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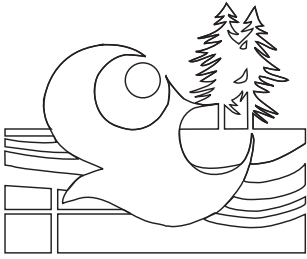
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Dear Social Justice Advocate,

**Please RSVP ASAP!**

**Catholic Advocacy Day** in Olympia is **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Each year we invite our members to participate in this legislative opportunity. Giving one day of our time can make a lifetime of difference for the poor and vulnerable. Our time together will include:

- Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how advocacy is making a difference
- Time with Governor Christine Gregoire
- Appointments with legislators

The purpose of Catholic Advocacy Day is to meet with our legislators to advocate for the needs of those with whom we minister. The areas we will address with our legislators include 1) housing, 2) economic justice, 3) access to health care, 4) environment.

The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will coordinate two buses for the trip to Olympia. **Both buses will leave from ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SEATTLE parking lot at 7:50 a.m., one will stop at the Franciscan St. Ann Convent, 6602 S Alaska in Tacoma at about 8:40 and both will return to Seattle by 4:15 p.m.**

We not only encourage you to join us for Catholic Advocacy Day, but we also feel that it is beneficial for us to travel as a group. As we travel together we will have updates on the issues, an information packet and, of course, fun and snacks. Additional benefits of traveling as a group include no parking at the Capitol and lessening our collective environmental impact.

**Over 110 appointments with legislators are made by our IPJC office.** Everyone from the same district will meet together with the legislators. Even if you do not feel comfortable about speaking on an issue, your presence will be a witness of your concern and commitment.

In order to plan effectively, we need to hear from you **by January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, whether you **will or will not** be attending Catholic Advocacy Day. This deadline might be extended until we fill the buses.

Thank you so much for considering being with us for this collective, corporate witness for justice on Catholic Advocacy Day. For those who will be joining us on February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be sending you a **confirmation letter and schedule the week before the event. Updates will also be available on our website, [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)**

Sincerely,

*Linda Haydock, snjm*

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Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Schwindeller".

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