



What We've Accomplished

Medicaid Expansion

The Voice of the Poor Committee of the Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis joined with the Missouri Catholic Bishops and Missouri Catholic Conference in advocating for the expansion of the Medicaid program in Missouri, which was passed by voters in August 2020. The Voice of the Poor Committee remains vigilant in its efforts to ensure Medicaid Expansion is implemented as intended by voters.

[Medicaid Expansion Fact Sheet](#)

[Why the Voice of the Poor Committee Supports It](#)

[A Letter From Missouri Bishops](#)

[Catholic Hospitals' Letter of Support](#)

[Missouri Catholic Conference Statement of Support](#)

Credit Empowerment

Recognizing that predatory loans render our Neighbors unable to pay their other bills, the Voice of the Poor Committee researched and proposed a Credit Empowerment pilot program whereby:

- The Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis partners with a local credit union to convert the existing predatory loans of our Neighbors in Need to low-interest loans secured by the Council's deposit account.
- The Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis partners with a financial coaching agency to educate our Neighbors on credit and money management and work with them until their credit score is high enough to qualify for mainstream credit in the future.

The District Presidents unanimously approved the formation of a Credit Empowerment Task Force to implement the proposed pilot.

[Credit Empowerment Presentation to District Presidents](#)

[Credit Empowerment Draft Pilot Proposal](#)