

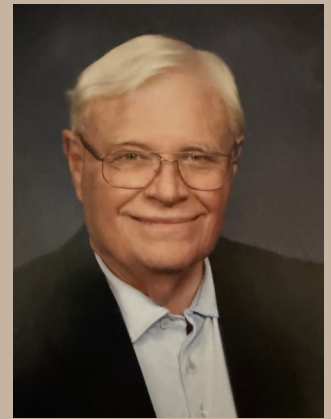
Deacon Richard Koppes Justice and Peace Speaker Series

The Koppes Family and Saint Anthony Catholic Parish are very proud to announce the creation of the Deacon Rich Koppes Justice and Peace Speaker Series. This four-year program will bring to the Sacramento community men and women who have committed their lives to living at the intersection of Catholic social teaching and the public square.

We are thrilled to announce that our first speaker will be Mr. John Carr, founder of the Georgetown Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. John also served for over 20 years as Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United

States Conference of Catholic Bishops. There he directed the Conference's public policy and advocacy efforts on major domestic and international issues. John's major contribution has been sharing Catholic teaching on human life and dignity, solidarity, faithful citizenship, and care for creation. He has lived his life at the intersection between his faith and the public square. John retired this year after 50 years of

service to the Catholic community. He and his wife Linda are parents of four grown children and 10 grandchildren.



Deacon Rich Koppes

The Catholic Faith and Catholic Social teaching were the absolute center of Rich Koppes' life.

Through his service as a deacon at St. Anthony Parish, Rich and his wife Connie were instrumental in the formation of Family Promise, the Sacramento Life Center, St Vincent de Paul, the Exodus Project, Christ the King Retreat Center. Rich had a generous heart and a deep commitment to justice and peace.

Rich was ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Sacramento in 1986. His life as a deacon was dedicated to living out the call to care for brothers and sisters in need and working for a more just and caring world. Rich died on September 9, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE!

John will be speaking at St. Anthony Catholic Church

**Sunday,
September 20, 2026
at 6 pm**

Followed by a reception

St. Anthony
Catholic Church
660 Florin Road
Sacramento, CA 95831



John Carr