



Our staff is available to give presentations on a wide range of topics. Listed below is a sampling of topics that are available for use with parish and other community groups. If you do not see a topic listed that your group would like to see presented, please feel free to call Catholic Charities at (405) 523-3000 to make your request.

ADMINISTRATION 523-3000

The Catholic Charities mission is to put into practice the Gospel values of justice, love, compassion and hope through service, empowerment and advocacy.

Presentation Topics

- Catechizing for a Just World: Presentation for religious educators stressing inclusion of Catholic Social Teaching in religious education curricula.
- Leader as Servant: Presentation aimed at developing servant leadership understanding and skills in the parish setting. Primarily used for Pastoral Advisory Council and other board development.
- Leadership Skills: Basic presentation aimed at understanding the role of leadership from a Christian perspective. Facilitates the discussion of mission and methods for any parish organization.

DISASTER RELIEF 523-3028

Long-term comprehensive case management is available to assist families in developing and implementing a recovery plan to help stabilize their household and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Immediate needs are met with emergency funds for food, shelter, clothing, etc.

Presentation Topics

- Disaster Response: What Does Catholic Charities Do When a Disaster Strikes? - Presentation covering how to meet the needs of friends, neighbors and parishioners in times of natural or man-made disasters.
- Disaster Planning: How families and groups can prepare for disasters.
- Matthew 25: How to organize a disaster response ministry in your parish.

PARISH OUTREACH and PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT 523-3009

The Parish Outreach and Program Development Department develops and trains parish leaders in the components of Parish Social Ministry: service; community organization; advocacy and justice education. It assists parishes in developing services to meet the needs of God's people.

Presentation Topics

- Communities of Salt and Light: U.S. Bishops' Statement on Social Ministry in the Church
- Faithful Citizenship: A call to political responsibility.
- JustFaith: A Justice Education/Formation Process That Integrates Personal Spirituality and Social Ministry
- Leadership Training: Answering Your Baptismal Call in Your Parish
- Training for Social Ministry: How to Start a Social Ministry Committee – The Basics of Social Ministry: Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching

HOMELESS SERVICES 523-3028

Provides two facilities, the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center and the Holy Family Home, where homeless women and their children can have access to comprehensive social services.

Presentation Topics

- Homelessness in Oklahoma City
- Catholic Charities Homeless Services
- How homelessness impacts women and children in the Oklahoma City community

ADOPTION and PREGNANCY SERVICES 523-3012

Provides counseling for birth parents experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Offers adoption placement services and search and reunion.

Presentation Topics

- Teen Pregnancy
- Options When Dealing with a Crisis Pregnancy
- Abortion & Rachel’s Vineyard
- Adoption

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES 523-3001

The Immigration Department provides quality, low-cost immigration services to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Presentation Topics

- Basic Immigration Law
- Immigration Law – Discrimination in Employment
- Immigration Law – VAWA

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT 523-3002

The Migration and Refugee Resettlement Program provides job readiness training, career search assistance, and cultural orientation classes to people fleeing other countries due to persecution for political opinion, race, religion, nationality or membership in a particular social group.

Presentation Topics

- About the Refugee Program, the Population We Serve and Volunteering
- The Benefits of Hiring Refugees and Other Clients/ Diversifying Your Workplace
- Resources for Employers and Employees

SOCIAL ACTION 523-3000

The Social Action Program endeavors to enable Catholics in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to respond to the challenge of the social teachings of the Catholic Church to work for justice, defend the dignity of all human life and serve those in need.

Presentation Topics

- Abortion
- Capital Punishment
- Catholic Social Teaching
- End of Life Issues: Durable Power of Attorney; Do Not Resuscitate; Nutrition and Hydration; Palliative Care; Advance Directives/Living Wills
- Euthanasia
- Immigration: Public Benefits – Public Charge; Discrimination
- Legal Aspects of Medical Ethics
- Legislative Process: Policy Advocacy; Ethics of Advocacy
- Poverty Issues: Welfare Reform; Minimum/Living Wage; Medicaid; Healthcare; Medicare and Homelessness; Elderly; Poverty USA; Impact of Poverty on Health

ST. JOSEPH’S COUNSELING SUPPORT, EDUCATION and OUTREACH 524-0969

St. Joseph’s Family Counseling offers professional, confidential counseling services in the context of the Roman Catholic tradition. Individuals, children, couples or families are provided opportunities for therapeutic change and growth.

Educational programs are offered to parishes, groups or organizations.

Presentation Topics

- Grief/Loss Issues
- Parent/Child Issues
- Family Communication
- Mental Health
- Healthy Boundaries