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**Days to Cultivate Justice**  
**January**

- 1 World Day of Peace
- 8 National Migration Week (8-14)
- 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 18 International Migrants' Day
- 22 Anniversary of "Strangers No Longer" (USCCB on Migration)
- 22 National Prayer Vigil for Life (22-23)

**Poverty in America Awareness Month**

Today, 43.6 million Americans—and 1 in 6 children (that's 18 percent of all American children) – are living below the poverty line. They live in families who are of necessity making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. To bring attention to this national crisis, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has designated **January** as "Poverty in America Awareness Month."

<http://old.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/povamer.shtml>



# Justice Memo

To: *Sisters and Associates*  
 From: *Mary Beth Hamm SSJ*  
 Date: *January, 2012*



National Migration Week: January 8-14

## Reflection on Catholic Social Teaching

We stand in solidarity with you, our migrant brothers and sisters, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf for just and fair migration policies. We commit ourselves to animate communities of Christ's disciples on both sides of the border to accompany you and your journey so that yours will truly be a journey of hope, not of despair, and so that, at the point of arrival, you will experience that you are strangers no longer and instead members of God's household. (Strangers No Longer: Together on a Journey of Hope, #106.)

## Immigration: Focus on Immigration Detention Center

### Detention by the numbers...

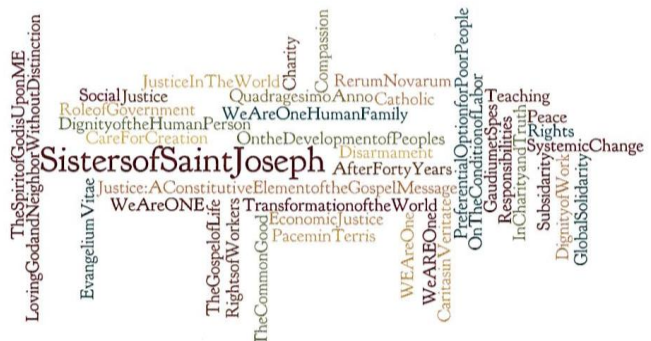
- **363,000** – The people detained in 2010, more than 500% increase since 1996.
- **2.5 million** – The number of people who have passed through immigration detention since 2003.
- **\$1.7 billion** – Money Congress spent in 2010 to lock up immigrants.
- **60%** – Percentage of immigrants detained under mandatory detention. ICE expects this number to continue to rise.
- **123** – The number of people known to have died in ICE custody since 2003.

Detention Watch Network: [www.detentionwatchnetwork.org](http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org)



### What can you do?

Join Detention Watch Network's Dignity Not Detention Campaign to repeal mandatory detention and restore due process to immigration law. Go to [www.dignitynotdetention.org](http://www.dignitynotdetention.org) to read more about things you can do to help stop mandatory detention.



## Human Trafficking Awareness Day – January 11

### What can you do?

- Take your human trafficking footprint: <http://slaveryfootprint.org/> and do something to lower it.
- Use or adapt the prayer that is on our website on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently there are seven residents at Dawn's Place...perhaps you can "adopt a resident" and provide Septa tokens or a gift certificate to Hair Cuttery or CVS. Dawn's Place can always use toilet paper, laundry products and cleaning products. Any donations can be dropped off at the Justice Office.

### Human Trafficking in the News...

- ECPAT-USA announced that Wyndham Worldwide has become the latest major hospitality company to take a stand against the commercial sexual exploitation of children by signing the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct (The Code).
- In preparation for the dark side of Super Bowl 2012, Indiana state legislators introduced legislation to close loopholes in Indiana's existing human trafficking statute. The preliminary bill would make it easier to punish traffickers harshly, by reclassifying trafficking as a Class A felony, the highest category under Indiana criminal law.
- St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan, who was a trafficking victim, has been proposed as the patron saint of victims and survivors of human trafficking. Once free, she resolved to work effectively to liberate girls and women from oppression and violence. With her inspiration we can do the same for today's victims and survivors. Learn about her life in this short YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHRjm1dDzzI>



### Human Trafficking Webinar: An Online Workshop for Catholic Middle School Students

Pass this word on to teachers you know.

Interactive webinar featuring:

- Material appropriate for 7th & 8th grade students
- Introduction to the global and local reality of modern day slavery
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Prayer, presentation and interactive discussion with students in other cities
- Opportunity to act for justice and practice writing business letters
- An interdisciplinary approach



To schedule a webinar contact:  
The Intercommunity Peace &  
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### January Justice Resources <http://ssjphila.org/justice.html>

#### Death Penalty:

Execution list – January 2012

#### Environment:

Living Lightly: Section 9 – Transportation

#### Human Trafficking:

Stop Trafficking Newsletter

Prayer for Human Trafficking Awareness Day

(From the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center)

Resources for HT Awareness Day: <http://www.ipjc.org/links/trafficking.htm>

#### Immigration:

Welcoming Christ in the Migrant Booklet (USCCB)

Alabama's Anti-Immigrant Law and the Economy (Immigration Policy Center)

#### Other Resources:

Newsletter from Office for Systemic Change (CSJ Canadian Federation)