

Dear Citizens' Network Member,

Thank you for becoming a part of the MCC Citizens' Network. Through this network of active Catholic citizens, we hope you can better fulfill Christ's admonition "Your light must shine before others" (Mt. 5:16). Nowhere is there a greater need to shine the light of Christ than in our present political world.

On a daily basis, with the help of the MCC Citizens' Network, the MCC seeks to promote public policies that will protect the sanctity and dignity of all human life on a wide range of issues from anti-abortion efforts and immigration reform to providing assistance to the frail elderly and the very poor.

As a network member, the MCC will keep you informed on key legislation pending in Jefferson City and in Congress. On occasion, we will ask you to contact your legislators. Those of you who are a bit more ambitious can participate in lobby days where you can personally visit with legislators.

We have several communications you will receive. Summer Update is issued on an "as needed" basis during the summer. It updates on current developments in state and federal government, offers occasional analysis of policy issues and discusses activities underway at the MCC.

Autumn Update serves the same purpose in the fall months. Capitol Update is a weekly update you will receive when the General Assembly is in session. Good News is our monthly newsletter.

In addition to these regular communications, we will send you MCC action alerts when we need your help in passing or defeating pending legislation. Finally, we will occasionally send you tips on how to be an effective advocate. In regards to this last point, you will find attached the following:

- How a Bill Becomes a Missouri Law;
- A Glossary of Legislative Terms;
- MCC Information Finder; and
- Beatitudes for Catholic Advocates.

You may want to post the information finder near your computer as it will allow you to quickly access important legislative websites etc. Communication is a two-way street. We invite your questions and comments. Through your input we can hopefully improve our communications and better serve you. Again, thank you for joining in this effort to bring the light of Christ to Missouri.

Sincerely,



Executive Director  
Missouri Catholic Conference