



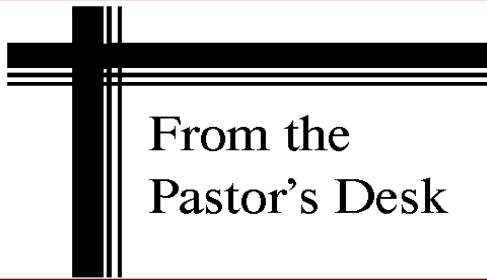
# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 9, 2021



### Saint John Vianney Parish Community

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### Dear Parish Family,

The theme of this Sunday's liturgy is clearly "Love". In movies, television programs, and songs on the radio, the subject is very often about love. Even in Church, we speak frequently about love. The readings remind us that the center of all living, Christian or secular, is love. *What then is love? Love is reaching out to others without expecting anything in return.* True love expresses itself in action rather than in words. Such is the love of God for his creation. God's love is poured out in abundance on every single creature and it continues to flow out whether there is a response or not. The Father's love, John's letter tells us, was expressed in our midst when he 'sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life in him'. In his own words in John's gospel, Jesus expressed this truth in this way: ***'A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friend'***. Jn. 15:13.

It is that love which we too are supposed to have. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us just one commandment: ***"If you want to be my disciple, then you must love one another, as I have loved you."*** It is this love that enables us to love our enemies and want to be reconciled with them. To love them with *God's love* is to want the very best for them, to want them to reform, to be changed, to be healed of hate and negativity. Therefore, John reminds us: ***"Wherever there is love, there is God"***.

The unconditional love of a Christian is a way of life. It is an internal attitude which influences every single thing we do and say and think.

**Happy Mother's Day:** To all mothers, be blessed as you imitate the loving kindness and compassion of Mary our mother.

***In the Risen Christ,  
Fr. Peter***

***Saint John Vianney Parish, a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic tradition, motivated by the love of God, provides opportunities in worship, education, ministry and outreach for its parishioners and the community at large.***

**Pastor** Fr. Peter Miti  
**Permanent Deacons**  
Clarence DeCaires Jerry Tokars Walter Yoshimitsu—Retired

**Parish Administrator** Gail Browne

**Parish Secretary** Gail Browne

**Music Ministry** Robert Mondoy

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Pam Aqui and Kamalani Rodrigues

**Religious Education**—Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator  
**Pre-School & Elementary Youth Ministry**

**Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage**  
Please refer to website for information or call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

**Annulment** Fr. Peter Miti & Deacon Jerry Tokars & Mary Duddy

**Sick and Homebound** (Communion/ Anointing of the Sick)  
Call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

**Funerals**  
Call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

**Online Giving** Go online to:  
[saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org](http://saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org)

**PARISH SCHOOL** Website: [sjvkailua.org](http://sjvkailua.org)  
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**Principal:** Caryn DeMello  
**Administrative Assistant:** Annie Chee  
**Director of Finance:** Sheryl Caldeira

**Sunday Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Hearing assistance devices available. See ushers.

**Weekday Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am  
Monday: Communion Service 8:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

After Saturday 8:00am Mass  
and by appointment only

**Welcome** New parishioners:  
please register at the parish office.

**Aloha** Departing parishioners: please  
advise the parish office of your departure date.

**AED** Available at back of church in  
cabinet under Divine Mercy picture  
and on parish lanai at school doors.

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday: 8:30am to 12:30pm  
Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 am— 4:00 pm  
Saturday: Closed

**Church is now open from 8:30am—10:30am for private prayer and devotion, Monday thru Friday**



# Know your Catholic Faith Corner

## *Apologetics Without Apology Year of Reading the Bible*

*The first reading reminds us that God calls, not only a few, but everyone to participate in the mission of loving. The second reading too invites all to love one another.*

*Today's Gospel reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. It follows immediately after last week's Gospel, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.*

*When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel. One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. His disciples will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.*

**Reflection:** *Do I love the Lord above all things?  
How do I manifest and express my love of God?  
Have I shown the love of God with my neighbor?  
How do I concretize my love of neighbor?*

