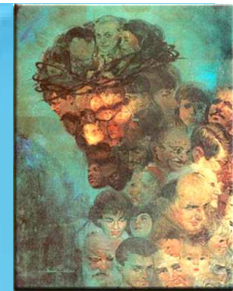


# The Image



“God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.” Gen 1:27

## The Virtue of Prudence

*“A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1803)

For centuries Catholic Social Teaching has served as a moral barometer for discerning the proper and just ordering of society. Still social, political and economic failures accumulate year after year. Like a broken record, the same tune plays over and over until it is finally unplugged. The unborn continue to perish, the infirm and weak are marginalized, and the poor and the people of the beatitudes patiently await the promise of better days. Political promises come and go, economic indicators rise and fall, and futures of hope and prosperity fade into the background of meaningless rhetoric and slogans. Yet, still we echo the timeless truths of the rich tradition of Catholic Social thought: life is sacred



Prudence as portrayed in Cesare Ripa's *Iconologia*

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from the moment of conception until natural death, and the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, is the means and ends of all possibilities no matter how broken,

unfamiliar, torn or dismantled society becomes. We are rapidly discovering that restructuring and reconfiguring societal institutions is not the answer to social problems but rather it is the “restructuring” of the human person that is the key to a better world. Nor, is it a pure intellectual understanding of Catholic Social Teaching that will spark a revival of justice and fairness. It will be the virtuous living of believers that will command interest, attention, and conversation. Virtues, real and practiced, will articulate more about Catholic Social thought than any written book, interactive program, or art contest.

“Prudence is right reason in action”

- St. Thomas Aquinas

Prudence, one of the four “cardinal” virtues, is a developed virtue that is critical to Catholic social reasoning. “Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern **our true good** in every circumstance and to choose the **right means** of achieving it.” (CCC, 1806. Emphasis added.)

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## Project C.U.R.E. - CRS & Haiti Relief

The Mission of Project C.U.R.E. is to identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world.

Project C.U.R.E., through a generous sponsored donation from MillerCoors, was able to ship from Denver International Airport via American Airlines, desperately needed medical supplies to Catholic Relief Services workers on the ground in Haiti after the devastating earthquake.

Do you want to work with Project C.U.R.E.? Volunteering is simple to do with its international headquarters located here in Colorado — 10377 East Geddes Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112. Contact them at 303-792-0729.

ProjectCure.org



Photo from Project C.U.R.E. website

## Colorado Catholic Conference



***“God is always ready to answer our prayers for help with the virtues we need to do His will.”*** - Living the Gospel of Life, A Challenge to American Catholics, USCCB 1998.

In this timeless statement from the USCCB the virtues are eluded to many times. *“We need the prudence*

*to know when and how to act in the public arena... The great lie of our age is to believe we are powerless in the face of compromises, structures and temptations of mass culture. But we are not powerless. We can make a difference. We belong to the Lord, in Him is our strength, and through His grace we can change the world.”*

Please join and participate in the Citizen Advocacy Legislative Network and help change the world.

Colorado Catholic Conference  
www.cocatholicconference.org



## Immigration Reform - JusticeforImmigrants.org

On January 6th, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced steps for the enactment of immigration reform legislation in 2010. Bishop John C. Wester, Bishop of Salt Lake City and chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, and Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, New York and chairman of the International Policy Committee of the USCCB, made the announcement.

Bishop Wester added, “It is our view, and that of others, that the American public, including the Catholic and other faith communities, want a humane and comprehensive solution to the problems which beset our immigration sys-



tem. They want Congress to address the issue.”

Steps announced by the Bishops include: the launch of a nationwide postcard campaign under the Justice for Immigrants campaign, and the launch of a new Justice for Immigrants website with tools for

parishes. Also, a nationwide action alert is asking Congress to enact immigration reform as soon as possible.

