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# **United States Conference of Bishops United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**

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#### Goals of the USCCB

The Gospel of Christ and the teachings of his Church guide the work of the USCCB. The work of the Conference is rooted in three general mission goals and organized into three key areas of responsibility.

- To act collaboratively and consistently on vital issues confronting the Church and society
- To foster communion with the Church in other nations, within the Church universal, under the leadership of its supreme pastor, the Roman Pontiff
- To offer appropriate assistance to each bishop in fulfilling his particular ministry in the local Church

## The Campaign for Human Development Site

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regation Action Network (IndyCAN)

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#### Mission

IndyCAN® mission is to build the leadership capacity of low and moderate-income people who live, work, and worship in Marion County, empowering them to work alongside service providers, policy makers, and other stakeholders to increase collaboration, leverage resources, and improve the systems impacting their lives.

## Purpose

The Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN) develops leadership of people of faith at the grassroots level to achieve power for positive change. Bringing people together across racial, economic, and religious lines, IndyCAN is in constant communication with tens of thousands of people across Marion County through over 20 member congregation and is deeply rooted in the stories of our people and our shared faith values. IndyCAN leaders connect community organizations with civic and political leaders to build relationships, identify common concerns, find solutions and take action to improve the quality of life and expand opportunity for all Indy families, especially the most vulnerable. IndyCAN expands the human capacity to allow citizens to function as a region, and be strong partners with public officials and policy makers to impact long term measurable systemic change.

Since April 2011, IndyCAN leaders visited over 3,000 people in their congregations and community to understand their hopes and dreams and learn about their priorities for the region. The community prioritized 4 main systems they anticipate impacting over the next 5 years:

- Pathways to Opportunity
   Opening up pathways to good family sustaining jobs in the neighborhoods hardest hit by the economic downturn, developing career pipelines that align training with employer needs, improving education, expanding regional transporation, and removing other barriers to career pathways.
- Public Safety & Criminal Justice
  Reducing Violence through proven evidence-based nationally recognized strategies that link those most
  likely to engage in violence to jobs and alternatives to street life, healing the broken relationship between
  law enforcement and communities of color, and integrating immigrants and previously incarcerated.
- Revitalizing neighborhoods, removing blighted and vacant properties, and rewarding banks that invest in our community.
- Health
  Ensure that everyone in the region has access to a primary care physician and quality healthcare.

## iana Catholic Conference

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## **Description**

The **Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC)** is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana regarding state and national matters.

The ICC also provides a source to which public inquiry can be made about the position of the Church on matters affecting the common good.

## **Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN)**

Join the ICAN Network and get up to date information and opportunities to advocate for social justice issues. Click on <a href="mailto:icc@archindy.org">icc@archindy.org</a>

The Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN) was **formed in 1978 by action of the ICC Board of Directors**, in recognition of the need for Catholics as citizens, to be involved in shaping legislation, much of which intimately affects the daily lives of people in the state. ICC's involvement in the political arena comes from the belief that life is sacred and that all people have a responsibility to respect the dignity of life and to work for the common good of the entire human family. Each Bishop appoints a Diocesan Coordinator to direct the formation of networks within their diocese. Support coordinators and parish contact persons build and maintain the networks.