



What We Can Do To Help

- **Communities of Salt and Light Training**
- **Catholic Social Teaching Formation for Staff, Pastoral Councils, Ministry Heads, Catechists, Liturgists etc.**
- **Consultation in the planning and development of a parish-wide integrated approach to justice**
- **Resources for prayer, education, and liturgy**
- **Justice immersion experiences for key parish leaders**
- **Communication and Facilitation Training**



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Faith In Action



Developing

and

Supporting

Parish Social Ministry



The Office of Peace and Justice

Our Mission: to affirm human dignity by providing leadership and tools to integrate the social mission of the Gospel into parish and community life.

- **Communities of Salt and Light:** Seven-Week Leadership training program to empower parishes to respond to social issues in the community; ideal for training in Parish Social Ministry
- **Education on Catholic Social Teaching by Theme:** Explore in depth one or more themes of Catholic Social Teaching
 - Dignity of the Human Person
 - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 - Dignity of Work/Rights of Workers
 - Care of Creation
 - Family, Community and Participation
 - Rights and Responsibilities
 - Solidarity
- **JustFaith:** A conversion-based parish process that seeks to integrate personal spirituality and social ministry. The aim of JustFaith is to empower participants to develop a passion and thirst for justice and to express this passion in concrete acts of parish social ministry. OPJ offers support and training to parishes who engage in this process.

We need to build communities of faith where our social teaching is central, not fringe; where social ministry is integral, not optional; where it is the work of every believer, not just the mission of a few committed people or committees.”
~US Catholic Bishops – *Communities of Salt and Light*

The Office of Peace and Justice is here to assist you with development of an integrated and organized approach to bringing Catholic Social Teaching to your parish. Whether you are a member of the staff or a volunteer committee, we can help you devise a plan suited to your particular parish environment.

In his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict explains the importance of Charity, “ Love of neighbour, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful, but it is also a responsibility for the entire ecclesial community at every level: from the local community to the particular Church and to the Church universal in its entirety. As a community, the Church must practise love. Love thus needs to be organized if it is to be an ordered service to the community”(¶ 20).

- **Issues Workshops:** The office will develop workshops on pertinent issues such as immigration, poverty, capital punishment, etc. as requested.

Our Partners: Catholic Charities Community Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Charities Community Services

Circles of Support, Foster Care Support Ministry, Fulfill-A-List and Refugee Resettlement Program are some of the ways that Catholic Charities partners with local parishes “to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection, Local CCHD funded sites, CCHD Multimedia Art Contest are some of the ways in which your parish can help address the root causes of poverty in the United States.

Catholic Relief Services

Operation Rice Bowl, Fair Trade, Food Fast, Catholic Relief Services Collection and Dioceses Without Borders are some of the ways parishes can live in solidarity with people though out the world.