This Lenten season let representatives from Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry program educate and energize your parish!

**WHO:** Parish Social Ministry (PSM) representatives, including program manager Michael Smith and parish outreach specialists statewide.

**WHAT:** PSM will provide guest speaking on a specific social justice or Catholic social teaching topic to more broadly address our call as Christians to serve our neighbors. In addition, the speaker would then more concretely address the Lenten Commitment Cards used by many parishes (see sample below) to demonstrate how parishioners can concretely live that call to service in their own parish and community.

**WHEN:** Speakers are available leading up to and through the Lenten season (January – March, 2017) for lectures during Mass or at a special parish gathering.

**WHERE:** PSM speakers will come to your parish on a mutually agreed upon date and time.

**WHY:** As Pope Francis noted in his Lenten message in 2015 “Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2Cor 6:2).” He urged that we as “God’s people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves.” Let PSM spark a season of renewal in your parish!

**HOW:** Please contact program manager Michael Smith as soon as possible as it is our intention to visit everyone who would like to take advantage of this special opportunity for parishes to grow in faith together!