

NCR begins its Olympic coverage

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The inevitable pre-Olympic games headline made its appearance today: [Winter Olympics on slippery slope after Vancouver crackdown on homeless](#) [1]. The Winter Olympics are schedule for Vancouver, Canada, and the nearby resort of Whistler, Feb. 12-28.

Cleaning out the poor to make room for a showcase event. It is an old, old story.

I first wrote the headline, "Olympics crackdown on homeless," ahead of the 1984 Los Angeles summer games. I remember the lead into the story about how city and games organizers were cleaning up Los Angeles was about a local business -- must have been a wedding clothier -- passing out free tuxedos in homeless shelters and soup kitchens. A literal attempt to dress up the problem.

Of course, the Catholic Worker Movement in Vancouver is all over the issue. On its web site, <http://www.vancouvercatholicworker.org/>, are a proposal, "Better ways than the Olympics to spend \$6.1 billion," and a schedule of anti-poverty events running parallel to and in opposition to the Olympic Games.

The Catholic Workers also helpfully provide the "Protesters Guide to the Law of Civil Disobedience in British Columbia -- Olympic Edition."

The first schedule event is 2010 Poverty Olympics on Sunday afternoon Feb. 7. Read more about his at povertyolympics.ca or watch the video below.

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[1] <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/feb/03/vancouver-winter-olympics-homeless-row>