

“Faithful Citizenship: More Important Than Ever”

John Carr keynote speaker at Catholics @ The Capitol

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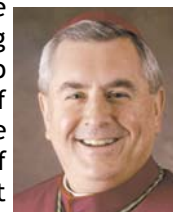


In March 2004, more than a 100 Catholics, Faithful Citizen Advocates from parishes throughout Kentucky, visited Frankfort during the 2004 meeting of the General Assembly. Their visits to legislators helped pass important legislation related to human

priorities for public life outlined by the United States Bishops in *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*: protecting human life; promoting family life; pursuing social justice; and practicing global solidarity.

Legislators will certainly introduce bills regarding cloning, abortion, death penalty, tax reform, housing, health care, education, and a myriad of others that will cry out for action on the part of the Catholic community.

Because prayer, especially the Eucharist, is so important in forming a community of believers, Bishop



Bishop
Ronald
Gainer

Ronald Gainer of Lexington will be the celebrant of Mass on Monday at 6:15 p.m.

life and dignity.

On February 14 and 15, 2005, the Catholic Conference is hosting Many Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics @ The Capitol again. Even though legislators will be meeting for only 30 days, Faithful Citizen Advocates will have an opportunity to have an impact on legislation important to the Catholic community as we seek to promote the common good and create a society that reflects Catholic values.

To help us reflect on our mission, CCK invited John Carr, Secretary of the Department of Social Development and World Peace for the U. S. Bishops' Conference. He has graciously accepted the invitation and will join us on Monday evening for a banquet and his keynote address: *Faithful Citizenship: More Important than Ever*.

Married and the father of four children, John has served the Church in the area of social ministry for more than 25 years, the last 10 of them in his current office. He assists the bishops in sharing and applying Catholic social teaching, advocating on the moral dimensions of key domestic and international issues, and building the Catholic community's capacity to act on its social mission.

John's presentations, filled with wit and humor, always hold up Gospel values and help people focus on why it is so important that the Catholic voice be raised up on behalf of those whose voices are not heard. He inspires listeners to participate in building up the Kingdom through this important ministry of advocacy.

Guiding our discussions are the moral



Schedule

Monday PM February 14

- 3:00—Registration, Holiday Inn-Capitol Plaza
- 4:00—Opening Prayer
- 4:05—Welcome
- 4:15—Persuading Your Legislator: the Basics of Communicating
- 5:15—Briefing on Issues
- 6:15—Eucharistic Celebration
- 7:15—Banquet
- 8:00— John Carr: *Faithful Citizenship: More Important Than Ever*
- 9:15—Closing

Tuesday, February 15

- 8:00—Breakfast
- 8:15—Briefing on Issues
- 9:00—Meetings with legislators
- NOON—Lunch in Capitol Annex
- 2:00—House/Senate convene (optional)

Before this celebration, there will be two sessions: Persuading Your Legislator: The Basics of Communicating; and Briefings on Issues to Discuss with Legislators on Tuesday.

After more discussion about legislative issues over breakfast, participants will travel to the Capitol to meet legislators.

Complete details about registration are on the reverse. CCK has obtained a special room rate at the Holiday Inn and up to four in a room is possible to defray costs. The \$40 registration fee for the event helps cover most of the other costs.

CCK does not have the means to provide financial assistance to persons needing this. We are hopeful that parishes and diocesan agencies can assist persons who need help paying for lodging and the registration fee.

Catholics @ The Capitol is an exciting opportunity to exert political influence in a positive manner and make a difference in the lives of Kentuckians who often are voiceless, especially the poor.

Please register early and bring a carload of Faithful Citizen Advocates with you.



Join Catholics from across the state for **Many Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics @ The Capitol**, a 2-day legislative 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.

**February 14 & 15, 2005 at the Holiday Inn-Capital Plaza
405 Wilkinson Boulevard, Frankfort, KY**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Feb 1, 2005

If staying overnight, call 800-465-4329 or 502-227-5100 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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My KY State Representative is _____ My KY Senator is _____

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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.

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