



Office of Justice and Peace/Catholic Social Services CRS/ORB MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

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Each Lent, parishes, schools and campus ministries in the Diocese of Charlotte participate in Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) educational program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Of the funds distributed from the ORB collection, the majority goes to the national CRS office to fund development projects overseas, and a smaller portion remains here in our diocese. From the diocesan share, the diocesan CRS advisory committee selects grants of up to \$1,000.00 for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts by Diocese of Charlotte entities. Such efforts may include educational initiatives designed to raise awareness of domestic and international issues that are consistent with the range of poverty and food security issues addressed by CRS. The project can be part of a larger program.



ELIGIBILITY AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a grant, a project must:

1. be carried out under the auspices of a Catholic entity, e.g., parish, faith formation program, school, campus ministry office, vicariate. Grant applications must be signed by a pastor (for parish or vicariate projects) or the appropriate director or principal (for schools and other Catholic organizations).
2. address domestic and/or international social concern issues in conformity with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and reflect the range of poverty and hunger alleviation efforts of CRS worldwide (e.g. food assistance/nutrition projects, poverty alleviation/economic empowerment). It should make others aware of, and involve them in, the traditions of Catholic Social Teaching by incorporating those teachings into parish/organization life during and beyond the project. Seven main themes from Catholic Social Teaching are presented on page 2.

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All grant applications must include completed pages 3 and 4 and no more than two supplementary pages providing answers to the five questions listed on top of page 4.

All grant recipients agree to submit a one-page typewritten evaluation describing succinctly: a) the project; b) project accomplishments; c) how CRS mini-grant funds were used to help meet the goals of the project; d) how Catholic Social Teaching informed the project; and e) plans for continuation of the project. Please submit completed evaluations to the Office of Justice and Peace within one year of receipt of grant funds. Previous CRS mini-grant recipients must have submitted an evaluation in order to receive further grant funds.



Applications (completed pages 3-4 and supplementary pages) must be postmarked by **October 15, 2008**. Send grant applications to: Joseph Purello, Director, Office of Justice and Peace, CSS, Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003.

If you have any questions about grant eligibility and requirements, please contact: Joseph Purello at 704-370-3225 or jtpurello@charlottediocese.org

This application is available at www.cssnc.org/cchd_crs.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - 7 Themes

Catholic Social Teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic Social Teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. **THE DEPTH AND RICHNESS OF THIS TRADITION CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BEST THROUGH A DIRECT READING OF THESE DOCUMENTS IN THEIR ENTIRITY.** In these brief reflections, we wish to highlight seven of the key themes that are at the heart of Catholic Social Tradition.

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to live and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice."¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

¹ Paul VI, *For the Celebration of the Day of Peace* (Rome: January 1, 1972).



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CRITERIA FOR AWARDING CRS/ORB GRANTS

Up to \$1,000 will be awarded to projects that address poverty and hunger alleviation efforts by Diocese of Charlotte entities. Please see page one for Eligibility and Grant Requirements.

FALL 2008 CRS/ORB GRANT APPLICATION (please print or type)

I. Organizational information:

Organization submitting proposal:	Project Contact Person:
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____	Telephone _____
Amount requested from CRS /ORB \$ _____	FAX _____
Total annual budget for project \$ _____	
Name of project _____	

Has this project previously been funded by CRS/ORB? Yes _____ No _____
 If "Yes", indicate the amount(s): \$ _____
 And the year(s): _____

Has this project applied for or received funding from other Diocese of Charlotte sources? Yes _____ No _____
 If "Yes", specify the source(s) and the amount(s) at the bottom of **page 4** of this application.

TWO Signatures Required – 1st one from pastor, department director, or school principal; 2nd one from project director/coordinator

_____ Signature of pastor, department head, or school principal	_____ Signature of project director/coordinator
_____ Print name and position	_____ Print name and position

Please note:

1. Preference will be given to projects that are submitted by Catholic entities that have not received funding from the CRS/ORB grant process in the past two years.
2. Catholic Social Services offices and programs are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to receive CRS/ORB funding.
3. Organizations which received CRS/ORB Mini-Grant funding in 2007, will be eligible to receive grants if funds remain after dispersing grants to new grantees and to grant applicants who received funds prior to 2007.

Return completed pages 3 and 4 and supplementary pages via U.S. Mail, postmarked by October 15, to:

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