

# ROUNDTABLE REPORT

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## Global Poverty Conference Draws 1100 Participants

More than eleven hundred Catholics packed **St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco** for the "Point Seven Now" conference, October 27-28. What began as an annual archdiocesan conference co-sponsored with the **University of San Francisco** enlarged into a regional conference with eleven dioceses participating.

The phrase "point seven now" refers to the imperative that industrialized countries earmark 0.7% of national income for health and development-focused foreign aid to halve extreme poverty worldwide by the year 2015. Currently, the United States contributes 0.2% of Gross Domestic Product for such aid. As a signatory to the **United Nations Millennium Development Goals**, the United States has agreed to increase foreign aid to reach this level.

The conference included reports from anti-human trafficking and debt relief activists from the developing world, along with Catholic Relief services staff from Africa who reported on successful partnerships with U.S. dioceses. These speakers shared both heartbreaking statistics and hopeful stories. For instance, did you know that a baby purchased for four dollars can be sold to North American adoptees for \$20,000? Or that 2.2 million women and children worldwide have been sold into the sex trade? On the positive side, did you know direct relationships between U.S. Catholics and people



*Mary Doyle, diocesan social action director from the Diocese of Oakland, shares "best practices" on global poverty issues with other diocesan staff attending the Point Seven Now conference hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.*

living in poverty have developed through CRS-brokered partnerships like that connecting the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and a Kenyan diocese?

By far, the most popular speaker among the diocesan social action directors who attended was economist and global health expert **Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University**, who offered a spirited defense of targeted foreign aid. He argued that because rice is the staple food of China and India, these two countries experienced the benefits of the "green revolution" in a way that African countries never could, because they do not cultivate wheat or rice as the U.S. and Japan do. Although some maintain, Sachs continued, that India and China have lifted *themselves* out of poverty, such statements are simply not true. The increases in agricultural yields from development assistance at the time of the green

revolution were their first step out of poverty. "No one of us has ever accomplished anything on our own," Sachs said. "Getting out of extreme poverty has always been a result of help."

Sachs, who co-authored the Millennium Development Goals with United Nations Secretary-General **Kofi Annan**, maintained that "solutions that overcome poverty do not require overturning structures." To paraphrase, the prosperity of the affluent does not require the misery of the poor; therefore "the revolution" is  
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## Roundtable Symposium Focused on Peace

The Roundtable's Symposium Committee, chaired by **Ralph McCloud** of the **Diocese of Fort Worth**, has unveiled its theme for the 2007 Symposium: *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: Peacemakers in a World of Conflict*.

The Symposium will begin on Saturday, February 10 with an examination of the evolution of Catholic teaching on peace from **Rev. David Hollenbach, S.J.**, who is known as one of the foremost authorities on Catholic teaching on peace. In his opening presentation, Fr. Hollenbach will trace the development of Catholic teaching on war and peace, from the time of the apostles to today, with specific reference to contemporary means of warfare. Fr. Hollenbach will also

consider the meaning of Catholic teaching on peace in light of the increasing phenomenon of the use of force by non-state actors.

On Sunday, February 11, **Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J.**, editor of the most widely-read publication among Roundtable members, *America*, will bring his considerable skills and knowledge to bear on questions regarding the future of global conflict: What are the likely sources of future international conflicts? What role will natural resources play? What is the role of the church in the United States in preventing these conflicts? How can we work best with our bishops and diocesan constituencies to act to prevent, defuse, or otherwise respond to global conflict? Lengthy discussion periods will offer an opportunity to dialogue with Fr. Christiansen on these issues.