The Colorado Catholic Conference is coordinating the Justice for Immigrants campaign for the Archdiocese of Denver. For more information please visit their website [www.cocatholicconference.org](http://www.cocatholicconference.org) or call 303-894-8808.



## Operation Rice Bowl - CRS

In observance of Lent fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are integral observances of this holy time of the year. During Lent, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) provides an opportunity for Catholics in the United States to reflect on Catholic Social Teaching and the principle of global solidarity as a way to truly live in true communion

with our brothers and sisters worldwide. Through almsgiving, Operation Rice Bowl and other special efforts, like the annual CRS collection (March 13-14, 2010), CRS is able to assist the poor and suffering in over 100 countries around the world. While 75% of the funds raised by Operation Rice Bowl help the world’s hungry and poor, 25% is retained within each diocese to support local

programs assisting the marginalized. This past year the faithful of Denver supported two food and clothing banks which provide services to the people on the eastern plains and Catholic Charities’ mission in Ft. Collins that serves the homeless. Please visit [CRS.org](http://CRS.org) for more interactive resources and materials to share with your friends and associates.

**New York Yankee’s Donate \$225,000 to CRS Haiti Relief Effort!**

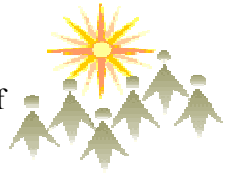
## 2010 Mission Cooperative Plan

Here they come, from all over the world they come, to tell their stories in our parishes and to ask for prayers and support. This year over 240 Catholic mission groups and organizations requested participation in the Mission Cooperative Plan! Although, this number may seem overwhelming and the human need taxing, this is a living testament to the Catholic faith and the Church's response to share the "good news" and to demonstrate

that "good news" by easing human suffering for all people. Since we can only accommodate twenty-one mission groups within the Archdiocese, the task of selection is difficult yet accomplished.

This year one of the local mission organizations, the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers, will be conducting appeals at several parishes. They invite young adults (ages 22-30) into

the process of companionship with the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.



Colorado  
Vincentian  
Volunteers

They spend a year of serving the poor of Denver while growing in their spirituality in a Catholic community. They work with the homeless, clinics for the poor, the elderly, and struggling families.

## St. Jerome Mission - 20 Murders a Day

**But not one murder on this special weekend!**

It has been a very bad year for Ciudad de Juarez. The drug wars that menace this border town broke out in horrifying violence last winter. The city has suffered more than 800 murders since Jan 1, 2009.

This once peaceful city witnesses 20-30 murders a night. Violent drug cartels war for turf making Juarez the murder capital of the world. Businesses have fled because of extortion and kidnapping. Tourist are rare. But something happened for two days in this city that even made the front page of *El Diario*, the city newspaper. When construction began on the mis-

sion project, a parish center in the *barrio* - a collaboration with a local parish (San Carlos), there was no violence and not one murder for two days. There was much joy, hope, and gratitude because the construction itself provided jobs and the possibility of a day of prosperity, peace, and stability. For two nights death had taken a *siesta* and life triumphed!

The St. Jerome Mission began as an outreach of the Denver Catholic Biblical School and has grown to include generous patrons from parishes throughout the Denver Archdiocese, especially those who have themselves lived and worked with those who are poor in

Juarez. "Our mission in Mexico is to share peace, friendship and love for the glory of God" said Ben Lager, President of the St. Jerome Mission.

Donations to the St. Jerome Mission may be sent to 1434 Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80210. [www.stjeromemission.com](http://www.stjeromemission.com)



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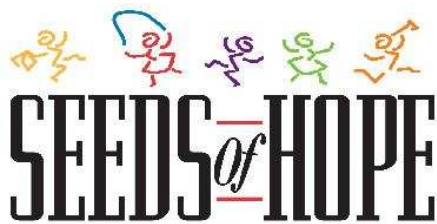
## Calling All Men: Hello, You There?

