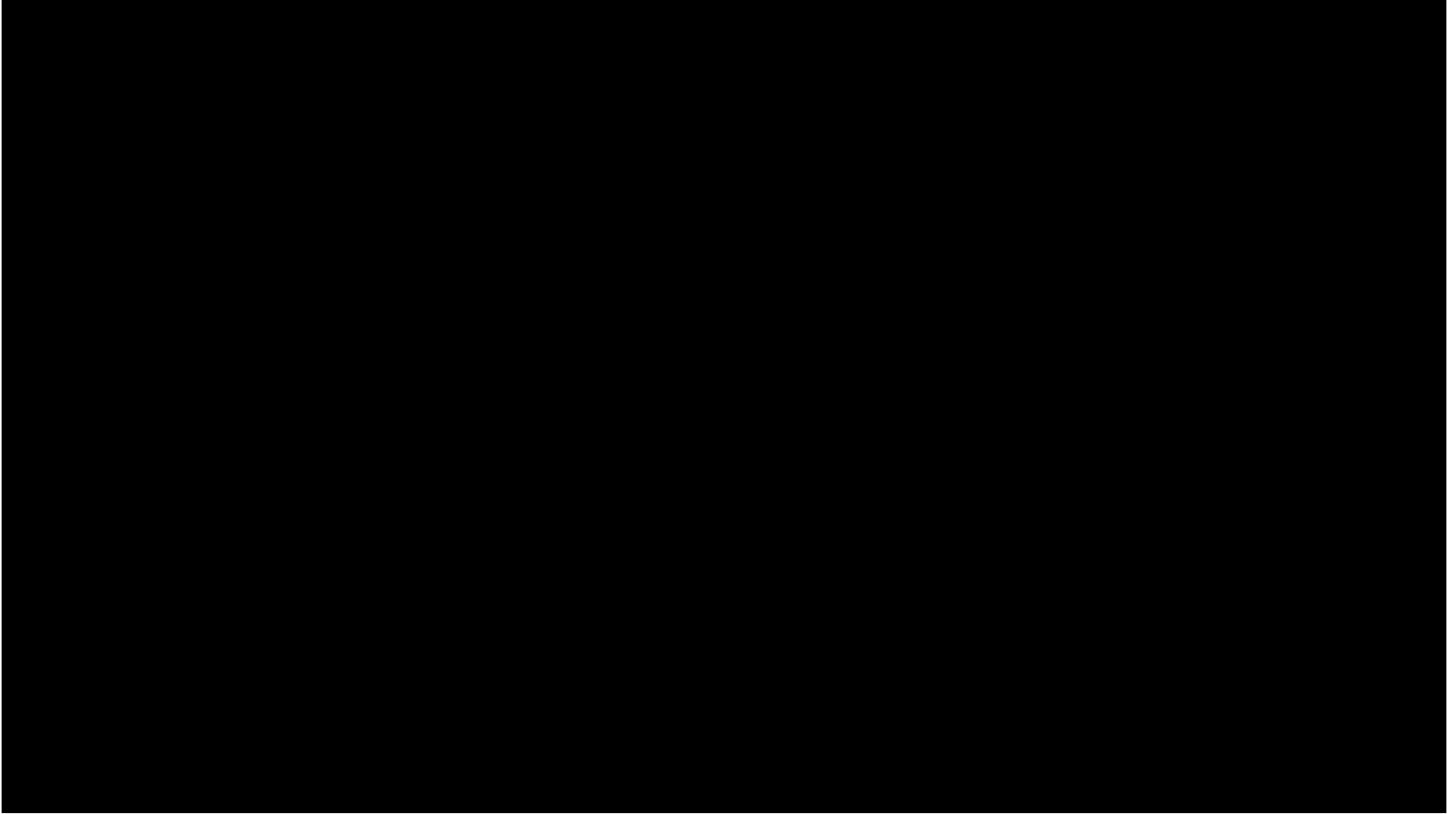
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Single "Head of Family"



Meet Miriam



Small Group Discussion

How did you feel watching the video?

What did you learn and would you like to learn more about?

Where is Jesus in this story?





