

TAKE ACTION!

“WE WHO HAVE A VOICE MUST SPEAK FOR THE VOICELESS.”

“THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING.”

While it's important to know a lot *about* Catholic Social Teaching, what difference does it make if you don't also take action?

How you can take action:

1. VOTING/ADVOCACY

- a. Do your research before voting (many Christian organizations will give you “cheat sheets” that tell you exactly where candidates stand on certain issues)
 - i. See: [Focus on the Family Voting Scorecard \(PDF\)](#)
- b. Vote every chance you get!
 - i. Don't be lazy and think, “Oh someone else will vote for me” or “Oh my vote doesn't really matter”... *Every* vote counts!
- c. Let government officials hear your voice!
 - i. *Call* government officials
 1. See: [Minnesota Legislature - Who Represents You? \(PDF\)](#)
 - ii. *Write* to government officials
 1. Sign up for “Action Alerts” to know when and how you can act
 - a. See: [Afghani Christian Released from Prison! \(PDF\)](#)
 2. Take 20 seconds to send an e-mail!
 - a. See: [Advocacy E-mail - Minnesota Catholic Conference \(PDF\)](#)
 - iii. *March* for a cause
 1. See: [Time-lapse March for LIFE DC 2011 Video \(web link\)](#)

2. MONEY (You “vote” with your money every time you spend it!)

- a. Support good things with donations
- b. *Don't* support bad things with your money and **TELL THEM** that you aren't supporting them and *why*
- c. Examining Pop Culture connection (Music, TV shows, movies, clothes, etc.)
 - i. Students at OLG say (all the time) that most “popular” songs, shows, movies, clothes, etc. are actually bad, but they then go right ahead and buy them.

3. LITERALLY SPEAK UP

- a. Wherever you go, whoever you are with, don't be afraid to speak up for what is right and against what you know is wrong.
- b. Face-to-face conversations, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, online news comment sections, etc. are all situations in which God may call you to speak up for what is right.
- c. Don't forget that disagreeing with someone or disapproving of his or her behavior does not make you “intolerant”, a “bigot”, or a “hater”. You can still love a person while at the same time disagreeing with them or disapproving of their behavior. (“Hate the sin, love the sinner”).
- d. Always, always, *ALWAYS* speak the TRUTH with LOVE.