What the heck is the Rocky Mountain Catholic Men's Conference? For whom, where, when, and most importantly, why? I know the Holy Scriptures are full of stories of women responding to the "great truth" from their physical presence at the crucifixion to the announcement of the Resurrection. They were and are always present helping, organizing, and volunteering. Today the same call of the Holy Spirit is raising up men as notable

leaders to achieve great and mighty things. To boldly

announce the truth of all things that God became flesh like us, walked among us, taught us great wonders, reassured us, and loved us. And like us, he suffered even unto death, at the hands of his favored and cherished creation—the human person. And still he proclaims our defense, sets us on the highest pinnacle of creation and eagerly awaits for us to join him in a paradise fashioned for us. Unbelievable! Hey guys its payback time! When, Sat. March 20, 2010 Pikes Peak Center, Colorado Springs, CO.

To register visit [RockyMountainCatholicMensConference.com](http://RockyMountainCatholicMensConference.com) or call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 303-715-3160.



Every Child Is A Seed Of Hope.

Seeds of Hope invites you to join them at their annual luncheon, Hope Springs Eternal, on Friday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Inverness Hotel and Conference Center. By Attending Hope Springs Eternal, you are making it possible for inner city children to reap the many benefits of a quality Catholic education. Adopt-A-Student Sponsorships are available for \$3,000 (with a table of ten provided). As an individual you can personally Adopt-

A-Student and yet, what is most exciting, if your parish, ministry group or a company for whom you work would Adopt-A-Student we could make a lasting and positive impact for many of Denver's poor and marginalized children.

Included in this exciting event is a silent auction, great food, great company and friendships and, most importantly to learn how Seeds of Hope has helped thousands of children learn and grow while attending a Catholic School.

Maribeth Hanzlik is the Chair Person for Hope Springs Eternal with her husband Bill Hanzlik serving as the



Seeds of Hope Springs Eternal Luncheon '09 Emcee for this special event.

For more information on "Hope Springs Eternal" and all the great works of Seeds of Hope please visit their website at [www.seedsofhopetrust.org](http://www.seedsofhopetrust.org).

Thank you for supporting the students that Seeds of Hope serves!

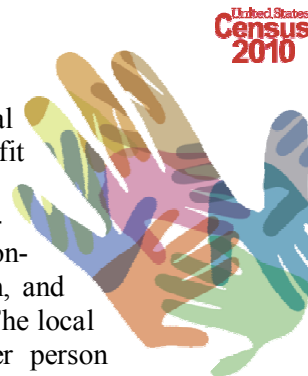
## Census 2010 - 2000 Years Old!

*"In those days Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole world... Everyone went to register, each to his own town." Luke 2:1-3*

No, you do not have to return to the city of your birth for the 2010 census.

The U.S. Census will occur this year with a questionnaire arriving in your mail during March, 2010. By April 1, 2010 everyone living in the USA needs to be counted, including infants, the elderly, and immigrants. The Census is a count of everyone residing in the U.S. that will assist

in the distribution of Federal funds. Programs that benefit from the census include; funding for schools, senior services, student loans, road construction, parks and recreation, and other community programs. The local community receives \$826 per person counted, each year, for ten years! There are 10 questions. It will only take 10 minutes of time to respond. The information is confidential and protected by law.



## The Virtue of Prudence *Continued from page 1...*

It is Divine **Prudence** that guides the **judgment** of conscience. "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God... His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." (CCC, 1776)

Prudent people internalize and direct their personal conduct in accordance with this judgment of conscience. A clear and honest objectivity is exercised to solve problems and analyze situations guided by the truths of the teachings of the Church including the Ten Commandments. These people strive to achieve good in a manner which in of itself is good. The ends do not justify the means for the moral person. Prudence utilizes recollection of the past and uses that knowledge to avoid past pitfalls will building on achievements and successes. They seek council from the wise and knowledgeable before acting and act only after reflection and discernment.