The Roundtable Symposium will also include the Harry A. Fagan



*The 2007 Roundtable Symposium will include a full morning of dialogue about the future of global conflict with America Magazine editor Drew Christiansen, S.J.*

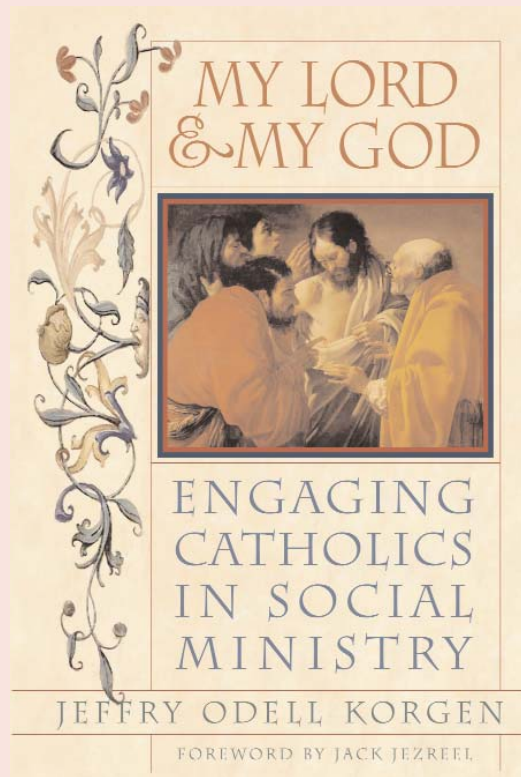
Roundtable Award Banquet honoring **Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J.**, a peacemaker here in the United States, whose **Homeboy Industries** has won international acclaim. The Symposium will conclude with the Roundtable Membership Meeting, at which the members will discuss lessons learned from the mid-term elections, the Justice for Immigrants Campaign, and the impact of structural changes at the USCCB. □

## Leadership Book Draws from RT Members' Experiences

Roundtable Secretary Jeff Korgen has written a book for Paulist Press that draws upon the collective wisdom of Roundtable members. *My Lord and My God: Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry* takes on the central challenge of Catholic social ministry today--engaging new leaders, offering a Christ-centered paradigm based on success stories from several Roundtable member dioceses.

Three organizing tools of Jesus Christ himself: *invitation, conversion, and empowerment*, form the strategic umbrella under which a variety of wildly successful social ministry efforts fall. Each of these three methods offers the faithful a direct experience of Jesus Christ himself, which is the primary reason for their success.

All copies of the book purchased through the National Pastoral Life Center will benefit The Roundtable Association.



## Dorothy Day: A Saint for Social Justice?

When a journalist told **Dorothy Day** that she was the first saint he had ever interviewed, she replied, "Don't call me a saint-- I don't want to be dismissed that easily." Those words echo today, as the **Archdiocese of New York** organizes The Guild for Dorothy Day ([www.dorothydayguild.org](http://www.dorothydayguild.org)), and diocesan social action directors like **George Horton** must reckon with Dorothy's words.

"Most Catholic Workers support the work of the Guild," he said, pointing to participation of both prominent friends of Dorothy and small Catholic Worker communities throughout the country. The aim of the guild is to educate Catholics about a Servant of God who lived simply, often in difficult circumstances, performing both works of mercy and acts of justice with charity to all. She went to jail many times for her persistence.

Writing from his deathbed, **Cardinal John O'Connor** requested that the formal canonization process begin in 2000. After the Vatican offered its approval, U.S. Catholics of both political extremes offered criticisms. Church "traditionalists" argued that her political beliefs and the fact that she had an abortion (before her conversion to Catholicism) disqualified Dorothy from sainthood. Some progressives, quoting the "Don't call me a saint" remark feared that canonization would trivialize and marginalize

the example that was Dorothy's life. On the other hand, moderates like Thomas McGrath, editorial director of Claritian Publications responded, "I'd rather risk having her tamed than forgotten. She belongs to the ages. She's a saint for our times, someone who can help us make sense of the challenges of our time."

The Archdiocese of New York is taking this middle course, using the sainthood cause as an opportunity to educate Catholics about Dorothy's life and ministry. On Saturday, November 4, George and **Lourdes Ferrer**, coordinator of the Guild and **Tom Dobbin**, coordinator of social justice education led a conference for Catholic youth on Staten Island, one of the vicariates of the archdiocese, and where Dorothy converted to Catholicism.

