

# Symposium for Systemic Change

*“Divide us not between the politics of left and right, but unite us in the truth of right and wrong.”*  
– Ronnie Moore, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Cornerstone Builders

**8 – 9AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast and Songs of Praise**

**9 – 10AM: Opening Session: The Legislative Agenda and Report**

*Rob Tasman, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**10AM – 1PM: Track I – Rotating Workshops**

- Respect Life, Human Trafficking and Immigration  
*Debbie Shinskie, Respect Life Office Archdiocese of New Orleans*  
*Dr. Sue Weishar, Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans*
- Faithful Citizenship: Forming and Voting Your Conscience  
*Kevin Fitzpatrick, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Justice & Peace*
- Criminal Justice Reform  
*Ann Kungel and Dennis Schrantz, Louisiana Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative*

**10AM – 1PM: Track II – Civic Engagement Summit of Student Leaders**

*Dr. Nia Haydel, Dillard University*

**1 – 2:30PM: Closing Session and Lunch**

- Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force Report  
*Rhett Covington, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections*
- Higher Education in Prison  
*Syrita Steib Martin, Operation Restoration*

**Friday, October 20, 2017**

**8 AM – 2:30 PM**



The Tracy Center  
1800 South Acadian Thruway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Register now by contacting Angela Wattler at 985 – 966 – 3846 or [SystemicChangeSymposium@gmail.com](mailto:SystemicChangeSymposium@gmail.com).

**Donations are strongly encouraged and requested for registration and follow-up support.**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” – Matthew 25: 34 – 35*

*“If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.” – Mark 10: 34 – 45*

# A Vision of Justice

- **JUSTICE** a judicial system of fairness and mercy
- **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** spiritual healing, reconciliation, and transformation
- **CIVIC JUSTICE** rehabilitation through service
- **JUSTICE REINVESTMENT** advocacy for public dollars to be spent on rehabilitation and job creation for returning citizens rather than mass incarceration
- **SOCIAL JUSTICE** promoting a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity
- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE** economic initiative: the right to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions as well as to organize and join unions or other associations.

*“The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, so ask the master to send out laborers for His harvest.” – Matthew 9:37*