
2023 REV. WILLIAM A. TOOHEY, C.S.C., AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice is given to a member of the Notre Dame faculty or staff who has dedicated himself or herself to teaching and research that emphasize the social justice dimension of the Gospel in an exemplary way. Daniel Graff has been the director of the Higgins Labor Program at Notre Dame since 2014, and holds a joint appointment as professor of the practice in the Department of History. On campus and across the country, Dan illuminates the principle of the dignity of work in our Catholic social tradition. He has dedicated his career to encouraging the Notre Dame community to place the labor question at the center of all human endeavors. Projects such as the Labor Café, Lunchtime Labor RAPS, Higgins Friends and Alumni Network, and the Just Wage Working Group all owe their existence to Dan's initiative. Used nationally and internationally, his Just Wage Tool uses seven criteria to ensure any given wage fits within the Catholic social tradition framework. Dan has been described as a “voice for the voiceless” for his tireless commitment to labor and gender issues, and his particular respect for those on the periphery.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2023 Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice to

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