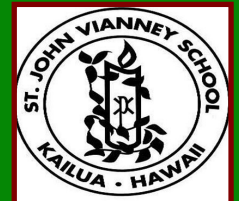
# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 9 (SUNDAY)	MAY CROWNING AT THE GROTTO after 11 AM MASS
MAY 10, 17, 24 (MONDAYS)	RCIA @7PM—8:30PM LOUNGE
MAY 13, 20 & 27 (THURSDAYS)	ROSARY MAKING @ 9:00am—11:00am BOARDROOM & LOUNGE
MAY 14, 21 & 28 (FRIDAYS)	UPPER ROOM BIBLE SHARING LOUNGE—@6:30PM-8:00PM
MAY 15 & 16 (SATURDAY/SUNDAY)	CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN- SECOND COLLECTION
MAY 16, 23 & 30 (SUNDAYS)	RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM @ 8:00am-11:45am BOARDROOM, LOUNGE & BASEMENT
MAY 22 (SATURDAY)	FIRST EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL @ 10AM
MAY 23 (SUNDAY)	PENTECOST- FIRST EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP LARRY@ 11AM MASS
MAY 31, (MONDAY)	MEMORIAL DAY—HOLIDAY –PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

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By: *Earl Walker*

## SCHOOL NEWS



St. John Vianney School, 940 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734 \* 808 261-4651

*St. John Vianney School is celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, May 10th-14th! The PTSH has created an Academy Awards program to honor our teachers and staff by gifting them items from their list of favorite flowers and snacks. Students may also print a "Fan Mail" to present them with favorable comments, including how each would be a great star in a movie! Mahalo to our PTSH for creating such a fun way to honor our principal and awesome staff for an entire week.*

*Our virtual May Day celebration on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a smashing success as our talented students performed various dances and music in honor of the Hawaiian culture. Thanks to our sponsors for their outstanding support. Thanks also to those who donated the greenery for our virtual performances! Our staff worked magic and turned the stage into an amazing backdrop for our dancers!*

*To view our spectacular program, please see our website [sjvkailua.org](http://sjvkailua.org). For more information, call 261-4651.*



# Stewardship of Treasure

**Offertory:** Our weekly donation for April 24th thru April 30th was \$10,142, weekly budget is \$8,010. Therefore, we have a surplus of \$2,132.

For the week of May 1st thru May 7th the donation was \$10,288, a surplus of \$2,278

**MAHALO** for your continued **SUPPORT** to **GIVE**.

*If you give online, please keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can put it in the collection box in the church or mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.*



*Stole, ecclesiastical vestment worn by Roman Catholic deacons, priests, and bishops. A band of silk 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 centimetres) wide and about 8 feet (240 centimetres) long, it is the same colour as the major vestments worn for the occasion.*

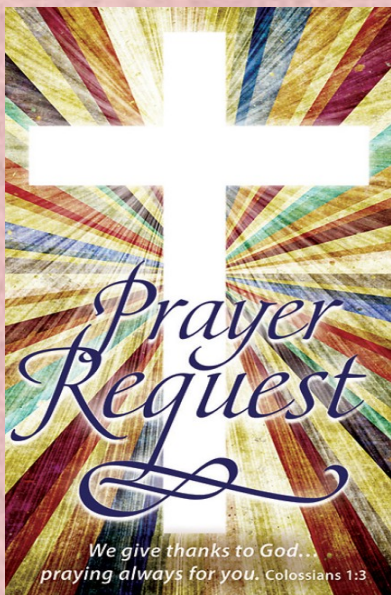
## *Next Week's Readings The Ascension of the Lord Year B*

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051621.cfm>

**Reading I:**  
Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

**Reading II:**  
1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel:**  
John 17:11b-19



## *For the Healing of:*

*Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston, Andrew Montalvo, Sydney Bennett, Maria Durante, Joya Baker, Stacy Carnes, Leatrice Ann Battisto, Barbara Fields, Gabrielle Taylor, Buck Marcum, Keone Johnson, Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthier Jr, Robert Brown, Frances Yoshimitsu, Milton McAngus, Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk, Kathleen Heirakuji, Myngoc Le, Michael Miti, Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong, John Sutton, Trish Robertson, Ruth Alves, Doug Barbieto, David Lewis, Lisa Cauldill for the Homebound and for other special intentions.*

*Rest in Peace: Hiram (Tom) Tompkins, BGEN (RETIRED)*



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050921.cfm>

### Reading I

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage.

Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



### Reading II

1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."



During the Month of May, the women of the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady will pray the Rosary after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings.

We invite you to come to Mass and pray the Rosary with us.

Please mark your calendars. Bring your Rosary, wear your mask and we will continue to observe 6' distancing.

A plenary indulgence is granted if the Rosary is recited in a church, a public oratory, a family group.

#### PLENARY INDULGENCE

The word "plenary" means "complete," relating to the complete remission of punishment for sins. The word "indulgence" comes from a Latin word, "indulgentia," which means "pardon." An indulgence is a gracious pardon, or dismissal, of the effects of sin. It can remove all the temporal punishment due to forgiven sin.

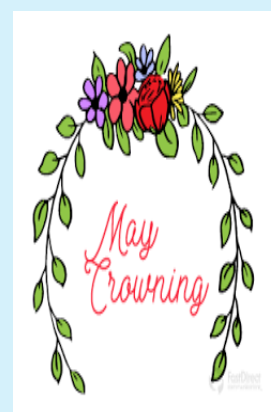
No one but God knows for certain when a plenary indulgence is actually gained, because only he knows whether a person's dispositions are adequate. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.

To receive a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill three conditions:

1. Sacramental confession,
2. Eucharistic Communion, and
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, all to be performed within days of each other if not at the same time.

These conditions may be satisfied several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work, though preferably Communion should be received and the prayers offered for the Pope on the same day as the indulgenced work. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even to venial sin, be absent.

**Important:** Every new Rosary must be blessed by a Catholic priest in order for it to be a SACRAMENTAL, which means that it carries the blessing of the "prayer of the Church".



The parish May crowning of our Blessed Lady, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th, after the 11 a.m. Mass

# HAPPY Mother's DAY

***This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence (if possible), gifts, and prayers on Mother's Day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward.***

***Two mothers for every Christian: On Mother's Day, and especially in the month of May, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation, "Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love." Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers. We need to be persons for others, sacrificing out time, talents, and lives for them as our mothers are now or have been.***



*Sent by: Kathleen Jaycox, FACE Representative for St. John Vianney Parish*

## Faith Action Presents Free Climate Change Webinar

Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force is co-sponsoring a free webinar on climate change, where the most recent research data will be presented. The online event features national authority and professor of Earth Sciences at UH Manoa, Dr. Charles "Chip" Fletcher.

**"Climate Change: Global Perspectives, Local Solutions"**

May 8, 2021, 9:00 -a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuyurT4qHtKca501BVkF1Tg7hyiwkoTW>

Following Dr. Fletcher's presentation, participants will be able to choose breakout groups led by Hawaii's environmental organizations where everyone will be given a chance to engage on how to take action locally.

This event is co-sponsored by the following organizations:

350.org  
Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii  
Climate Protectors  
Climate Reality Leadership Oahu  
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party  
Environmental Justice Task Force of Faith Action for Community Equity  
Hawaii EV Association  
Hawaii Youth Climate Coalition  
Kauai Climate Action Coalition  
The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra  
Protect & Preserve Hawaii  
Surfrider Oahu

The webinar promises to be stimulating and informative, and we hope you will join us.



## FAITH ACTION LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP 2021

The State Legislature ended the 2021 session as scheduled on April 29. It faced substantial difficulties in resolving issues associated with the State budget, but finally completed it.

However, many community advocates were disappointed in what they considered to be the Legislature's inadequate response to many other issues facing Hawaii, such as climate change, affordable housing, housing security, living wage, agriculture, food security, public education, homelessness, gun safety, and government transparency. The outcome of the 2021 legislative session shows that not enough legislators are truly committed to a long-term vision of a thriving and equitable Hawaii.

