



CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

March 8, International Women's Day has been the beginning of Catholic Sisters Week for eight years now. In preparation for this week, members of the [Leadership Conference of Women Religious](#) were discussing food insecurity which is a year-round need. Donations are plentiful during the holidays but this COVID pandemic has multiplied the need for food. Our kids are going to bed hungry all across the wealthiest country in the world; this is wrong.

More than 80 congregations across the US, including the Oldenburg Franciscans, are participating in food drop-offs, virtual events and financial donations to make some difference in the hunger and poverty of so many of our sisters and brothers here at home. We invite you to join us in this effort to make a dent in the need. If you want to join us directly we're sending donations to the Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry checks for this group can be sent to Sister Annette Grisley, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036.

This year the focus of Catholic Sister Week has shifted from commending us for the work we've accomplished. One of those major works was education through which leaders in civil life and faith life were shaped. We're not looking to the past but to the present and the future in creating a more just country and world. Besides being part of the important work of charity in reaching out to a food pantry in your area, we invite you to join us in the important work of justice. Why do we have so many hungry people? How can we change this?

Pope Francis tells us that a good Catholic meddles in politics. Let's join in some meddling. The American Rescue Plan will cut child poverty in half. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 was cut out of the ARC but plans are to introduce this in some fashion in the future. Catholic Social Teaching raises up the dignity of the worker; nobody should need to work two and three jobs to get by. This might be an issue you'd want to bring to the attention of your Senators and Representative by calling 1-202-224-3121.