

# Social Justice Links

## [Bread for the World](#)

A collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad by changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist.

## [Catholic Charities](#)

A diocesan initiative that serves and empowers persons in need, advocates for a just society, and represent a seamless continuum of care to address the needs of people at all stages of life with special emphasis on the economically poor and the vulnerable.

## [Catholic Relief Services](#)

CRS carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the US to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. A primary aim is to promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

## [Habitat for Humanity](#)

A program that enables non-home owning, inner-city families earning 40% to 60% of the county's median income, the opportunity to own a new, simple, decent home for about the same monthly money as they would pay for a flat or apartment in the city.

## [Hunger Action Network of NYS](#)

A statewide anti-hunger coalition that combines grassroots organizing at the local level with state level research, education and advocacy to address the root causes of hunger, including poverty.

## [New York State Catholic Conference](#)

The Conference is the public policy arm of the Bishops of New York State, especially in state legislative matters. Its role is to seek justice, fairness and charity for all, with a particular emphasis on the poor and vulnerable.

## [New York State Right to Life](#)

The organization is an advocate for the right to life of dependent and helpless human beings including the unborn child. It provides educational materials and outreach and promotes legal, political, social and cultural reforms designed to insure the right to life and human dignity.

## [Priests for Life](#)

An initiative to galvanize the clergy to preach, teach and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia. In activating clergy it seeks to activate Churches, the pro-life movement, and the wider society in the defense of life.

## [Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY](#)

The Food Bank collects large donations of food from the food industry and distributes it to charitable agencies serving hungry and disadvantaged people in 23 counties from Plattsburgh to Newburgh relying largely on volunteer assistance.

## [Respect for Life Program](#)

An educational and awareness-raising initiative of the USCCB meant to call attention to numerous human life issues. The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on the first Sunday in October and is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events.

## [Schenectady Home Furnishings Program](#)

The program provides household furnishings in good usable condition to people and families in need. Volunteers pick up and deliver donated furniture at no charge to the donor or recipient.

## [Schenectady Inner-City Ministry \(SICM\)](#)

An ecumenical partnership of 58 congregations concerned with social service and justice that addresses current issues such as food insecurity, affordable housing initiatives, health and fitness and various economic development initiatives.

## [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

USCCB provides news and information on church teaching and advocacy on justice, peace and human development issues. Its aims include organization of religious, charitable and social welfare work at home and abroad.