



## Most Rev. William S Skylstad

Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Spokane, May 21, 1960, William S. Skylstad was installed as Bishop of Yakima in 1977 and as Bishop of Spokane in 1990. He is a graduate of the Pontifical College Josephinum; Washington State University, Pullman; and Gonzaga University.

He served as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2004 to 2007, having previously served as Vice President. He is currently a member of the USCCB Committee on International Peace and Justice, consultant to the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and Co-chair of the Catholic-Methodist Dialogue.

Bishop Skylstad, the Honorary Chairman of the Climate Change Covenant, has a deeply vested interest in environmental justice. He served as the chairman of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference and was the primary author of the Northwest bishops' statement *The Columbia River Watershed: Caring for Creation and the Common Good*.

## John L. Carr

John Carr serves as Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development of the United States Catholic Bishops' Conference. In this role, he assists the bishops in sharing Catholic social teaching, advocating on major issues of justice and peace, oversees the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the building of the Catholic community's capacity to act on its social mission.

John coordinates the Catholic Bishops' policy development and advocacy efforts on a wide range of national and global issues, including poverty, hunger and health care; human rights and religious freedom; debt, development and trade; and war and peace, as well as environmental justice.

John served as Cardinal Hickey's Secretary of Social Concerns in Washington, DC, as Education Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and as Legislative Coordinator for the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis.

He currently serves on the board of Bread for the World, the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, the Catholic Health Association and the Law School of the University of St. Thomas.

## John Zogby

Pollster John Zogby is President and CEO of Zogby International, a worldwide research and marketing firm based in Utica, New York, with offices in Washington D.C. and Miami. He founded the company in 1984, and now conducts business in more than 70 countries.

Zogby currently writes a weekly column for Forbes.com and a monthly column for Politics magazine. His analytical expertise has also been published on the opinion pages of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Financial Times, The Christian Science Monitor, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Newsday and the Boston Globe.

Zogby holds degrees in history from Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, and taught history and political science for 24 years. Mr. Zogby is also a Senior Advisor at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and serves as the first-ever Senior Fellow of the Catholic University Life Cycle Institute in Washington, D.C.

## Daniel J. Misleh

As Executive Director of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change (CCCC), Dan promotes deeper engagement by the Catholic community at the national, state and diocesan levels to more fully implement the U.S. Catholic bishops' 2001 statement on climate change.

Under his direction, the Coalition (comprised of eleven national Catholic organizations including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) has launched a major new nationwide education campaign, *The Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor*.

Dan has also served on the staff of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as both a policy advisor and as Director of Diocesan Relations. He served the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as associate director for social action and director of rural life.

Dan has a BA in business management from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Master's degree in theology from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

## Elaine I. Bauer, FACHE

Elaine Bauer serves as the vice president for strategic initiatives for the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) in the Washington, DC office. She is responsible for leading CHA's strategic planning process and implementation of strategic initiatives.

Prior to joining CHA in 2008, Ms. Bauer was the vice president, strategy development for Catholic Health East (CHE) for nearly a decade. While at CHE, she organized CHE's environmental stewardship initiatives. She has held senior-level strategy roles in two

other not-for-profit health care systems – Sutter Health in Sacramento, CA and the Sisters of Mercy Health System headquartered in St. Louis, MO.

She holds a BS degree in Medical Technology from Kansas State University and Masters degrees in Finance and Health Services Management from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

#### William O’Keefe

Bill O’Keefe is Catholic Relief Services’ Senior Director for Advocacy, headquartered in Baltimore, MD. He oversees efforts to change U.S. foreign policy in ways that promote justice and reduce poverty overseas. This involves lobbying Congress and the Administration on a range of foreign policy issues and educating U.S. Catholics about international issues and involving them in public campaigns for policy change.

Mr. O’Keefe received his Bachelor of Science cum laude from Yale University in 1984 and a Master in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1987. He joined CRS in 1987 as a Project Manager in Tanzania, designing and monitoring community development projects. He has served in various capacities for CRS and was appointed Senior Director for Advocacy in 2003.

#### Kathy Brown, MATH

Kathy Brown serves as Senior Director for Mission for Catholic Charities USA. She oversees the integration of Catholic identity into the life and work of Catholic Charities USA network and the implementation of the new CCUSA Code of Ethics. Kathy is also a member of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change Steering Committee. Kathy is also the Regional Coordinator for Caritas North America.

Before coming to CCUSA Kathy worked at the global headquarters of Catholic Relief Services where she served as Director for Community Engagement and Advocacy Leadership Development. Originally from the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona, she served as the Dean of the School of Theological Studies at the Kino Institute, the Director of the Office of Peace and Justice at Catholic Charities, and as pastoral associate in local parishes. She has a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Paul University in Ottawa Canada. She has published numerous articles and co-authored a book on Christian Initiation. She has given presentations throughout the world on initiation, social justice, catechetics and liturgy.