



SEASON OF FAITHFUL WITNESS

Rooted in the Gospel, formed by Catholic Social Teaching, lived in the public square.

1 Who is leading this effort?

The Season of Faithful Witness is being led by a national, collaborative group of Catholic leaders from across the country. This is not the work of a single organization, but a shared effort shaped by leaders rooted in diocesan ministries, religious communities, parish life, and Catholic apostolates who are responding together to the urgency of this moment.

2 Why this effort, and why now?

Communities across the country are experiencing real harm from threats to the sanctity of life and the common good. Families are living with fear and uncertainty, the immigrant is met with hostility, and we witness the struggle for integral human development. "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." (Proverbs 31:8)

For many pastoral leaders, this moment has become a pastoral emergency of hope, where the faithful are overwhelmed by anxiety, with people turning to the Church not only for charity but for moral clarity and public solidarity. "A just society can become a reality only when it is based on the respect of the transcendent dignity of the human person." (132, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church). The Season of Faithful Witness offers a shared, prayerful, and visible response. It invites Catholics to stand together, promote a culture of life and a civilization of love, and affirm the dignity of every person as a Child of God.

3 What are we inviting Catholics to do?

We seek to organize a wave of authentically Catholic public witness/action events across the country between Ash Wednesday and Corpus Christi. We express deep solidarity with all those being harmed by laws that fail to protect the vulnerable, even from government officials, and the social discord that fuels them.

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). True solidarity, as St. John Paul II taught, "is not a feeling of vague compassion... (but) a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good," so "let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

4 How are we approaching this work?

We are inviting Catholics to engage this season through the tradition of See, Judge, Act. We begin by seeing clearly the realities in our communities, remembering Pope Benedict XVI's warning that "The exclusion of religion from the public square... hinders an encounter between persons and their collaboration for the progress of humanity."

We judge them in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, and act together through prayerful, public witness. This is not a one-time action, but a repeating rhythm of prayer, gathering, discernment, planning, and witness that allows faith to continually shape how we respond to this moment.

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