

AUSCP Working Groups as of March 3, 2017

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| <u>Immigration</u> | |
| Purpose: To inform members about Immigration issues and to support the efforts of the USCCB to promote and advance Comprehensive Immigration Reform thru public actions and support of positive initiatives. | |
| <u>Roman Missal Translation Concerns</u> | |
| Purpose: To collect and voice the complaints of priests and laity about the awkward grammar and diction of the new Roman Missal's "English translation" so as to move the USCCB Committee for Divine Worship to hear the concern and take steps to improve the texts used for our most important liturgical prayer. | |
| <u>National Plan for Priestless Parishes</u> | |
| Purpose: To express alarm at the lack of a clear, realistic and viable plan to provide pastoral leadership in priestless parishes and to research and, with others, formulate a proposal for presentation to the USCCB. | |
| <u>Re-Commitment to Gospel Non-Violence</u> | |
| Purpose: To invite and occasion personal and organizational re-commitment to Gospel Non-Violence in response to the "Appeal to the Catholic Church" issued in April, 2016 by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace together with Pax Christi International. | |
| <u>Elimination of Racism</u> | |
| Purpose: To advance the elimination of racism in our church by fostering interracial dialogue, inter-faith exchange, homiletic resources and parish prayer service models, and the formation of friendship with people from various racial backgrounds. | |
| <u>Ordination of Married Men (Viri probati)</u> | |
| Purpose: To encourage the American Bishops to petition the Pope to change the present law requiring celibacy of all Roman Catholic priests by opening ordination to married men of proven quality (<i>virii probati</i>). | |
| <u>AUSCP Membership Diversity</u> | |
| Purpose: To develop a more diverse AUSCP membership in terms of race, ethnicity, age, and geography. Associated objectives include similar diversity of speakers, facilitators, and forms of prayer and worship; liaisons with national ethnic priests associations and individual bishops; and responses to diversity issues in church and society. | |
| <u>Bridges to the Laity</u> | |
| Purpose: To define, develop and welcome appropriate involvement of persons and organizations in pursuit of AUSCP's Mission. | |
| <u>Caring for our Common Home (Laudato Si')</u> | |
| Purpose: To promote knowledge and reception of Pope Francis' 2nd encyclical through provision of homily helps for every Sunday of the three year liturgical Sunday and to support other efforts by AUSCP members and others. | |
| <u>Church and Labor</u> | |
| PURPOSE: To foster among priests continuation of the Church's long tradition in the United States of supporting working men and women and to bring the Church's Social Teaching and U.S. Labor Law to bear on one another. | |
| <u>Emerging Pastoral Issues</u> | |
| Purpose: To engage AUSCP members and other priests in dialogue and survey responses aimed at identifying pastoral issues and challenges that are emerging as U.S. society and culture change. | |