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The Bishops of Washington State invite you to the
2021 Cornerstone Catholic Conference
FORMING DISCIPLES FOR LIFE & JUSTICE
OCTOBER 30, 2021 | VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

WORKSHOPS
Attendees may attend two workshops. Workshops with an * are offered in both English and Spanish.

 Msgr. Ray East	Catholic Social Teaching: The Foundation For Living Faithfully, Respecting Life, And Acting Justly	 Katherine Angulo	Youth Ministry - Meeting the Realities of this Generation*
 Bishop Tyson and Panel	COVID-19: Lessons Learned and Future Opportunities*	 PREPARES (Pregnancy & Parenting Support)*	
 Mario Villanueva and Panel	Faith In Action: Advocacy and Ministries*	 Camille Pauley	Doing Pro-Life Education the EASY WAY!
 P. Agustino Torres	Catolicismo y Colonialismo: La Verdad y Las Enseñanzas de La Iglesia Contra La Esclavitud (presented in Spanish)	 Brenda Noriega	La migración como "signo de los tiempos" (presented in Spanish)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Fr. Robert Spitzer – A Case for the Inalienable Rights of the Pre-Born
Gloria Purvis – What do the Racial Justice and Pro-Life Movements Have in Common?
Fr. Agustino Torres – Maintaining Christian Joy In Times of Darkness (presenting in Spanish)
Brenda Noriega – Love your neighbor as yourself! "And who is my neighbor?" (Lk 10:29) (presenting in Spanish)

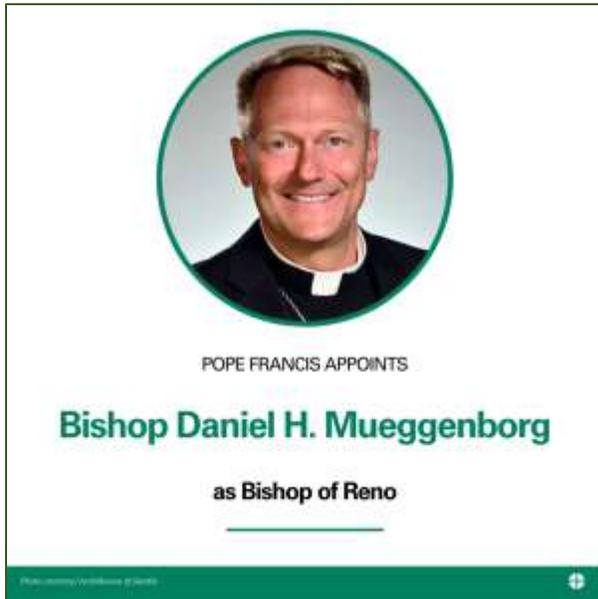
Bishops' Panel The Bishops of Washington state will present on topics related to "Forming Disciples for Life and Justice."

Featured Musicians Martín Valverde and Pedro Rubalcava

 No registration fee! Please register to receive access to the conference, and donations are welcome. wacatholics.org/cornerstone-2021

From the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC)

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg Appointed Bishop of Reno



Congratulations to WSCC's Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg, who has been appointed Bishop of Reno by Pope Francis. The WSCC Board and staff wish to thank Bishop Mueggenborg for his advocacy as an executive board member of the WSCC. Instrumental in directing state advocacy efforts, Bishop Mueggenborg was active in advancing state legislative priorities. Just this past year he testified before the state legislature against assisted suicide, led COVID-19 response efforts in the archdiocese, worked with the Governor's office to advance church reopenings and improve procedures, and created an outreach video to educate Catholics opposing the new Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE) laws. We wish you well, Bishop Mueggenborg! Read the Archdiocese of Seattle's press release [here](#).

Survey: Share Your Advocacy Priorities With the Bishops

The Washington State Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the bishops of Washington state, and the WSCC bishops would like to hear what your top Catholic advocacy priorities are. Participate in this [brief survey](#) to let the bishops know which policy priorities you are interested in advocating for. The survey takes only about two minutes to complete. Thank you for making your voice heard and for participating in the survey.

From the USCCB

USCCB Action Alert: Call Congress and Support Pro-Life Policies

As Congress considers Appropriations bills, the USCCB recommends you [call your US Congress member and US Senators](#) today and sign this [USCCB petition](#) to tell Congress to refrain from using taxpayer money to fund abortions. Current Appropriations bills exclude longstanding provisions that prevent taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions. The USCCB released this [statement](#) criticizing current Appropriations bills and urging Catholics to contact their legislators. To learn more about preventing the use of taxpayer funds for abortions, click [here](#) and [here](#).





My brother bishops and I urge the Senate to join the House of Representatives in passing legislation that would provide legal status and a path to citizenship for all Dreamers.

Bishop Mario E. Dorsonvile
Chairman, Committee on Migration

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USCCB Calls For Immigration Reform

On July 16 the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas ruled the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to be unlawful. The DACA program allows undocumented individuals brought into the country as children to remain in the US and receive work authorization. Also, known as “Dreamers”, there are 3.6 million individuals who were brought to the US as children, and there are 650,000 active DACA recipients. The USCCB released a [statement](#) that expressed disappointment with this ruling and called on Congress to pass legislation “that would provide legal status and path to citizenship for all Dreamers.” The statement concluded by quoting Pope Francis, “Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow.” Visit [Justice for Immigrants](#) to learn more about the Catholic Church’s immigration efforts.

National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees

[National Migration Week](#) begins on September 20, and [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) is September 26. Visit the links above for more information and resources on how to mark this day and involve your your parish.

Meeting and Event Invitations

Meet Your US Senators and Congress Member to Discuss CRS Priorities



This month [Catholic Relief Services](#) (CRS) chapters in Washington will be meeting virtually via zoom with US Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and select US Representatives: Rep. Suzan DelBene (district 1), Rep. Rick Larsen (district 2), Rep. Derek Kilmer (district 6), Rep. Pramila Jayapal (district 7), Rep. Adam Smith (district 9), and Rep. Marilyn Strickland (district 10). You are invited to join us to advocate for CRS international development and humanitarian priorities. Click [here](#) to identify your US Representative and district.

As constituents and supporters of Catholic Relief Services, we want to connect with our US Senators and members of Congress about the need to promote policies that ensure our immigrants and refugee brothers and sisters on the move can exercise their right to lead dignified lives and ultimately thrive. The threat and spread of COVID-19 only exacerbated the challenges we face—almost 80 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, 26 million of whom are refugees, and we anticipate 270 million people to require emergency food assistance this year.

In the August meetings, we will urge our US Senators and Congress members to ensure the highest funding levels possible for poverty-reducing international development and humanitarian assistance in the Fiscal Year 2022 Federal Budget. We will also strongly urge Congress to maintain the Helms Amendment in Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations, which prohibits the use of U.S. funded foreign assistance for abortion.

If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Kelly Hickman, kellyhickmanmats@gmail.com, and provide her your zip code, and we will communicate the date and time for the zoom meetings.

"Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good."

— Pope Francis



Undone Women's Conference (JPII Healing Center): Sept 9-11 In Sammamish.

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Register today for the [Undone Women's Conference](https://jpiihealingcenter.org/events/undone-womens-conference-sammamish-wa/), where you will experience a time of truth, beauty, and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity. Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a conference you won't want to miss! Location: Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sammamish.

Important Dates

- Sept 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- Sept 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month begins (ends October 15)
- Sept 20 [National Migration Week](#) begins
- Sept 26 [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#)
- October 30 WSCC's Virtual [Cornerstone Catholic Conference](#)

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