



CATHOLICS WORKING TOGETHER TO FOSTER  
PEACE & JUSTICE IN OUR WORLD  
OUR CHURCH & OURSELVES

**2008 ANNUAL REPORT**



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## A LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Friend,

The strength of our movement is found in the diversity of our membership. Our stories are different, but together we are all part of the Call To Action family.

I am Patty, a married woman in my 40s. I am a college professor. I am a twin. I am a proud member of Call To Action Nebraska, Lincoln Diocese.

I am Paul, a single gay man in my 40s. I am an acoustical designer. I am a proud member of Call To Action in New England.

We became involved in Call To Action because we each recognized that it requires a whole community to create a just Church and society. We know that a majority of Catholics in the United States agree with Call To Action on women's equality, gay and lesbian inclusion, and the need for leadership accountability. Never before have we had so many important initiatives supporting the diverse needs of our Church. Thank you for being our companions on this journey.

We are many, we are one, we are Call To Action.



PATTY HAWK & PAUL SCARBROUGH  
CO-PRESIDENTS, CALL TO ACTION

## WHO IS CALL TO ACTION?

Call To Action is you. It is also your neighbor. It is the person who sings next to you at church and the person who stands by your side at the peace vigil. It is the young woman in seminary who yearns to serve her church as a priest and the father of three who hopes his children will inherit a greener planet. Together, we are a national organization of Catholics working for justice in our Church and world.

*We are*

TOGETHER, WE ARE CALL TO ACTION.

*Call To Action*

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The Donnelly family (Mary, Mary Meg, Vinny and Monica) have been CTA members since 2003, and attend the annual conference every year.

“ The conference centers us on our faith and Jesus’ message and gives us a chance to talk about what is important. It also strengthens our family unit and lets us connect with others who approach their faith life like we do. Radical means rooted; Call To Action, considered radical by some, must continue so that the Church will remain rooted in the teachings of our Lord. It must continue so that people who have different ideas about Church may come together to be the Church. ”

*We are*

WE ARE FAITHFUL. WE ARE QUESTIONING.

WE ARE HOPEFUL. WE ARE CALL TO ACTION.

*Call To Action*

## ANTIRACISM PROGRAM

“ I have been associated with Call To Action for about ten years. It gives me the opportunity to tell my story and makes it possible for others to address this scourge of racism in our society. Call To Action is a beacon of light in this dark time of our Church. It is an organization for progressive mature Catholics with a view of inclusion. I believe it is important for Call To Action to continue. Because, if not us, then who? The Church needs that inclusive voice to challenge the narrow views of our institution. The Vatican Council documents would be put in a closet to collect dust and the next generation will not know that a different Church is possible. ”

*I am*

I AM A MOTHER. I AM AN ACTIVIST.

Jerry Brazier



Martha Sanchez is the president of Call To Action Rio Grande Valley, and is a member of the AntiRacism team. She lives in McAllen, Texas.

I AM AN OPTIMIST. I AM CALL TO ACTION.

*Call To Action*

## NEXTGENERATION PROGRAM



David Gowlik

Kristy Calaway is a NextGeneration member who lived in Chile last year and kept in touch with Call To Action through the NextGeneration blog.

“ When I attended the Call To Action conference in 2006, I was relieved to see other young people living out the struggle for justice not just beyond the Church, but within it as well. It helped me to feel included in a Church that leaves many young people feeling isolated and unheard. For years I’d questioned the way the Church treats women, minorities, the LGBT community, and the environment. Call To Action helped me to feel excited about participating in the Church and gave me hope that change truly is possible. ”

*I am*

I AM A YOUNG ACTIVIST. I AM A VOLUNTEER.

I AM A CHURCHGOER. I AM CALL TO ACTION.

*Call To Action*

## REGIONAL CHAPTERS

“ Our involvement in our local chapter gives us the feeling of solidarity rather than being ‘out there alone’. Agents for change always need support. Call To Action is an umbrella organization that embraces all church progressive groups. Issues such as married priests, women’s ordination, racial justice, sexual diversity and the rights of labor find acceptance in Call To Action. These groups, in turn, are providing the growing foundation for our Church to become relevant once more. ”



Lois and John Ahlhauser started with Call To Action in 1990 and are active members of the Milwaukee Chapter.

*We are*

WE ARE RETIRED. WE ARE PROGRESSIVE. WE ARE VATICAN II CATHOLICS. WE ARE CALL TO ACTION.