The daylong conference included a preview of the new film *Dorothy Day: Don't Call Me a Saint* and a presentation by **Pax Christi Metro New York** director **Rosemary Pace**. Students also participated in prayer services based on Dorothy's favorite scriptures and some of her own writings. Discussion groups took on questions like "Are there things that Dorothy Day struggled with that you and/or your friends struggle with today." The program was attended by eighty young women.

The canonization process begins at least five years after the death of a candidate. This is to allow greater



*Dorothy Day, Servant of God, in her New York Catholic Worker office in the 1970's.*

balance and objectivity in evaluating the case and to let the emotions of the moment dissipate. After the bishop of the diocese in which the candidate died obtains the necessary Vatican permissions, a tribunal is called in which the theological virtues (faith, hope, charity) and cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance, fortitude) of the candidate are recalled. Dorothy's cause has passed through these steps and she is now called "Servant of God."

For beatification, a miracle attributed to the Servant of God must be confirmed after appropriate canonical investigation. For canonization, another miracle is required. With canonization, the Blessed acquires the title of Saint.

At the 2007 Social Action Summer Institute in Milwaukee (July 20-25), participants will be treated to a special look inside the Dorothy Day Archives at Marquette University, including rare television interviews and other archival footage of Dorothy, perhaps the future patron saint of diocesan social action. □



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## ROUNDTABLING

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CARDINAL

RENATO MARTINO

*Cardinal Renato Martino is President of the Pontifical Commission for Peace and Justice. Roundtable Report interviewed Cardinal Martino during the Point Seven Now conference hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.*

**RR:** We diocesan social action directors are grateful for the work of the Pontifical Commission for Peace and Justice. In fact, all of our members own a copy of the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*.

**RM:** Bravo!

**RR:** What is next for the Pontifical Commission for Peace and Justice?

**RM:** As a matter of fact, we are getting ready to publish a document on combating poverty in the era of globalization. I hope that it will be published before Christmas. It will be about 100 pages in length. It will first take the data on poverty from the various international organizations and then make a reflection on what poverty means for Christians, for Catholics.

**RR:** These new documents make some of us wonder if the Vatican is moving away from papal encyclicals and toward publishing more documents by the Pontifical Commission?

**RM:** No, we always had published documents. This is the vocation of the Pontifical Council: to study problems, situations, and issue documents about the situations. We call meetings. For instance, in June, we called a meeting on combating corruption and invited, among others, the president of the World Bank, Mr. Wolfowitz. We published a note on corruption

just two weeks ago. It's now available on our website.

**RR:** Have you seen any social justice priorities emerge for Pope Benedict?

**CM:** Pope Benedict is very committed to following the same path as John Paul II. Give him time! John Paul was pope for 27 years. I must emphasize the fact that in Pope Benedict's first encyclical, half of it is on social questions. So the love of God, our love to God and neighbor must be realized through action. The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* is not a mystery. The first chapter starts with God's plan of love for humanity. The last chapter is for a civilization of love. So social justice is well inscribed in the first encyclical. We might hope that in the near future there might be another social encyclical. The fortieth year of *Popolorum progressio* is approaching. The twentieth anniversary of *Sollicitudo rei socialis* is approaching. We might hope that he might give us a gift along these lines.

**RR:** Do you have a special message for our Roundtable members?

**CM:** Wherever I go, reporters ask me "What is your concern—the war in Iraq, the threat of war in North Korea, in Iran, etc." Wherever there is conflict, there is a concern. John Paul II said "War is an adventure without return." It's a useless exercise. There is always no winner and no loser. All are losers.

The main problem is that half of mankind lives on one or two dollars per day. This is a tragedy! We have 50,000 people dying each day of hunger and preventable disease! Most of them are children! Is this not worse than a war?