The Call of Global Solidarity

Ambassadors

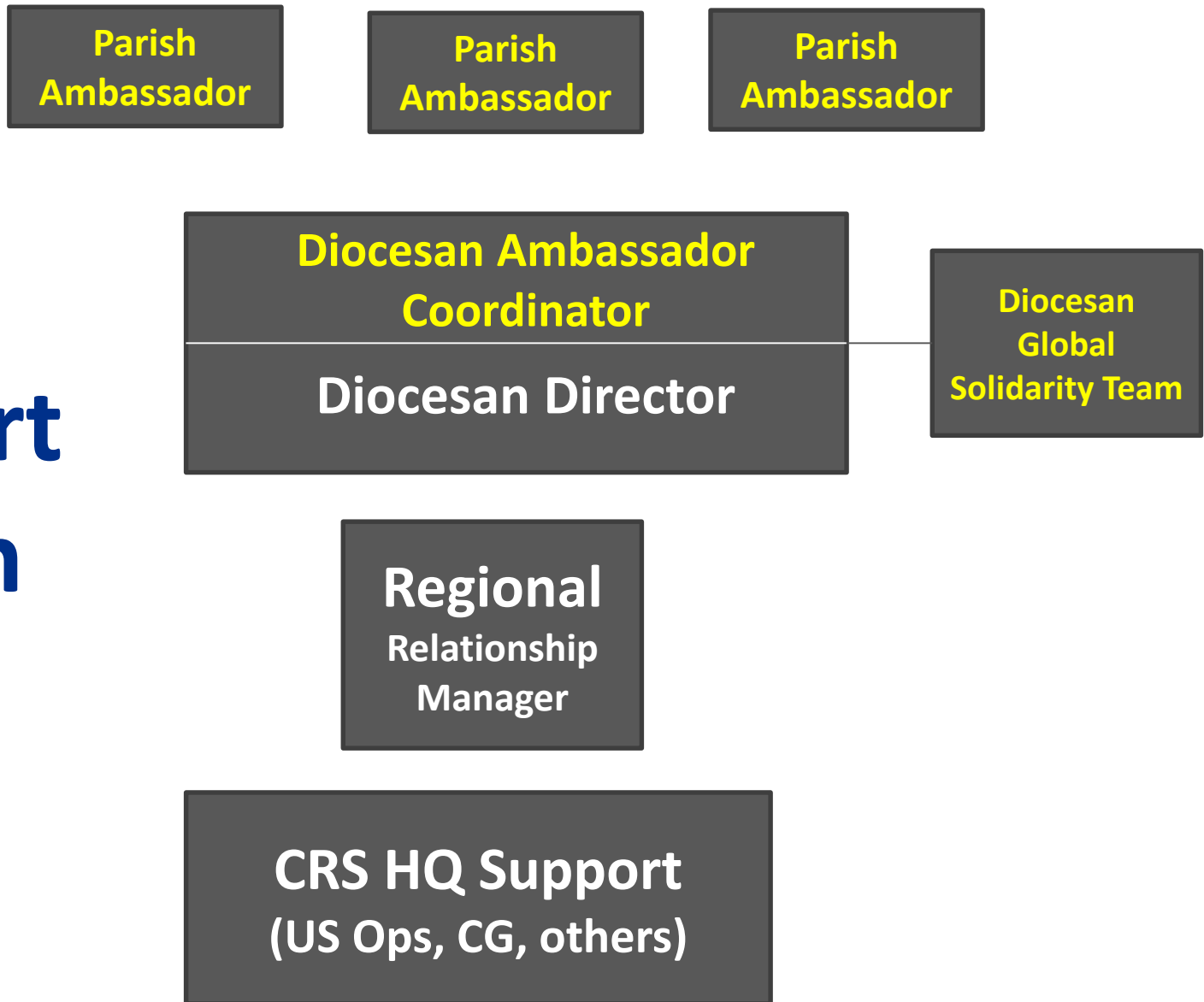
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What are Global Solidarity Ambassadors?



Global Solidarity Ambassadors are active parishioners with a passion for global solidarity. They encourage their parishes to respond to Catholic social teaching by engaging their fellow parishioners to participate in CRS Rice Bowl, Advocacy and at least 1 other global solidarity initiative, annually.

Support System



Two-Way Expectations

Ambassadors will:

- Partner w/ Pastor & parish staff
- Learn and growth in faith
- Engage fellow parishioners
- Provide leadership for 3 actions* each year:
 - CRS Rice Bowl
 - Two additional actions from a menu of CRS programs

*During an ambassador's first year we ask that she or he focuses on building relationships in their parish and implementing CRS Rice Bowl

CRS and Diocesan Staff will:

- Offer two faith-formation/skill development retreats annually
- Produce skill-building and formation webinars + online resources
- Build community nationally through a special online social network
- Provide support for Ambassadors

Guidelines for Global Solidarity Ambassadors

Do:

- View yourself as a part of CRS, not “working with” CRS (**Ideally, “I am CRS”**)
- Use this as an opportunity to deepen your faith life
- Work closely with your pastor and/or pastoral staff
- **Help others live as global disciples**
- Share what your parish is doing (via word of mouth, social media, etc.)
- **Build relationships with other Global Solidarity Ambassadors**
- Reach out to your diocese when you need help
- **Have fun with this!**

Guidelines for Global Solidarity Ambassadors

Don't:

- Go it alone – share this mission!
- Represent yourself as speaking for the Church on all matters
- Accept donations for CRS (Direct donors to appropriate parish staff for proper financial tracking and stewardship)
- Forget to pray

While in the role of a Global Solidarity Ambassador, don't:

- Speak or act publicly against Church teaching
- Take part in politically partisan event, strikes, boycotts, etc.
- Misuse drugs or alcohol

Questions and Discussion

- Turn to your neighbor and discuss:
 - Do you need clarification on any of these
 - Do you struggle with any of the “Do’s and Don’t’s”?
 - Is there one issue that really gives you concern?
 - Please share with the full group or talk with your diocesan team in private

