

## Pastor's Column

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### **“Lift Every Voice— Congregations Mending Our Communities”**

On Saturday, October 20, St. Thomas More has the privilege and opportunity to host “Lift Every Voice—Congregations Mending Our Communities.” This workshop, which will be more than a workshop, is sponsored by Congregations for Civic Action, of which St. Thomas More is a member.

The purpose of this day is to bring together people of Faith from a number of Churches to reflect upon what we can do, as people of Faith, to reweave and strengthen the fabric of community here in North County. There will be prayer, song, presentations, and round-table discussions that will help us acknowledge the needs of our community and begin to find ways to address them.

Centers of Faith are powerful instruments in building and maintaining a quality of life in the community. So often we forget that!

I am very pleased to be involved in this effort and happy that our Parish is hosting. It provides an easier opportunity for our parishioners to participate. I am hoping that many of you really will want you to be present in order to experience the “spirit” of this day, and to carry this “spirit” with you back into our Faith Community.

More information, along with a registration form, is included in today's Bulletin.

Please make this event a part of your schedule, and RSVP to the Parish Office by dropping off your registration form or putting it in the mail or calling 758-4100 x100 by Monday, October 15.

If you have any questions, be in touch with either Sr. Maureen, our staff liaison to Congregations for Civic Action or me.

***Be the change that you want to see in the world!***

—Mahatma Gandhi

*F. Mike*

# Lift Every Voice

Congregations Mending our Communities



Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

9 AM – 3 PM

**The Church of St. Thomas More**

1450 S. Melrose Drive, Oceanside (corner of Melrose & Cannon)

Join us for

**REFLECTIONS** - Hear North County clergy present reflections on the power of congregations to reweave communities into places of hope and opportunity for all

**STORIES** - Gather and share stories of local families' aspirations and pressures

**WORKSHOPS** - Take part in workshops related to how congregations can lead in the community

**FELLOWSHIP** - Be in fellowship and lift your voice with diverse people of faith

Lunch and Childcare Provided

## RSVP Required

Please contact the clergy or office of your congregation to register.

A donation of \$15 to help defray costs would be appreciated but is not required.

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## Congregations for Civic Action

Congregations for Civic Action is a nonprofit federation of eleven North County congregations that believe their shared vision for the common good is an essential part of the fabric of North County leadership and that the best way to bring the vision to fruition is by equipping everyday people of faith to be powerfully linked civic leaders. For more information call us at 760.745.1630.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 15, by returning this form to the Parish Office or calling 760-758-4100 x100.

Name of each person in your family that will attend (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need childcare? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, for how many children? \_\_\_ (Age 3 and older, please)

Is anyone in your party vegan? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_