**RR:** Yet whenever I give a presentation on poverty in a parish in New York or New Jersey, the first question I get is about the church's

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position on the war in Iraq. What is the position of the Vatican on the Iraq war?

**RM:** It is not a secret! Pope John Paul II was *strongly* against beginning the Iraq war. What they achieved is zero. I had just arrived as President of the Pontifical Commission in 2002. I spoke so many times saying what John Paul II said. He showed that this war was not a war between civilizations; this war was not a war between religions. So much so that delegations from Muslim countries came to thank the Holy Father for his position. It was a prophetic position.

**RR:** Has that position changed under Pope Benedict XVI?

**CM:** Absolutely not! I'm reading a book about Benedict XV. He referred to "The useless carnage" of World War I. So his successor, Pius XII said on the eve of the Second World War, "With war, everything is lost; with peace everything can be gained."

**RR:** You are also President of the Pontifical Council on Migration. As you know, immigration is a very divisive issue here in the United States. Some of our bishops have taken very prophetic stands.

**CM:** I agree and subscribe to all that your dear bishops have said about that. Just a few days ago I met with the president of the USCCB, Bishop Skylstad, the vice-president, Cardinal George, and general secretary Msgr. Malloy, who was my collaborator at the United Nations. (I was for sixteen years the representative of the Vatican at the United Nations) I expressed the satisfaction and appreciation of the Holy See for what they did and said and I encouraged them to continue to have contacts with Mexican and other Latin American bishops. □

## “Social Dimensions of Ordained Ministry” Sessions Engage Clergy

In 2005, when, as part of a five-year survey, The Roundtable asked its members “What church offices do you work closest with?” the most popular response was “State Catholic Conferences,” with 63% of members reporting “extensive” collaboration. Ranked 16 and 17, respectively, were “Continuing Education of Priests” (7%) and “Seminary” (3%).

Several dioceses have begun to move those numbers upward, by inviting a USCCB-facilitated effort into their diocese. “The Social Dimensions of Ordained Ministry” is a multi-workshop priest and diaconate formation effort spearheaded by the **Office for Priestly Life and Ministry** and the **Office for Social Development**. The Roundtable assisted in the planning of the retreat/training, along with several national Catholic social justice organizations.

Typically, the two to four day retreat/training began with a discussion of mission during challenging times, followed by a presentation and discussion on Catholic social teaching and its roots in scripture. The focus then turned to the practical application of the teaching in the arenas of worship, preaching, teaching and leading. The USCCB statement on parish social ministry, *Communities of Salt and Light*, took center stage in the latter part of the program, and, where possible, diocesan social action directors participated in panels discussing with local clergy concrete ways to involve ordinary parishioners in the social dimensions of discipleship.

**Rob Gorman** of the **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux** has worked closely with clergy to discuss how

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they communicate Catholic social teaching to parishioners. “We did a survey in 2000,” he said, “which measured how much priests preached about Catholic social teaching and how often parishioners heard about CST from the pulpit, from their perspective.”

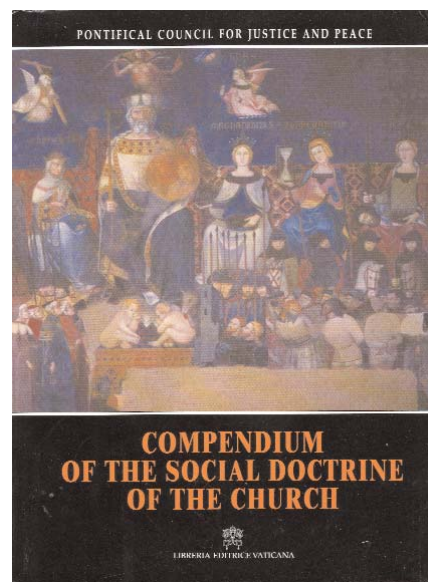
The results astounded Rob. Priests claimed that they preached quite often about the social doctrine of the church, but parishioners responded saying that they rarely heard about it. Through follow-up interviews, Rob ascertained that priests were indeed preaching about social justice issues, but parishioners believed that the preachers spoke out of their *own personal opinion*, not the traditional doctrine of the church.

