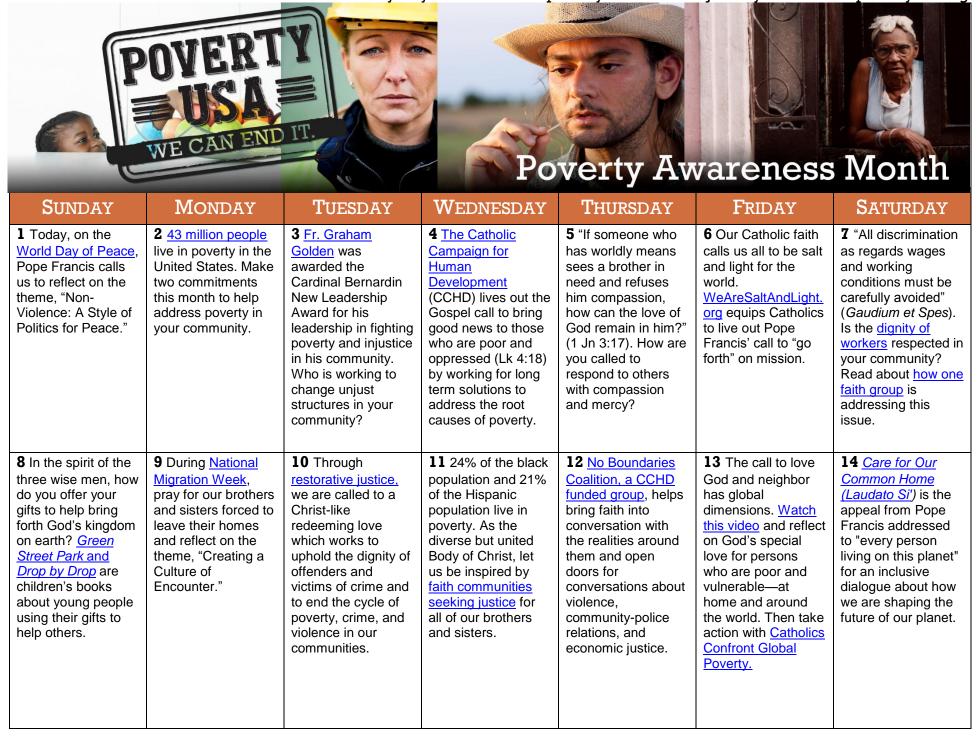
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SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
15 Today is the 2017 World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the theme, "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless." Learn how parishes are helping unaccompanied migrant children.	compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring" (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.).	Neighbors in Our Common Home" is the theme of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Multimedia Youth Contest. Invite youth you know to participate!	of Prayer for Christian Unity, consider how ecumenical work for justice witnesses to our unity. "No one can claim the name of Christian and be comfortable in the face of hunger, homelessness, insecurity, and injustice." (U.S. bishops, Economic Justice for All).	rights and responsibilities. What kind of responsibilities do you have to uphold the rights of others, particularly those who are vulnerable in your community?	the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ, and carry on the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world" (Lumen Gentium). How do you connect the sacraments and social mission of the Church?	21 Catholic faith communities around the country are building peace and working for racial justice. Find out what others are doing and how your parish, school or community can get involved.
22 "All of us are asked to obey [Jesus'] call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium). How will you "go forth" with Two Feet of Love in Action today?	23 Offer a prayer, fast, or sacrifice today as an act of solidarity with those who are young and old, those who live in poverty, and for all those whose life or dignity is endangered.	24 How can you form your children as disciples committed to Christ's mission of love and mercy? What can you do as a family to pray and act for justice for all people? Read this reflection and consider how your family is called to "go forth."	25 In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the Apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel" (Mk 16:15). How can we connect our Sunday worship to our weekday witness and the call to transform our communities?	26 We must respect life "in every phase of development, from conception until natural death; and in every condition, whether healthy or sick, whole or handicapped, rich or poor" (St. John Paul II, Christifideles Laici).	27 "When a family has nothing to eat, because it has to make payments to usurers, this is not Christian, it is not human! This dramatic scourge in our society harms the inviolable dignity of the human person" (Pope Francis).	28 There are many myths that can deceive us about the identity of those living in poverty. Did you know that 2.5 million people in the U.S. work full-time, year-round and are still living in poverty?
29 In today's Gospel, Jesus calls "blessed" those who are poor, hungry, merciful, and peace- seeking (Mt 5:1- 12A). How are you called to live the Beatitudes?	30 Social media is an incredible tool to motivate others to take action to end the injustices in our communities. Post or Tweet today about a social justice issue in your community.	31 Thanks for participating in Poverty Awareness Month. Keep living out our Christian commitment to live in solidarity and fight for justice. Let us build relationships with one another and live out the Gospel call.	For more info and tips on getting involved, visit PovertyUSA.org or PobrezaUSA.org. Longer daily reflections are available at http://bit.ly/USCCBpoverty. Poverty Awareness Month			