

WELCOME

*The Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry
welcomes you to its
2022 Social Justice Convocation*

Program Booklet

Introduction

WHY are there OVER 100 MILLION PEOPLE on the move globally? WHO are they? WHERE are they?

“Ukraine war and other conflicts pushed the number of people forced to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution over the staggering milestone of 100 million for the first time on record” according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

We are a Church of HOPES and DREAMS and are called by Catholic Social Teaching to respect the DIGNITY of each human being, and to LOVE our “neighbor”.

The objectives of the 2022 Social Justice Convocation are:

- 1) Education – who is displaced and why?
- 2) Awareness – what is the Church doing in Boston and how are parishes helping? And
- 3) Discernment – what are you, personally, and with your faith communities, called to do to serve those in need?

Please note that the Convocation is being recorded for future downloading and will be available within a week on the Social Justice page of the Archdiocesan website. Additional information and resources are available in the Social Justice Ministry website at:

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry>

CONVOCATION PROGRAM AND TIMETABLE

10:00: Welcome and Overview from Host, Deacon Tim Donohue

10:05: Holy Mass, concelebrated by Cardinal Seán O'Malley (Homilist), Bishop Robert Reed and Rev. Robert Kickham

10:50: Welcoming Remarks by Cardinal Seán O'Malley

10:55: Keynote Presentation by Sean Callahan, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services

11:20: Q&A Discussion for Sean Callahan, moderated by Deacon Tim Donohue

11:30: Presentation by Marjean Perhot, VP of Refugee and Immigrant Services at Catholic Charities of Boston

11:50: Panel Discussion moderated by Marjean Perhot with Ed Marakovitz of Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group and Phil Agati, of Refugee Resettlement at Catholic Charities Boston

12:05: Q&A Discussion for Marjean, Ed, and Phil, moderated by Deacon Tim

12:20: Update on Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry by Pat Dinneen, Chair Social Justice Ministry

12:27: Closing Prayer by Michael Ashenagu, Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury

12:30: Conclusion of Convocation

SPEAKER BIOS

Sean Callahan

Sean Callahan is President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. He is a 33-year agency veteran who has held a wide variety of leadership roles overseas and at agency headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. From 2012 to 2016, Sean served as the chief operating officer for Catholic Relief Services, responsible for Overseas Operations, U.S. Operations and Human Resources, and for ensuring CRS' fidelity to its mission to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. His role was to enhance performance, stimulate innovation and position CRS for the future. Sean was executive vice president for Overseas Operations from June 2004 to September 2012. He provided oversight for a program and management portfolio which grew to more than \$700 million, serving people in more than 100 countries and engaging a team of more than 5,000 staff. As regional director for South Asia from January 1998 to May 2004, Sean strengthened CRS' programming and partnerships in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. He worked closely with Saint Teresa of Calcutta and the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, represented CRS at the Asian Bishops Synod in 1998, and led the regional response to floods, droughts, earthquakes, cyclones and man-made emergencies. He experienced a terrorist attack by the Tamil Tigers at the Sri Lankan airport, and championed programming in Afghanistan during and after the Taliban's rule. Immediately before his assignment to South Asia, he served as director of Human Resources for CRS at our world headquarters in Baltimore, and previously he worked in West, Central, and Southern Africa, Costa Rica, and as the director of the CRS Nicaragua program. Sean holds a master's in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, where he also received a bachelor's, magna cum laude, in Spanish.

Sean is the First Vice President of Caritas Internationalis (2015-2023), and he serves on the Executive Board and Representative Council of Caritas Internationalis (2011-2023). He is the president of Caritas North America (2015-2023), and he served on the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities USA (2014-2018). Sean and his wife, Piyali, have two children, Sahana and Ryan. Sean is a member of the Church of Resurrection in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Marjean Perhot

Marjean was appointed Division Director for Refugee and Immigration Services of Catholic Charities Boston in 2005 and currently serves as the Vice President of Refugee and Immigration Services. She oversees a social enterprise, Community Interpreter Services, immigration legal, and refugee resettlement programs.

She has worked with immigrants and refugees in Boston and Cleveland for more than 25 years. A sought-after expert, Marjean is a nationally recognized voice for refugee and immigration issues, offering insight, education, and outreach throughout Massachusetts and the nation. She serves on the steering committees for Catholic Charities USA Immigrant and Refugee Community of Practice, Center for Migration Studies Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative, and USCCB Justice for Immigrants. She is also a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Council on Refugees and Immigrants.

A graduate of St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN, Marjean was born and raised in Lorain, OH.

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Patricia M. Dinneen, Chair Social Justice Ministry**

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