In response, Rob has brought three major resources to the diocese, including **Preaching the Just Word** with **Fr. Ray Kemp** and **Fr. Walter Burghardt, SJ** (Fr. Burghardt was known to repeat the jokes he learned at the retreat for years). He also began emailing weekly reflections on the lectionary readings to clergy who signed up. Finally, he worked with the Office for Clergy to bring the USCCB retreat to the diocesan retreat center in Schriever, Louisiana, which included a presentation by **Sr. Celeste Cotter, CSJ**, parish social ministry coordinator for the diocese.

In the cooler climes of the **Diocese of Duluth**, Minnesota, Patrice Critchley-Menor was thrilled to have “favorite son” **John Carr** return to Minnesota to present the retreat/training. “John Carr has a lot of credibility with our priests,” she said, “because he went to the

seminary with many of them. He’s a real guy to them.” Following The Social Dimensions of Ordained Ministry retreat, Patrice met with the diocesan vocations director, whom she described as having “met Jesus all over again.” He characterized himself as “being sick of hearing about social justice, after fifteen years as a deacon,” but was invigorated by the retreat/training. He invited Patrice to develop an eight-week summer study-action-prayer experience for seminarians. “He wants more than vague suggestions to help the poor,” she said. Patrice’s query on the Virtual Roundtable e-mail discussion group generated two lively rounds of suggestions.

**Bro. Steve Herro** was equally as complementary of USCCB-SDWP’s Joan Rosenhauer, who presented the same material to clergy in the **Diocese of Green Bay**, drawing from both Pope Benedict’s *Deus Caritas Est* and the U.S. Bishops’ *Communities of Salt and Light*. “Her address was particularly relevant during the election season,” he said. Joan placed the church’s refusal to endorse candidates squarely in the tradition of basing positions on values rooted in Catholic social teaching rather than personalities of political parties. She also encouraged clergy present to familiarize themselves with the recently released *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* (see interview with Cardinal Renato Martino on opposite page). □





## Roundtable Roundup

### Housing Tours Raise Awareness in Stockton Diocese

In the last issue of *Roundtable Report*, we heard from **Archdiocese of Baltimore** DSAO director **Sr. Joan Marie Stief** on the issue of “workforce housing,” one of the most politically salable “frames” of the affordable housing issue. **Cecelia Titizano** of the **Diocese of Stockton** has been organizing housing bus tours for diocesan clergy, among them **Bishop Stephen Blaire**, and elected officials to learn about the crisis in affordable housing in the region and learn from promising local responses. For example, one bus travels to visit new housing construction in Ripon, California, where by municipal ordinance, ten percent of all new housing construction is earmarked for low-income or workforce housing.

### Couple Jointly Appointed to Davenport Post

For **Abigail** and **Michael Heaton** of the **Diocese of Davenport**, justice has always been a family affair. The two Iowans now jointly lead the office once headed by Catholic social justice legends **Msr. Marv Mottet** and **Dan Ebener**. When Dan encouraged Michael, then a lobbyist for the

**Iowa Catholic Conference**, to apply for the job, Abigail had an interesting reaction. “She said, ‘I’m so jealous!’” recalled Michael. “We talked about it, and she’s stronger at direct service and I’m stronger at advocacy, so we thought that between us we had the ‘two feet.’” The couple now shares both the director position and caring for a newborn baby. Abigail and Michael follow in the footsteps of former diocesan social action directors **Mary Heidkamp** and **Jim Lund** of the **Archdiocese of Chicago** and **Glenda** and **Marcus Keyes** of the **Diocese of Knoxville** in sharing the leadership of a diocesan social action office as a couple.

