



Advocacy

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you." (John 14:16-17; 26)

The Office of Advocacy and Justice, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Central Florida, endeavors to raise the visibility of those individuals who are most impacted by policies and issues that do not reflect the truth about the dignity of each person; their rights and responsibilities. The ministry fulfills the Gospel imperative "to do good, love justice and walk humbly with God" and others (Micah 6:8).



Education and Legislative Advocacy

"Love compels us "to go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (Mk. 16:15) This "mandate" includes our engagement in political life. (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB)

In addition to meeting our clients' immediate needs, Catholic Charities of Central Florida advocates to lawmakers to effect lasting change in our society. We also offer workshops to help people better understand the issues impacting our neighbors, including: healthcare, immigration, family stability, refugee services, disaster preparedness and adoption.



Personal Witness and Public Outreach

"Love is more than justice, for it is patient and kind. Mercy must be added to justice in order for society to be truly human." (DOCAT 111)

Justice and Charity are necessary to transform unjust policies that keep people poor and powerless, without mercy and hope.

Ongoing Conversion and Social Transformation

"Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. (Pope Francis)

We offer retreats and events aimed at spiritual growth, service and social transformation, based on the social doctrine of the Catholic Church. Our guiding principles are built on these Catholic teaching themes:

- Rights and Responsibilities
- Sacredness of Human Life
- Peace and the Poor
- Environment
- Community and Common Good
- Dignity of Work

"We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world." (FCFC/USCCB)

Our Mission

Our mission is to embrace all those in need with hope, transforming their lives through faith, compassion, and service.