

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Catholics @ The Capitol Moves to New Location

Poverty: the Data, the Teaching, the Action Needed

Catholics @ the Capitol 2008 promises to be another exciting opportunity to take the Gospel message to Kentucky's lawmakers.

First of all, the location is new — Good Shepherd Parish Hall located at 1050 Leestown Road in Frankfort. (1050 Leestown Road is also 1050 U.S. Highway 421 South for searching location and directions online.) This location offers wonderful meeting rooms and a real church for the liturgy celebrated on Monday evening.

Nearby, the Catholic Conference has arranged for a block of rooms at the Best Western Parkside Inn, 80 Chenault Road. Please call them **no later than Jan. 15, 2008**, at 502-695-6111 to reserve a room at the special \$70-plus-tax rate. Rooms accommodate up to four persons. You must mention Catholics @ the Capitol to secure the special rate.

The first day actually begins before registration with a special workshop for those who want to learn some basic lobby techniques. This may be especially helpful for first-timers and others who want to refresh their advocacy skills.

After a welcome from Good Shepherd pastor, Fr. Pat Stewart, participants in small groups will attend issues briefings focused on the legislative agenda of the Catholic Conference. Analysis of the legislation and talking points to be used when speaking with legislators will be discussed during this time. The entire group will then gather for further discussion of the issues and a summary of the legislation.

The new Archbishop of Louisville, Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz and Bishop Gainer will concelebrate the liturgy that evening. Priests who also wish to concelebrate should bring their albs and stoles.

Following Mass and a delicious catered dinner, a special panel of experts will engage in a discussion of poverty in Kentucky with an emphasis on revenue, healthcare, support for pregnant women and immigration.

Dr. James Ziliak, a professor of Economics at the University of Kentucky, will start us off with facts about poverty in Kentucky.

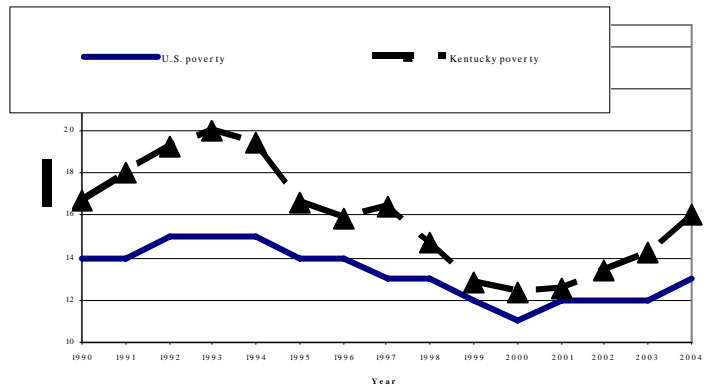
Then Reverend Larry Hostetter, a priest and moral theologian from the Diocese of Owensboro and recently installed President of Brescia College, will offer remarks on the Church's teaching as it relates to poverty.

Ruslyn Case-Compton, Director of Catholic Social service Bureau for the Lexington Diocese, will comment on our Church's response in charity to poverty.

Archbishop Kurtz is the closing panelist and will focus his remarks on our Church's response in social justice to poverty.

Those planning this two-day event decided to focus on the issue of poverty and how it affects us all because Kentucky has one of the highest poverty rates in the nation.

Poverty in Kentucky and the U.S., 1990-2004



Graph provided by Dr. James Ziliak

Grinding poverty wears down the human spirit and attacks the God-given dignity of those who suffer its burden. Responding to this condition and working to change its impact on poor persons is fitting for followers of a Messiah whose love for the poor is so deep that He identifies his very self with them.

On Tuesday, attendees will have the opportunity to act on the facts about poverty and what the Gospel calls for in response. After breakfast, they will travel to the Capitol and meet with State Senators and Representatives about the Catholic Conference legislative agenda.

The event closes with reports on these meetings. Faithful Citizen advocacy will continue throughout the 2008 session.

Catholics @The Capitol 2008 Schedule

Monday PM February 11

- 1:00—Basic Lobbying Techniques
- 2:30—Registration @ Good Shepherd Parish Hall
- 3:30—Opening Prayer & Welcome
- 3:40—Issues Briefings
- 5:00—Summary of Issues
- 5:45—Break
- 6:00—Eucharistic Celebration
- 7:00—Dinner (provided)
- 7:45—Keynote Panel Presentation on Poverty focusing on Revenue, Healthcare, Support for Pregnant Women and Immigration
- 8:45—Closing

Tuesday, February 12

- 8:00—Continental Breakfast (provided)
- 8:15—Directions to the Capitol, further discussions on issues
- 9:00—Travel to meetings with legislators at the Capitol
- 11:30 — 1:30 Debriefing reports on meetings with legislators at a room in the Capitol

Conference Registration Deadline: Monday, February 4, 2008

Many Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics @ The Capitol 2008

February 11 & 12, 2008 at Good Shepherd Parish

1050 Leestown Road, Frankfort, KY

Join Catholics from across the state for a 2-day legislative education and advocacy conference. Our faith calls us to be Faithful Citizens actively engaged in shaping a society that respects human life and seeks and promotes the Common Good.

If staying overnight, call Best Western Parkside Inn **NO LATER THAN JAN. 15, 2008** at 502.695-6111 to reserve a room at the special rate of \$70.00 plus tax (1-4 Persons). Be sure to mention Catholics @ The Capitol to receive this special rate.

Registration Fee: \$40.00 per person — includes evening banquet and breakfast.

(There is no financial aid available through the Catholic Conference of Kentucky.)

**Please mail completed forms and the \$40.00 per person registration fee to
Catholic Conference of Kentucky, 1042 Burlington Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601**

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Indicate the day(s) you are attending: _____ Monday; _____ Tuesday; _____ Both Days

For questions about registration contact Karen Chambers at 502-875-4345 or e-mail cckstaff@ccky.org.

You can also register at www.ccky.org; mail us your \$40 registration fee.

Hotel Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 15, 2008



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