

# THE PEACE AND JUSTICE INSTITUTE PRESENTS

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY-TRANSFORMING SOCIAL STRUCTURES THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY

November 13, 2008  
St. Charles Pastoral Center  
Romeoville, IL  
9:00am—3:00pm

Building a democracy that serves the common good is our civic responsibility. Our faith requires that we be faithful disciples and citizens in order to transform unjust social structures and policies. We use Catholic Social Teaching and legislative advocacy skills to promote justice in public policies. We will review the principles of a just society, tools for legislative advocacy and social change, and strategies for building a strong parish social justice ministry. *"We The People....Will The People."* The afternoon session will include introductions to advocacy opportunities with Bread for the Word and the Joliet Diocese Legislative Network.

*"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race..."*  
Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

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Sara Dwyer, A.S.C., is a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region and is the NETWORK Education Coordinator.

Her ministry has been in adult education both at the diocesan and parish level. She is also engaged in retreat work. Before coming to Washington, Sara served on her Congregation's Leadership Team and, from 2003-2006, she was Chair of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), Region 10, and served on the National Board of LCWR.

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Cost: \$35 per person includes lunch. Please register 1 week in advance.

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