

# MICHIGAN IN CRISIS = PARISH COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS

## PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR RESPONSE

APRIL 15, 2008  
SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

*The economic and human crisis in Michigan is having its impact on an increasing number of families in our parishes. The "rolling thunder" of job losses, foreclosures, loss of health insurance, and the psychological/spiritual effects of these losses have implications that affect our parish, community and neighborhood. This Summit will address our current economic condition in these ways:*

- *Report on findings from the Michigan in Crisis survey will provide descriptive data on the situation that exists at the parish and vicariate levels;*
- *Provide a report on "best practices" already in use, as well as a list of proposed practices, based on vicariate discussions;*
- *Examine possible responses at the parish, vicariate and archdiocesan levels to determine what can be done at each level;*
- *Provide resource tables to local experts in social services, job and employment counseling, psychologists and family counselors, etc. for additional information;*
- *Investigate possible avenues to explore at the state and federal level regarding legislation designed to address the current crisis.*

### AGENDA FOR THE DAY

8:30am	Check-in (Coffee available)
9:00am	Opening Prayer / Welcome
	Called to Serve – Catholic Social Teaching and Justice
	Findings of Survey
	Panel Presentations: Best Practices
10:45am	Break / Resource Tables
	Small Group Discussions (seated by vicariate)
	Large Group Sharing
12:00pm	Lunch / Resource Tables
	Michigan in Crisis – The Big Picture
	Legislative Advocacy
	Wrap up
2:15pm	Adjourn

**COST IS \$10.<sup>00</sup>**

Please send in one form per person.

Make checks payable to "Parish Life and Services."

### THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

Mail form to: Archdiocese of Detroit  
Michigan in Crisis Summit  
305 Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226

Fax form to 313-237-5869

Email form to [orloff.caroline@aod.org](mailto:orloff.caroline@aod.org)

No reservations can be taken by phone.  
Reservation deadline April 1st.

**THANK YOU!**

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