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## JUSTCHURCH PROGRAM



Linda Penetta / opticalredlines.org

Long time Call To Action member, Fr. Roy Bourgeois, MM, has been a central figure in our campaign for women's equality in the Church, and has led a movement to close the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, GA, for the past 19 years.

“ Call To Action’s JustChurch program is especially important to me personally because of a simple truth they believe in and are working for: There will never be justice in our Church until women can be ordained. If anyone is thinking about joining Call To Action I would say, do it now! You will be inspired because Call To Action is all about walking in solidarity with those who struggle for more justice and peace in our Church and in our world. It is important for Call To Action to continue because most people I know are looking for hope. Call To Action gives us hope! ”

*I am*

I AM A PRIEST. I AM A PEACE AND JUSTICE ACTIVIST. I AM CATHOLIC. I AM CALL TO ACTION.

*Call To Action*

# 2008 ACTION SUMMARY

Here are just a few examples of the people and actions you have supported at Call To Action this year:

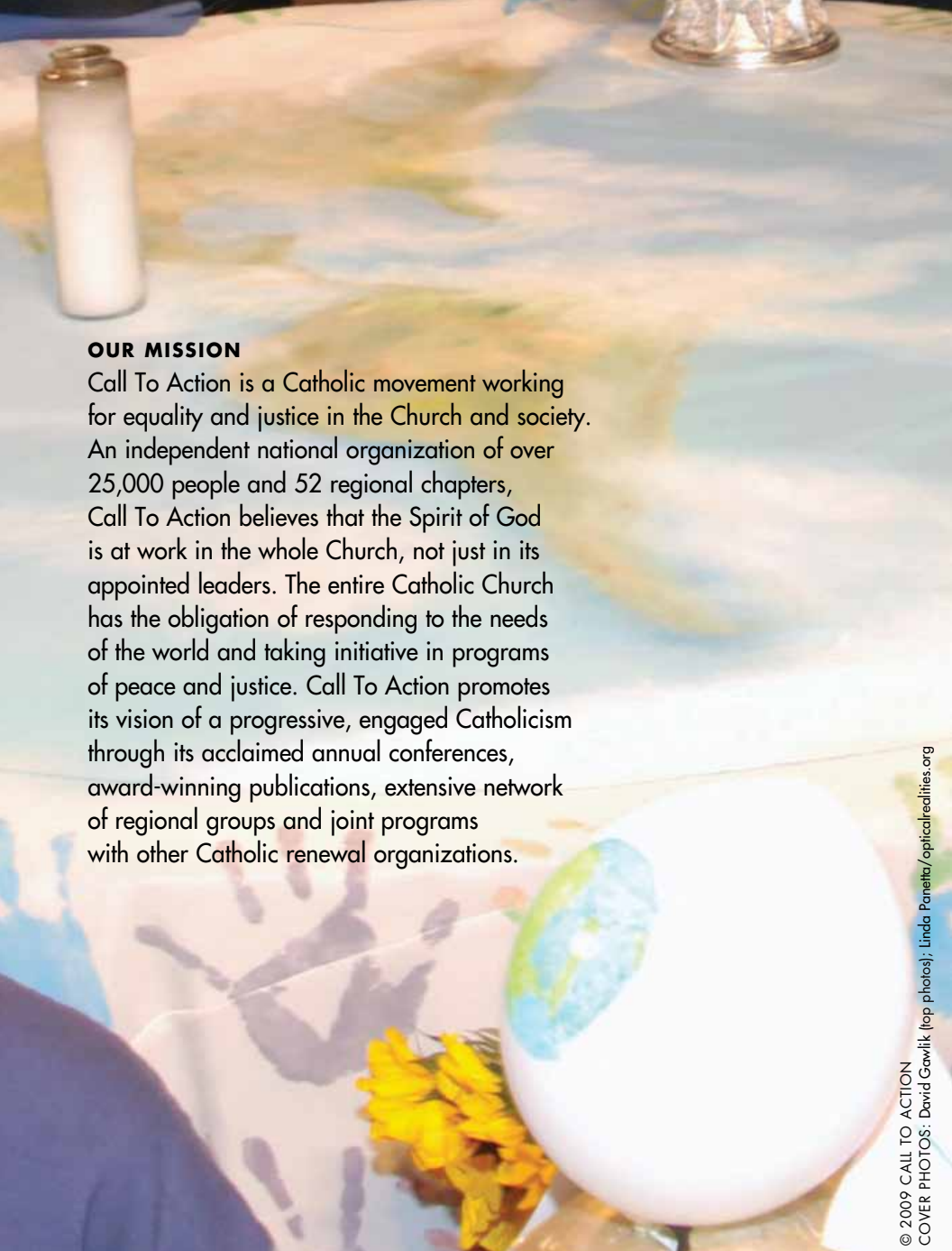
- 30,000 online viewers visited the newly launched young adult Catholic blog
- 5,000 people signed a petition to support Fr. Roy Bourgeois and Roman Catholic Womenpriests
- 2,500 attendees found hope at the annual conference
- 52 local chapters brought community to thousands of Catholics nationwide
- 22 organizations worked together for change through the Catholic Organizations for Renewal
- 8 chapter leaders and staff campaigned tirelessly to support same-gender marriage equality
- 6 publications were mailed with critical information about the Catholic justice movement
- 5 vigils around the country in support of a UN Declaration decriminalizing homosexuality
- 4 Lay Synods taught Catholics the rights and responsibilities of laity
- 3 AntiRacism chapter trainings were held in Brownsville, St. Louis and Rochester.
- 2 new FaithSharing Communion services were started for young adult Catholics
- 1 hurricane-damaged home in New Orleans was cleaned during the NextGeneration retreat