### Oklahoma City Director Receives Human Rights Award

As a lawyer, **Shirley Cox** of the **Diocese of Oklahoma City** is no stranger to debate. Over the past year, she has participated in numerous debates and dialogues on immigration, which have taken her from church basements to a November 2 appearance on CNN’s **Lou Dobbs Tonight**. Of all of these public conversations, she found the appearance on Lou Dobbs program to be the most acrimonious. “It was brutal,” she said, referring to the anti-immigrant tone of the show. On the other hand, she has found church audiences to be far more civil. In several parishes, she is convinced, “most people came with an open mind, and there were

some very thoughtful questions.” Shirley believes that such forums are important because they expose people to sides of the issue that they do not hear about in the media, such as how long the waits for legal immigration are and the actual value of public benefits that immigrants receive are. For her work promoting immigration justice, Shirley received an award from the state of **Oklahoma Human Rights Commission** in December.

### Kansas City Archdiocese Targets Porn as Threat to Human Dignity

When the Kansas bishops released their election-year document “Moral Principles for Catholic Voters” one unique feature was the inclusion of racism and the “production and use of pornography” in a list of intrinsically evil actions. **Archdiocese of Kansas City** social action director **Bill Scholl** believes that both of these issues are of very high importance to **Archbishop Joseph Naumann**. One program of the archdiocese is called “As for Me and My House,” an educational effort which deals with addiction to pornography. In addition, Bill works with prosecutors on enforcing existing anti-porn laws. He said that adult bookstores are “not an easy target because of the money involved.”

### Youth Border Crossings Foster Awareness of Migrant Journeys

**Tricia Hoyt**, **Diocese of Phoenix** social action director, works through the **Dioceses Without Borders** partnership between **Phoenix, Tucson, and Hermosillo** to foster awareness of the migrants’ journey among adults, but she also has extended educational efforts of to youth. Last December, the diocese took over forty teens and adult coordinators across the Mexican border. They gathered on the American side of the border in an area where the wall softens into a mesh fence. On the other side, a group of Mexican youth assembled. The two groups faced each other



Teens from the Archdiocese of Hermosillo show Diocese of Phoenix youth the web in Christ that binds us all together.

across the mesh and sang religious songs to one another. The American youth streamed through the border gates, and the united Church processed through the streets of Nogales. The youth carried signs reading "Dioceses Without Borders Respects the Dignity of All Persons." A group of migrants joined the procession. They ate a meal together and broke a piñata. Then the youth reenacted the story of the Holy Family. One of the migrant men portrayed Joseph. After the play, the young people gathered in smaller groups to hear the stories of migrants.

In June, a smaller group of a dozen teens and adults traveled to Agua Prieta by van for a two-day excursion across the border. In this trip, they met with migrants crossing the border over exceptionally rough terrain. Later, they toured the roasting and distribution center for **JustCoffee**, a project which takes coffee grown in Chiapas and prepares it for sale and consumption in the United States and Canada. Tricia observed that the experience left the youth and their adult advisors "clamoring for more."

### On the Lifeboat with Al Hooper

**Al Hooper** of the **Archdiocese of Denver**, whose "Two Hands of Social Concerns" image appeared in the October, 2005 issue of *Roundtable Report* (further adapting Msgr. Marv Mottet's "two feet" model), is known for introducing evocative images in his talks about Catholic social teaching. Lately he has been using a nautical image to convey the current situation in the United States. "We're in a lifeboat in this country," he said. "There are eight people on the boat. We throw off the elderly, the unborn, the poor, the immigrant." Al uses the language of the consistent life ethic to help participants reconsider how we might respond to those on the lifeboat with structures of justice and a spirit of charity. He finds that youth, in particular, respond well to the lifeboat image.

### Pittsburgh Diocese Spreads Citizenship Message with Radio

This issue's cover story examines the church's use of electronic media to promote its Faithful Citizenship message. Susan Rauscher of the Diocese of Pittsburgh explains that radio remains an effective communications vehicle for her office. "The diocese does a weekly radio commercial during drive-time on KDKA, Pittsburgh's most popular station," she explained. A well-known radio priest is the bishop's spokesperson in the thirty second spot, used for both education and advocacy. Among the messages has been an advertisement encapsulating the USCCB document Faithful Citizenship.