### Housing NOW! Task Force

Faith Action's Housing NOW! task force backed several bills advanced by Senate Housing Chair Stanley Chang. None passed. Sen. Chang's comprehensive **ALOHA Homes housing plan** is based on Singapore's success in housing a population six times Oahu's on an island less than half Oahu's size. Chang's bill would develop tens of thousands of homes near rail to be sold on State leased land targeted at \$300,000 to Hawaii residents who owned no other property and who guarantee they will occupy the units. The proposal would be financed through revenue bond sales covered by the purchasers' monthly mortgage-like payments.

During the 2021 legislative session, ALOHA Homes drew additional support from a State-subsidized study completed by the nonprofit Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice. It found that both Vienna and Helsinki — with high-cost construction like Honolulu driven by strong unions — could build housing at the ALOHA Homes target price. The study also recommended financing needed housing infrastructure via "Community Facilities Districts." Nevertheless, the State House of Representatives showed little interest in either ALOHA Homes or in several bills containing ALOHA Homes concepts that Sen. Chang sent their way.

The Housing NOW! task force continued Faith Action's legislative effort to have **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** taxed. Here, it achieved some success. While the major bill that would have taxed REITs died, the **Legislature did pass HB 286**, which forces REITs to declare their Hawaii-based revenue. Bill passage means we will finally document how much in total corporate taxes REITs would pay.

The Housing NOW! task force was less successful with **SB 33**, which would have required each county to estimate its housing need, develop a plan to meet that need, and identify sites for the needed housing. The bill embraced a community planning concept that the task force will pursue with the Honolulu City Council in the coming months.

## Environmental Justice Task Force

The Environmental Justice Task Force sponsored a carbon fee and dividend bill that they called “**Carbon Cashback.**” This bill would have put a price on fossil fuels and distributed all the revenue generated to Hawaii’s residents in equal shares. Unfortunately, the bill died before a UH study was issued, which showed that this concept would substantially reduce Hawaii’s greenhouse gas emissions, while giving financial benefits to low- and middle-income households.

After that bill died the task force supported several bills and a resolution **SCR 44**, which declares a climate emergency in Hawaii. The resolution was passed, making Hawaii the first state to declare a climate emergency. At a press conference announcing the passage of this measure, advocates emphasized the necessity of follow-up with concrete action to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

**HB 1142** is another bill passed by the Legislature that addresses climate change. It creates a funding mechanism for the installation of electric vehicle charging systems in order to encourage people to purchase electric vehicles. The electric utilities in Hawaii are still using fossil fuels to generate electricity, but renewable energy is steadily replacing those fossil fuels.

## Long Term Care Task Force

The Long-Term Care Task Force was part of a coalition supporting **SB 838**, which would provide greater flexibility in the implementation of the Kupuna Caregivers Act. The bill did not pass.

Living Wage Task Force took a pause this session, but will pursue this issue next year.

## Final words

Faith Action realizes that very few bills get passed in their first legislative session. It usually takes years, and that is why advocates must be persistent if they hope to ultimately be successful. Faith Action looks forward to the 2022 legislative session and is already making plans for it.

LET THE SPIRIT GUIDE YOU  
DISCERN THE VOCATION OF  
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**WE NEED DEACONS IN OUR PARISH!  
NEXT DEACON INQUIRY  
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MAY 14—16, 2021 AND JUNE 11—13, 2021  
CALL 203-6729 OR [JCOUGHLIN@RCCHAWAII.ORG](mailto:jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org)**

## Deacon Formation



Aloha and welcome to the Office of Permanent Deacon Formation website!

