How Obama and Romney Will Help the Hungry and the Poor

The Circle of Protection - an organization of more than 65 leaders of religious denominations, service organizations, relief and development agencies, including major Catholic leaders — were concerned about the absence of attention for the poor, hungry and vulnerable in this year’s political campaign. This coalition came together and drafted a statement on why programs to protect the poor in the United States and the world are needed, noting that 15% of Americans live in poverty, and 20% of American children live in poverty.

The Circle of Protection’s statement was a year in the making and includes eight key principles (find the statement online at http://www.circleofprotection.us/index1.html) The principles include the recognition of an obligation to face the deficit, but not at the expense of the poor; the need to reduce poverty in the United States and the world; sacrifices are required by all; and the need to develop living wage jobs. Three principles speak to the personal and collective moral obligation on us all and to ask “What would Jesus do.”

In July, the leaders invited the presidential candidates — President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney — to go on record and submit short video statements regarding how they will help hungry and poor people.

To see and hear the historic videos go to: http://circleofprotection.us/2012.html

Calendar

Moving Pictures: Friday Night Film Series On the First Friday of Each Month
St. Joseph Center, Mother Louis Room
480 S. Batavia Street, Orange, CA 92868
6:30 - 7:00 pm Gathering & Refreshments
7:00 - 9:00 pm Film & Discussion
For more information on the upcoming film series from October 2012 - June 2013, visit www.csjorange.org or contact: (714)633-8121 ext. 7716 or mperales@csjorange.org The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange present films that raise awareness and encourage conversation about the dynamic, ever-changing, systemic and critical needs of our world. Through a variety of titles and topics, attendees explore what it means to live a life in relationship with each other, our neighbors, and the whole community of life.

November 2nd -
The World According to Monsanto
Monsanto provides seeds for 90 percent of the world’s genetically modified crops. Filmmaker Marie-Monique Robin discusses Monsanto’s controversial practices from production of PCBs and Agent Orange to genetically modified seeds and related herbicides.

December 7th -
Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America
This documentary is a remarkable resource for providing education on the life of women religious and their contributions to this nation from 1727 to the present.
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### Need Voter Information?

**Resources Available Online**

**VOTE411.org** provides almost all the information about the election process you need to vote. This includes checking to see if you are registered, information directly from the candidates regarding their vision for America’s future, early voting options, registration deadlines, ID requirements, your polling place, absentee ballot information and more.

**League of Women Voters**


**Theological Depth for Voters**

Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good presents this voter reflection: [http://catholicsinalliance.org/2012cacgvoterguide.html](http://catholicsinalliance.org/2012cacgvoterguide.html)

**Try This Fun Election Quiz**

The quiz asks questions about where you stand on various issues, calculates your responses and lets you know which candidate thinks most like you. [http://www.isidewith.com/](http://www.isidewith.com/) Then “TRY THE QUIZ”.

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YouTube Video for Reluctant Voters

If you know of a reluctant voter, especially a young one, here is a youtube link you can send: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6-7TRoFjGM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6-7TRoFjGM)

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