

Resources for Service Component

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

United State Conference of Catholic Bishops:
<http://www.usccb.org/>

Wisconsin Catholic Conference:
<http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/>

Catholic Charities: www.cbsuperior.org

Check into the variety of local social service agencies in and round your surrounding area such as:

- St. Vincent de Paul, Red Cross, Salvation Army...
- homeless shelters and housing authority
- soup kitchens and food pantries
- agencies serving the aging and developmentally challenged
- abuse shelters
- youth & family organizations
- interfaith outreach organization
- health & medical agencies
- job training agencies
- transportation agencies
- and so on...

Bread for the World (BFW) - Law makers that lobby to pass legislation that addresses hunger in America and around the world. www.bread.org

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) – One of the Catholic Church’s efforts to support self-empowerment and self-employment projects by low-income groups within the U.S. www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - Reaches out to people around the world to alleviate human suffering and promote peace for poor and disadvantaged people. crs.org

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) - A Catholic organization serving the poor at mission sites around the world. www.cfcausa.org

Food for the Poor (FFP) - Ministers to spiritually renew impoverished people in Latin America and the Caribbean. www.foodforthepoor.org

Gifts of Hope—Buy a share of a project and give a gift of hope to the most desperate people. <https://gifts.crs.org/>

Global Exchange Fair Trade Store—Helps exploited, skilled artisans escape from a negative cycle of loss and gives them a way to maintain their traditional lifestyles with dignity. www.globalexchangestore.org

Habitat for Humanity® (HFHI) - A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. www.habitat.org

Institution for Peace and Justice (IPJ) - An interfaith, nonprofit organization that creates resources, provides learning experiences and advocates for alternatives to violence and injustice at the individual, family, community, institutional and global levels. <http://peace.sandiego.edu>

NETWORK—Lobbies and organizes to influence the formation of federal legislation to promote economic and social justice. www.networklobby.org

Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance (NCA) - Along with the Quixote Center present fine art materials from Nicaragua. The proceeds support the Nicaraguan artists and artisans who have created original work. <http://ncafairtrade.org>

Office of Migration and Refugee Services—Volunteers in this program can provide a welcome upon the newcomers’ arrival and can help the immigrants transition into American society smoothly. www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services

Pax Christi USA—Strives to create a world that reflects the peace of Christ by exploring, articulating and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. Educates the people throughout the world on issues of peace and promoting peacemaking. <http://paxchristiusa.org>

Pura Vida Coffee—Helps at-risk children in coffee-growing countries by selling only certified fair trade, organic, shade-grown coffee. <http://puravidacreategood.com>

Simply Smiles—A nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of impoverished children by providing funding for food, shelter, medical assistance and educational benefits. www.simplysmiles.org

SERRV - A Greater Gift markets fairly traded handcrafts and foods from around the world through a network of alternative and natural food stores, churches, nonprofit groups, direct mail catalog and an online store. www.serrv.org

Ten Thousand Villages—Provides an income to Third World people by marketing, selling and telling the stories of their wares for fair prices in North America. www.tenthousandvillages.com