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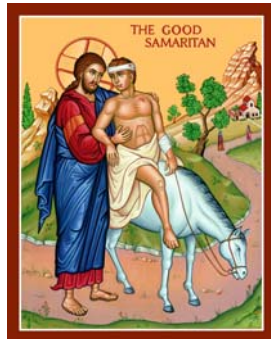
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Prayer

Prayer to serve God well

Father of Mercy,
forgive my failings,
keep me in Your Grace,
and lead me in the way of salvation.
Give me strength in serving You
as a follower of Christ.
May the Eucharist bring me Your Forgiveness
and give me freedom to serve You all my life.
May it help me to remain faithful
and give me the grace I need in Your service.
May it teach me the way to eternal life.
Amen

Reflection



"Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God."

Leo XIII

Information

From Catholic Charities USA President Obama Releases Detailed Budget Request

On May 7, President Obama released a more detailed fiscal year 2010 budget request. The new request provided more information on policy directions and spending priorities of the administration. Some highlights of the request include:

- *Health Care:* The budget establishes a reserve fund of \$600 billion as a down payment to reform the nation's health care system.
- *Job Training:* The budget provides investments in Youth Build and other new investments in green jobs and employment opportunities in other growth sectors.

- *Housing*: The budget requests \$4.5 billion for the Community Development Block Grant, and provides new funding for the low-income housing trust fund and the Section 8 programs. These investments represent a start for the comprehensive response that will be necessary to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing across the country.
- *Other Vulnerable Populations*: The budget provides \$87 million funding for a new home visitation program that will support families and children during the early stages of life and reduce child abuse and neglect. The budget requests \$20 million to fund innovative programs to improve the foster care system. It also provides \$50 million to strengthen communities. These funds will help local non-profits build capacity to assist low-income families find and retain employment.

The budget resolution is nonbinding and does not require the President's signature. It serves as a blueprint for key legislative decisions on taxes, appropriations, and entitlement programs later in the year.

Catholic Charities News & Events



Most of you have now received the welcome packet with a letter from the Bishop and Deacon Sage. Please continue to share this important Affiliation with you friends and family. Remember too that your continuing prayer is the most valuable gift you can offer this important ministry.

May 5th

WHEDA (Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority) Meeting
8:00 p.m.

Contact: Jeff Hoffman

May 30th

"An Evening in the Chippewa Valley" Event

Contact: Karen Becker

June 11th

Adoption Informational Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish-Eau Claire; 6-8 p.m.

Contact: Cynthia Blum-Johnson

Please continue to pray the prayer of Affiliation especially in these difficult economic times.