



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025-2026



Poverty Reduction

The WSSCC seeks to ensure that all individuals have access to the resources required for a life of dignity: adequate food, clean water, safe and stable housing, health care, education and meaningful employment. Thus, the WSSCC supports policies that:



- Ensure that state budgets do no harm to the poorest individuals and families
- Ensure affordable, accessible, age-appropriate, high-quality care for children in early (birth to 5 years) and school-age programs, including those provided by Catholic Charities and Catholic schools.



- Ensure access to safe and stable housing for all income levels and reduce evictions by stabilizing rental rates.
- Ensure that individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing have timely access to resources and are not living in unsafe conditions due to state policies/laws.
- Ensure that homeless seniors and food insecure seniors can access basic needs.



- Ensure that undocumented immigrants can access affordable health care options through more complete funding of the Apple Health Expansion.
- Ensure that at-risk students can access all needed supports, including private schools.

Criminal Justice Reform



The WSSCC recognizes the dignity of every human person and their innate ability to reach their full human potential, with appropriate assistance, thus we support policies that:

- Reduce incarceration rates, particularly of juveniles, through robust community interventions.
- Ensure the dignity of incarcerated individuals through programming geared toward successful re-entry.
- Eliminate the use of solitary confinement for non-violent offenses.



Religious Liberty

The WSSCC upholds our country's long recognition of the rights of every person to practice their faith, thus we support policies that:



- Protect the First Amendment rights of Catholics to participate in the Sacraments without state interference.
- Protect the rights of workers to act consistently with their moral obligations as defined by faith.