

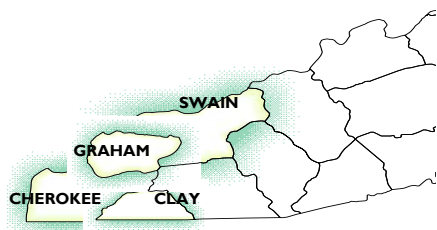
Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)

Founded in 1999, the OEO is a program of the Office of Justice and Peace that works to support sustainable development, family empowerment, and economic justice in the four far western NC counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain.

OEO's collaborative, community-driven, and ecumenically supported efforts include: Far West Families First, ABLE Financial Literacy, Growing Opportunities Grants and Awards, and (in partnership with the CSS Western Regional Office) counseling.

OEO operates under the principle that even actions that seem simple and small can be transformed and results magnified and multiplied by God.

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Catholic Social Services Mission Statement

We are a Christian ministry of charity, service and justice dedicated to providing help to those in need, hope to those in despair, and inspiration for others to follow.

CSS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services. CSS is a member of Catholic Charities USA and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA)



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Assisting Catholics
in the Diocese of
Charlotte to put their
faith into action on
behalf of justice.



Sharing Catholic Social Teaching

The Office of Justice and Peace (OJP) supports Catholics in the Diocese of Charlotte as they put their faith into action on behalf of justice. The OJP offers educational programs and resources (e.g. *The Common Good* newsletter) to assist Catholics and parishes to address unjust social conditions and promote justice.

The OJP is guided by, and gives voice to, the rich tradition and wisdom of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Through papal addresses and encyclicals, the statements of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the guidance of the Bishop of Charlotte on social and ethical issues, the OJP promotes justice and peace with vitality and intellectual grounding.



In all of the activities and programs of the OJP, the staff of the office receive valuable advice from the collective wisdom of dedicated volunteers who serve on OJP advisory committees.

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Providing Help

Advocating for Justice



The OJP helps Catholics be a voice in public policy matters affecting vulnerable members of our society through its educational programs and mailings. The OJP also provides advice to Catholic Voice NC (CVNC), the advocacy organization of the Bishops of Charlotte and Raleigh founded in July 2008. Please register to receive CVNC e-mail alerts at www.CatholicVoiceNC.org.

CRS and ORB

CRS is the US Bishops' overseas relief and development agency. The Lenten Operation Rice Bowl (ORB) program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving, and CRS disaster relief appeals, support the work of CRS overseas. ORB mini-grants fund poverty and hunger alleviation efforts sponsored by Diocese of Charlotte entities. Applications, due October 15, are available at www.cssnc.org/cchd_crs.



And what does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, to love mercifully, and walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Creating Hope

CCHD

Founded in 1970, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty organization of the US Bishops.



In November, parishes throughout the USA collect funds for CCHD to be disbursed as local and national grants to grassroots community projects. National grant guidelines and educational materials are available at www.usccb.org/cchd.



Local grant applications, due February 15, are available on the CCHD web page below.

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Changing Lives