

December 13, 2017

Dear Advocate:

Once again, we take as our inspiration for Catholic Advocacy Day from the Washington State Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Poverty: *Who is My Neighbor? The Face of Poverty in Washington*. We invite you to join us in Olympia to raise your voice in advocacy for our neighbors in need at **Catholic Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 21!**

The purpose of Catholic Advocacy Day is to meet with our legislators to advocate for just and equitable policies. Issues we will address include life, economic justice, and housing issues. Other priority issues that we are following and may address include education, access to health care, environment, and restorative/criminal justice. The priority issues can change based on developments during the legislative session, and we will have updated information closer to the day itself.

Our time together will include:

- Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how advocacy is making a difference
- Mass
- Appointments with legislators

To facilitate the efficiency of the entire day, we need you to register **as soon as possible** but no later than **February 2**. [Click here to register online](#) or call 206.223.1138 to register by phone if you do not have internet access.

We will coordinate buses for the trip to Olympia. Bus locations will depend on the number of participants signing up per location. All bus departures will be early in the morning (6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. depending on the location). At this time we anticipate stops at the following locations:

- BELLINGHAM
- EVERETT
- LONGVIEW
- SEATTLE

- BELLEVUE
- FEDERAL WAY
- CHEHALIS
- TACOMA

- BURLINGTON
- KIRKLAND
- RENTON
- VANCOUVER



For those who travel on the buses, there will be an opportunity to review the information packet, have updates on the issues, and of course, have fun and snacks!

We schedule over 130 appointments with legislators. Everyone from the same district will meet together with their legislators. Even if you do not feel comfortable speaking on an issue, your presence will be a witness of your concern and commitment.

Thank you for considering being with us for this communal witness for justice and life on Catholic Advocacy Day. The week before the event a **confirmation e-mail with details on the schedule/bus locations/departure times, etc**, will be sent. Information available at: [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)

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