

# THE PEACE AND JUSTICE INSTITUTE PRESENTS

## POVERTY AND WORLD HUNGER—RESPONDING TO GLOBAL NEED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

April 2, 2009  
St. Charles Pastoral Center  
Romeoville, IL  
9:00am—3:00pm

This day will deal with a theological investigation and assessment of the division of the world into rich and poor countries. Scripture and Catholic social teaching will give insight into the socio-political issues of poverty, economic development, and liberation. The Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative will be introduced. The two-year nationwide effort calls upon one million Catholics to confront global poverty by defending the life and dignity of people living in poverty throughout the world and to urge our nation to act and advocate.

*“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

### WILLIAM O’KEEFE, Senior Director of Advocacy

Bill O’Keefe advances CRS’ policy and advocacy positions on issues important to Catholic Relief Services, such as foreign aid reform, trade and humanitarian assistance, migration, and extractive industries. In particular, Bill oversees CRS’ government relations and grassroots advocacy. He also develops and oversees CRS’ overall approach to building relationships and influence with Congress and the Administration and communicating CRS’ voice on issues of concern.

Bill has been with CRS since 1987, when he began as a Project Manager in Tanzania. After 3 years in the field, Bill joined CRS’ headquarters staff as Desk Officer for East and Southern Africa. In 1993 he was appointed Director for Operation Rice Bowl, CRS’ annual Lenten campaign, and in 1995 became CRS’ Director of Church Outreach, responsible for expanding education and outreach to the American Catholic community. In 2001, Bill was named CRS’ Director of Government Relations, from which he was promoted to his current position in 2003.

Bill has a B.S. from Yale University and an M.A. in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University



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

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