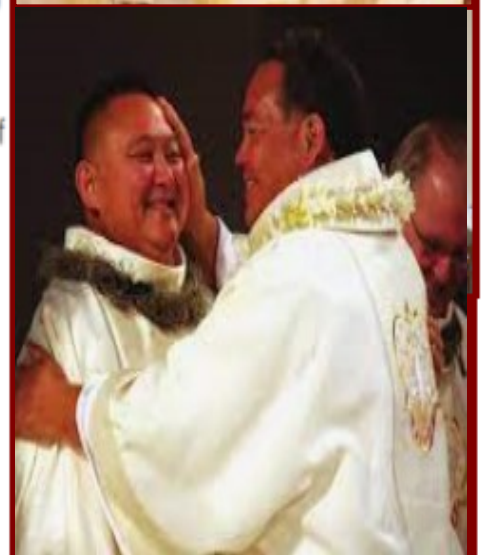
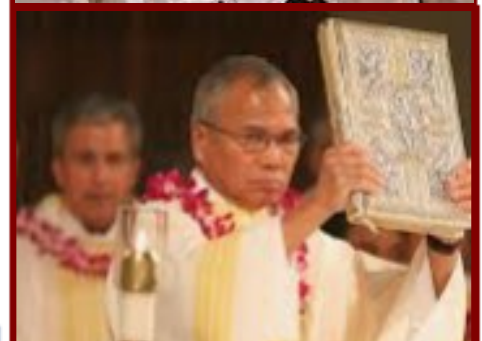
The Office of Permanent Deacon Formation is responsible for coordination of recruitment, screening, selection and formation of candidates for the Permanent Diaconate.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is directed at preparing men spiritually, academically and pastorally for ordination and to assist the Church in its mission of salvation of souls. Men who are called and chosen will be formed and sent to teach, to guard and to bear witness to, and to serve Holy Mother the Church through the example of their lives and their ministries of Word, service and charity.

Diaconal ministry works hand in hand with both priestly and lay ministry as a sacrament to bring about the kingdom of God. Deacons are men with a charism and a calling to radical availability for service to the People of God, the Church. The deacon's vocation calls him to collaborate with the bishop and the priests in an exercise of a ministry which is not of their own, but the Word of God—calling all to conversion and holiness. It is a ministry of reconciliation, of outreach to the most marginalized and those most in need of care, of education and justice. The Diaconate was not re-instituted because we have a shortage of priests or lay ministers. It was restored as "a living icon of Christ the Servant within the Church...a visible sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself."

If you are discerning a call to the permanent diaconate or interested in learning more about the diaconate, please visit our web pages for **Deacon Formation** or contact Deacon John Coughlin, Co-Director, at [808203-6729](tel:808203-6729) or [jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org).

Within the Office of Permanent Deacon Formation, we are prepared to assist you on discerning a response to your vocation.





# Support the Catholic Communication Campaign

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communication.

Dedicated to the mission of ending capital punishment, Catholic Mobilizing Network works to incorporate the principles of restorative justice into the U.S. criminal justice system through prayer, education, and advocacy. In 2019 Catholic Mobilizing Network fostered discussion and raised awareness of injustices in capital punishment by creating a study guide to accompany the film *Just Mercy*. The film describes how, in 1988, Walter McMillian was convicted and sentenced to death in Alabama for a crime he did not commit. *Just Mercy* presents the true story of his quest for justice, and the study guide empowers viewers to examine the story through the lens of Catholic teaching on racism, criminal justice, and poverty—elements that impact the issue of capital punishment.

This valuable resource was made possible through the Catholic Communication Campaign. By participating in the campaign, you help foster dialogue around the country on important faith and community issues.



## 2019 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS: \$3,835,606

News & Information Services:	\$1,253,159	33%
Media Evangelization:	\$926,466	24%
Developing Nations Projects:	\$402,834	11%
Web-Based Communications Projects:	\$338,400	9%
Building Media Capacity:	\$332,097	9%
Documentaries and Videos:	\$324,438	8%
Preserving Church History:	\$208,212	5%
Media Training:	\$50,000	1%

## EXPENSES

Allocations-Internal Grants*	71.55%
Grants and Donations	23.07%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	4.02%
Program Costs	1.36%
<b>Total Expenses Including Internal Grants</b>	<b>\$4,138,187</b>



\*Catholic News Service, [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) and other projects of the bishops' conference

## WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half support national projects in the United States and around the world.

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



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