



## MARYLAND BISHOPS' STATEMENT: THE DIGNITY OF WORK

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### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Eighty percent of Maryland's low-wage earners are adults, and many are parents trying to provide the necessities of life for their children. They deserve the comfort of knowing that their hard work can provide the means they need to achieve economic stability for themselves and their families. [Cardinal Wuerl/ Archbishop Lori/ Bishop Malooly] and his fellow Maryland bishops have issued a statement on The Dignity of Work urging lawmakers to support working families through just compensation and a healthy work environment. Read their statement in today's bulletin.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Maryland Bishops Issue Statement on The Dignity of Work**

Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation, yet, a full-time worker earning the state's current minimum wage of \$7.25 earns little more than \$15,000 annually - hardly enough to pay for food and rent, let alone support a family. Maryland's bishops have issued a statement urging fair treatment of low-wage workers through an increase in the minimum wage. More than 80% of the state's low-wage earners are adults, and many are parents trying to provide for their children. Get involved and receive alerts on legislation with messages to send to your elected officials by signing up for the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), an email outreach of the Maryland Catholic Conference. Learn more at [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.org).

#### **Maryland Bishops Issue Statement on The Dignity of Work**

The majority of Maryland's low-wage workers have no access to paid sick leave, leaving them to choose between coming to work sick or losing a day's wage. Maryland's bishops have issued a statement urging fair treatment of low-wage workers. With adults making up more than 80% of the state's low-wage earners, many of whom are parents just trying to provide for their children, it is in the best interests of all to enact reasonable policies that keep our workplaces healthy by allowing workers to stay home when they or their dependent family members are sick. Contact your legislators and receive alerts on legislation by signing for the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), an email outreach of the Maryland Catholic Conference. Learn more at [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.org).

#### **Maryland Bishops Issue Statement on The Dignity of Work**

As the state's largest private social service provider, the Church witnesses in our Catholic ministries the painful reality of those who struggle to keep up with the basic costs of food, rent, utilities and transportation. This desperate cycle cannot end unless we as a society find a way to give all capable men and women the chance to work at a job through which they can live with true independence and dignity. Maryland's bishops have issued a statement on the Dignity of Work calling for earned paid sick leave and an increase in the state's minimum wage. Help build a society more responsive to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Get involved and receive alerts on legislation with messages to send to your elected officials by signing up for the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), an email outreach of the Maryland Catholic Conference. Learn more at [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.org).