



going global with youth

How can Catholic high schools participate in legislative advocacy regarding global issues?

Global High School participation in Advocacy includes engagement in all three areas: Prayer, Learning and Acting/Giving. Below are some suggestions:

Catholic Relief Services has created an *Advocacy Toolkit* with resources about both the Church's involvement in advocacy and how to advocate effectively

Pray

- Pray for legislators making decisions that will affect our poor and vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world.
- Celebrate that the call to Advocacy stems from our Catholic faith. As disciples we are called to raise our voices on behalf of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Learn

- Explore [critical policy issues](#) related to improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people worldwide.
- Receive [CRS Action Alerts](#) regarding current global concerns and discuss how to engage the school community in response
- Examine the legislative process and how it relates to advocacy
- Identify key committees in Congress and key advocacy terms

- Acquaint the school community with success stories that showcase that advocacy works! (It really does save millions of lives at a time.)

Act/Give

- Write an Effective Letter to your members of Congress
CRS provides you with guidelines about writing effective letters!
- Schedule a Meeting with your members of Congress
CRS provides you with the method to schedule a meeting!
- Meet with your member of Congress
CRS provides you with best practices and tips regarding meeting with members of Congress!
- Use Social Media for Advocacy
CRS can give you tips on how to use social media to affect change!

Ready to take the next step?

Visit <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/> to learn more.