# 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
<b>STATEMENT OF SUPPORT REVENUE &amp; EXPENSES</b>		
<b>SUPPORT REVENUE</b>		
Contributions from members	\$721,477	\$814,160
Pledges – temporarily restricted	\$26,250	\$49,229
Grants – temporarily restricted	\$30,000	—
Annual Conference	\$290,223	\$447,058
Church reform	\$1,043	\$27,939W
Outreach projects	\$23,174	\$20,978
Regional organizing	\$2,592	\$18,204
Interest income	\$340	\$825
Miscellaneous income	\$1,571	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,096,670</b>	<b>\$1,378,293</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>		
Annual Conference	\$450,182	\$426,162
Church reform	\$108,542	\$160,946
Outreach projects	\$76,593	\$82,831
Publications	\$103,101	\$128,386
Public Education	\$50,803	\$54,437
Regional organizing	\$39,477	\$57,728
<b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>		
General and administrative	\$207,486	\$128,062
Membership services	\$144,648	\$126,525
Fundraising	\$244,363	\$187,313
Interest expense	\$19,465	\$15,412
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,444,660</b>	<b>\$1,367,802</b>
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	–\$347,990	\$10,491
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$216,763	\$206,272
Net Assets, End of Year	–\$131,227	\$216,763
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$135,795	\$147,546
Pledges receivable	\$22,550	\$87,010
Other receivable	\$15,000	\$14,293
Prepaid expenses	\$116,066	\$127,129
Investments	\$463	\$908
Property and equipment (net)	\$318,028	\$329,377
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$607,902</b>	<b>\$706,263</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$59,284	\$55,169
Prepaid registration fees	\$287,219	\$215,142
Mortgage payable	\$392,626	\$219,189
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$739,129</b>	<b>\$489,500</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	–\$168,777	\$129,753
Temporarily restricted	\$37,550	\$87,010
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>–\$131,227</b>	<b>\$216,763</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$607,902</b>	<b>\$706,263</b>

These condensed financial statements have been derived from financial statements audited by Cole, Martin & Co., Ltd., which are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies of the audited financial statements and the auditors report therein are available upon request.

A photograph of a table with a map, a candle, a glass, and a globe. The map is the central focus, showing the Americas. To the left is a white candle in a glass holder. To the right is a glass. In the foreground, there is a globe and a small bouquet of yellow flowers. The background is slightly blurred.

## OUR MISSION

Call To Action is a Catholic movement working for equality and justice in the Church and society. An independent national organization of over 25,000 people and 52 regional chapters, Call To Action believes that the Spirit of God is at work in the whole Church, not just in its appointed leaders. The entire Catholic Church has the obligation of responding to the needs of the world and taking initiative in programs of peace and justice. Call To Action promotes its vision of a progressive, engaged Catholicism through its acclaimed annual conferences, award-winning publications, extensive network of regional groups and joint programs with other Catholic renewal organizations.

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