### Death Penalty Moratorium Advocate Receives Award

Roundtable members serving at the turn of the century will recall former **Diocese of Charlotte** director **Joanne Frazer**, whose husband Ted, was recently honored by **People for the Abolition of the Death Penalty** with their **Rev. Robert Seymour Award** for his efforts to raise awareness about the injustices associated with the death penalty and the need for a moratorium on its use. Current DSAO director **Joe Purello** stated that the results of Ted's work on behalf of the church in western North Carolina "have been amazing. His enthusiasm for this cause (not to mention his energy level as he crisscrossed North Carolina from meeting to meeting) is limitless. Ted's optimism is infectious. 'It will happen next year. We have some work to do, but it will be next year' is what one hears Ted saying. And we are close in North Carolina to the passage of a moratorium—if it happens, it will be largely thanks to Ted Frazer."



*Shirley Cox receives a State of Oklahoma Human Rights Commission Award.*

### Mary McGinity Appointed DC Social Action Director

After four years as deputy to former **Archdiocese of Washington** social action director **Chuck Short**, **Mary McGinity** has taken the reigns as director. Appointed by **Archbishop Donald Wuerl**, Mary believes that a key role of a diocesan social action office is *convenor* and *incubator*. "As convenor we can pull together powerful partners," she said. "As an incubator, we can help start new projects and then spin them off."

Mary pointed to several projects that the diocese has incubated, including a peace institute bringing together local groups working on peace issues, a health care clinic serving mainly African immigrants, and a project called "Welcome Home," which pairs mentors with people who are returning home from prison. The aim is not to retain these projects in the social action office, but to help them become independent, self-sustaining groups. Mary began her career in social ministry as a Jesuit Volunteer (another one!), worked as a parish pastoral counselor for 18 years, and for a few years with county mental health services. □



Rev. J. Bryan Hehir moderated a presentation and dialogue with Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University via video-conference.

unnecessary to overcome poverty. Rather, defeating extreme poverty is “the bargain of this generation.” But, he added, “So far, we shunned the bargain.”

Diocesan social action directors met later to discuss action steps, sharing

best practices such as Fair Trade coffee sales, targeted legislative advocacy, and diocesan partnerships. **Archdiocese of San Francisco** public policy and social concerns director **George Wesolek** was clear that the momentum from the conference must be translated into action. “It’s all about the Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty now,” he said. George explained that as diocesan social action directors met, similar groups of parish leaders, school-teachers, hospital administrators, and religious gathered to develop concrete action strategies facilitated by **USCCB-SDWP** and **CRS** staff. “We want to get the church, the whole institution, involved. That’s what these groups are all about,” he added. □

### The UN Millennium Development Goals

#### Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day
- Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

#### Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

- Ensure that all boys and girls complete a full course of primary education

#### Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

- Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015

#### Goal 4: Reduce Child mortality

- Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five

#### Goal 5: Improve maternal health

- Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio

#### Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

- Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS
- Halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases

#### Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

- Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes; reverse loss of environmental resources
- Reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water
- Achieve significant improvement in lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers, by 2020

#### Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

- Develop further an open trading and financial system that is rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory, includes a commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction— nationally and internationally
- Address the least developed countries' special needs. This includes tariff- and quota-free access for their exports; enhanced debt relief for heavily indebted poor countries; cancellation of official bilateral debt; and more generous official development assistance for countries committed to poverty reduction
- Address the special needs of landlocked and small island developing States
- Deal comprehensively with developing countries' debt problems through national and international measures to make debt sustainable in the long term
- In cooperation with the developing countries, develop decent and productive work for youth
- In cooperation with pharmaceutical companies, provide access to affordable essential drugs in developing countries
- In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies— especially information and communications technologies

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