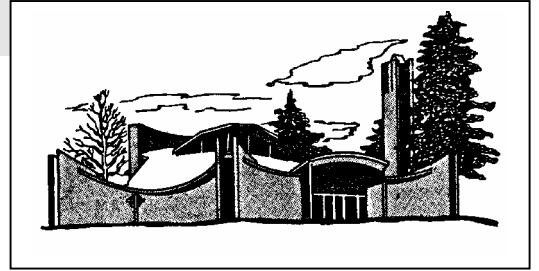


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For Immediate Release: (June 19, 2006)

Contact Parish Office to ask about our hosting the *Brake the Cycling of Poverty: Connecticut* at 203.847.4549



Brake the Cycle of Poverty: Connecticut cycling team is visiting Saint Philip Church on June 27, 2006 at 8:00PM in the church proper. All are welcomed to this no charge, informative session.

Brake the Cycle of Poverty: Connecticut

www.saintbridget.com/brakethecycle

4th annual week long cycling trip for poverty awareness.

June 25, 2006 thru June 30, 2006

PRESS RELEASE

Sunday morning, June 25, 2006, the *Brake the Cycle of Poverty* cycling team, from St. Bridget Church (Manchester, CT), begins its fourth annual week long cycling trip for poverty awareness.

Eighteen cyclists, along with eight support crew, will be cycling throughout Connecticut to talk with and conduct presentations on anti-poverty advocacy issues to various parish groups, visit our political representatives and, when possible, to engage with those individuals experiencing poverty in our state.

Brake the Cycle was formed under auspices of the US Bishops Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Here in Connecticut it is guided under the Office of Urban Affairs in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Our initial ride in 2003 began in Manchester and ended in Washington, DC. The St. Bridget team joined and rode part of the way with cyclists doing likewise from San Francisco. They then together attended a rally and press conference in Washington.

In 2004, they adopted the theme 'This Time Connecticut' as poverty is all around us even in one of the nation's wealthiest states. Their mission is to: 1) learn about poverty in Connecticut 2) meet the people who are struggling to get out of poverty in Connecticut and 3) find solutions to poverty in Connecticut.

They will also provide the means for you to PEDAL with them without having a bike!

Weeklong schedule:

- Sunday morning, (June 25th) at 8:30: The Brake The Cycle team will leave from St. Bridget Church, 80 Main St, Manchester, CT, (860 643-2403) and pedal to Our Lady of Pompeii parish, 355 Foxon Road, East Haven, (203-469-0764) where we will gather for our first presentation of the week.
- Monday (June 26th): After spending the night in East Haven, the team will cycle to Bristol, stopping in designated areas along the way eventually ending up at St. Joseph's parish, 149 Goodwin Street, Bristol, (860-5837-1369) where we will conduct our second presentation at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday morning (June 27th): The Team will make our way to St. Philip's parish, 25 France Street, Norwalk, (203-847-4286), where we will conduct our third presentation of the week.
- Wednesday (June 28th): The destination is Litchfield. The BTC team will conduct a presentation and spend the night at St. Anthony of Padua parish, 49 South Street, (860-567-5209).
- Thursday (June 29th): The Team next visits St. Ann's parish, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, (203-874-0634). We will conduct our final presentation of the trip at 7:00 pm.
- Friday (July 1): The St. Bridget team will cycle to a Habitat for Humanity site at Garden and Risley Streets in Hartford, for a 12:00 noon celebratory conclusion to their journey. The Archbishop of Hartford, Henry J. Mansell along with Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and other dignitaries, will be present at the finale and will comment on the problem of poverty in Connecticut.

Saint Philip—a Roman Catholic Church located at 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, CT 06851-3897—a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, Lead us to Jesus.

Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, & 12 noon; Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.
Penance Saturday 4–5 p.m., or by appointment.

