

Symposium for Systemic Change

“Divide us not between the politics of left and right, but unite us in the truth of right and wrong.”
– Ronnie Moore, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Cornerstone Builders

8 – 9AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast and Songs of Praise

9 – 10AM: Opening Session: The Legislative Agenda and Report

Rob Tasman, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops

10AM – 1PM: Track I – Rotating Workshops

- Respect Life, Human Trafficking and Immigration
Debbie Shinskie, Respect Life Office Archdiocese of New Orleans
Dr. Sue Weishar, Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans
- Faithful Citizenship: Forming and Voting Your Conscience
Kevin Fitzpatrick, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Justice & Peace
- Criminal Justice Reform
Ann Kungel and Dennis Schrantz, Louisiana Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative

10AM – 1PM: Track II – Civic Engagement Summit of Student Leaders

Dr. Nia Haydel, Dillard University

1 – 2:30PM: Closing Session and Lunch

- Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force Report
Rhett Covington, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
- Higher Education in Prison
Syrita Steib Martin, Operation Restoration

Friday, October 20, 2017

8 AM – 2:30 PM



The Tracy Center
1800 South Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Register now by contacting Angela Wattler at 985 – 966 – 3846 or SystemicChangeSymposium@gmail.com.

Donations are strongly encouraged and requested for registration and follow-up support.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” – Matthew 25: 34 – 35

“If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.” – Mark 10: 34 – 45

A Vision of Justice

- **JUSTICE** a judicial system of fairness and mercy
- **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** spiritual healing, reconciliation, and transformation
- **CIVIC JUSTICE** rehabilitation through service
- **JUSTICE REINVESTMENT** advocacy for public dollars to be spent on rehabilitation and job creation for returning citizens rather than mass incarceration
- **SOCIAL JUSTICE** promoting a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity
- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE** economic initiative: the right to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.

“The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, so ask the master to send out laborers for His harvest.” – Matthew 9:37