

Social Justice: February

Dates Worthy of Note:

- 4 World Cancer Awareness Day
- 6 International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
- 11 World Day of the Sick instituted by Pope John Paul II
- 12 International Day of Women's Health
- 20 World Day of Social Justice



Monthly Focus:

Human Dignity as related to Healthcare

*It is the “moral responsibility of nations to guarantee access to health care for all of their citizens, regardless of social and economic status or their ability to pay. Access to adequate medical care is one of the **inalienable rights** of man.*

Benedict XVI, Int'l Conference on Healthcare (2010)



Suggested Actions:

Debunk the “Four Myths about Cancer”, by visiting worldcancerday.org, then click on the “Do something” for further advocacy ideas.

Visit with or write to someone in a nursing home, rehab facility, or hospital in your parish, neighborhood, or local community. Recommit to keeping regular contact with your Camilla prayer partner.

Use part of your next snow holiday to read up on national and international healthcare issues at the USCCB <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/health-care/> or at the World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/about/en/>

Prayer Response:

Offer the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, or a meditation on Christ's passion for those who are suffering in mind or body.