Prudence is called "*auriga virtutum*," the "driver of the other virtues," because it discerns the rules (truth) and measurements (standards). It is free from manipulation (spin), trends, fads and hype. It is honest and true.

## Prudence and the Media

*The following abbreviated lecture by Archbishop Chaput to the Legatus group is printed with permission from the Denver Catholic Register.*

"...all smart leaders try to use the news media to advance their agendas. And depending on who the leader is – John F. Kennedy comes to mind, but I could easily name others - media professionals can be very eager to help. America's news media have enormous opinion-shaping power. Therefore it's vital for Catholics to understand how the media work, and especially how they work *on us*.

Visual and electronic media, today's dominate form, needs a certain kind of content. They thrive on brevity, speed, change, urgency, variety and feelings. But *thinking* requires the opposite. Thinking takes time. It needs silence and the methodical skills of logic [prudence].

While they [the media] need to focus on important issues, they also need to focus *on them with a right spirit*.... The press is the field besides religion

explicitly singled out for protection by the First Amendment. Thomas Jefferson, writing during his presidency, put the importance of a free press this way: "No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth. The most effectual hitherto found, is the freedom of the press."

Jefferson's words are striking because their defense of a free press emphasizes that freedom is a means and not an end in itself. Notice what he defines as the purpose of press freedom: *the reason and truth needed for self-government*. But in our own time, the news establishment – even when discussing serious issues – often seems less interested in reason and truth than in what Christopher Lasch called "ideological gestures;" in other words, sound bites and tribal slogans designed to shape our thought rather than encourage it.

Here's my point. The news media, despite their claims of impartiality, and despite the good work they often do accomplish, are just as prone to prejudice, ignorance, bad craftsmanship and tribalism as any other profession. But *unlike* other professions, the press has constitutional protections. It also has real power in shaping how we think, what we think about and what we like, dislike and ignore. America's media, including its news media, are the greatest catechetical syndicate in history. And if that kind of power doesn't make us uneasy, it should at least make us alert.

Our moral witness needs to be formed not by the nightly news, but by learning and living an *authentic* Catholic faith. And when it is, we'll be the kind of citizens who can appreciate the genuine service our news media provide to society. We'll also be the kind of citizens who demand that our news media act with the sobriety, integrity, fairness and the honesty their vocation requires."



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

## 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Marade

*Archbishop Chaput offered the following invocation at the annual Martin Luther King Junior Marade, held on the steps of Denver's Capitol Hill.*

We're here to remember a man of compassion who understood the great human dignity that links all people together across borders and cultures. So it's fitting that as we remember Dr. King, we should also remember the suffering people of Haiti who need our prayers and financial support so desperately.

Before coming here today I made a list of the documents from our country's past that helped to shape my thinking as a citizen and as an adult. It's a short list, but a distinguished one: "The Declaration of Independence;" the

"Gettysburg Address;" John Kennedy's inaugural address. And Dr. Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Two lines from Dr. King's letter have always stayed with me. The first is this: "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." And the second line is this: "I must confess that I am not afraid of the word 'tension.' I have earnestly opposed violent tension, but there is a type of constructive, nonviolent tension which is necessary for growth."

Like Dorothy Day, who's another one of my heroes, Dr. King had a heart formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He knew that nonviolent resistance to evil is not a sign of weakness,

but of strength. It's an expression of Christian love, and it demands two things: trust in the goodness and justice of God; and the courage to pursue that justice no matter what the personal cost. We often pay a price for preaching the truth about human dignity, and Dr. King paid the full cost for his extraordinary life of witness.

But the legacy of Dr. King's sacrifice has passed into the soul of our nation -- and all of us who call ourselves Americans are better and richer because of his life and struggles. Remembering that is why events like today are so important.



Martin Luther King Jr.

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**Did you know that it was the Catholic Church who reintroduced western civilization to the modern and standardized legal system?**