



## CRS/ORB GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

### FALL 2007

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Each Lent, parishes and schools in the Diocese of Charlotte participate in Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), the Catholic Relief Services **educational program** of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Of the funds distributed from the ORB collection, the majority goes to the national CRS office for anti-poverty programs worldwide, and a smaller portion remains here in our diocese. From the diocesan share, the diocesan Catholic Relief Services committee sponsors grants up to \$1,000.00 for local initiatives on domestic or international issues or projects. The project or program can be part of a larger initiative.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a grant, a project must satisfy the following criteria:

1. It must be carried out under the auspices of a Catholic organization—a parish, a parish faith formation program, a school, a campus ministry, or a vicariate organization. Grant applications must be signed by a pastor (for parish or vicariate programs or projects) or the appropriate director (for other organizations).
2. It must undertake an initiative dealing with Catholic social teaching and action on issues of domestic and/or international justice issues, and/or with immigrant or migrant issues. Also see the criteria listed at the top of page 3. It should make parishioners/students aware of, and involve them in, the traditions of Catholic social teaching by incorporating those teachings into parish life throughout and beyond the project. *See Themes from Catholic Social Teaching on page 2.*
3. At the end of the grant cycle, grant recipients will submit a one- to two-page typewritten evaluation describing the project, its accomplishments, and how well the group or organization met its goals with the grant money. The report also must explain how the traditions of Catholic social teaching were applied during the project as well as specific plans for continuation of the project. Completed evaluations must be submitted before submitting a subsequent CRS/ORB grant application.
4. Applications (pages 3-4 and any additional sheets) must be postmarked by **Friday, September 28, 2007**. Send to: Joseph Purello, Director, Office of Justice and Peace, CSS, Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003 or [jtpurello@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jtpurello@charlottediocese.org).

If you have any questions about this grant process, please contact:

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This application is available as email attachment MS Word document, or it can be downloaded from our website at [www.cssnc.org/cchd\\_crs](http://www.cssnc.org/cchd_crs).



The Church's 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 several of the key themes that are at the heart of our 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."<sup>1</sup> 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.

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



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## CRITERIA FOR AWARDING CRS/ORB GRANTS

Grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded to projects that cover domestic, international, immigrant or migrant issues, **AND ALSO:**

1. reflect a social justice component (e.g., food security, community building, economic empowerment) , **AND**
2. represent a range of approaches (e.g., education, advocacy, media, linking faith and justice), **AND**
3. show how the project will be incorporated into parish, school or organization life.

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### I. Organizational information:

#### Organization submitting proposal:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount requested from CRS /ORB \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total annual budget for project \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of project \_\_\_\_\_

#### Program/Project Contact Person:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 FAX \_\_\_\_\_

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 for a complete application:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print name and position

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature  
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 Print name and position

Preference will be given to projects and programs that:

- have not received funding from the CRS/ORB grant process;
- stimulate on-going and/or follow-up activities;
- involve multiple segments of the parish, school or organization;

**NOTE:** The following are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to receive CRS/ORB funding:

- Catholic Social Services offices or agencies
- organizations receiving CRS/ORB funding in 2006 or 2005

Return this grant application (pages 3-4) and the additional requested information to:

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