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NEIGHBOR AND ADVOCATE FOR ALL

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY 2017



Dear Advocate:

Thank you so much for joining us for Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia last week! We were over 500 strong, raising our voices for our brothers and sisters in need.

Some of you have asked about the outcome of our advocacy efforts. You can follow all the bills which the Washington State Catholic Conference is tracking throughout the legislative session by signing up to receive their advocacy bulletins. To sign up, click here: <https://www.votervoice.net/WSCC/Register>.

While we designate one day per year as Catholic Advocacy Day, speaking up for those in need is an ongoing effort. Don't let the energy of the day die out! Consider these suggestions for further action:

- Send your legislator a thank-you note. Thank him or her for their time and for their public service. Such a courtesy can help build a stronger relationship with your representatives, and will make future communications more personal.
- Attend town hall or other public meetings that your legislators hold, or, better yet, ask to meet in person. And don't think you can only meet during the legislative session – often, legislators can give you more time and attention when they are not in session.
- Continue to write your legislators throughout the year on issues affecting the poor and vulnerable.
- In your communications with your legislators, remember to include personal stories of the people who are affected by their policy choices whenever possible.

Again, many thanks for participating in Catholic Advocacy Day and for all you do to build a more just and peaceful world.



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