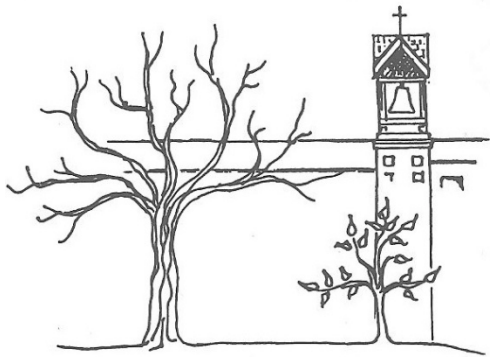


JustAction

Social Action Ministry serving



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Our Mission

In response to our baptismal call to share in the mission of Jesus Christ, we will empower our parish to develop a passion and thirst for justice based on Catholic Social Teaching.

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

Made in the image and likeness of God, all persons are sacred. Belief in the sanctity of human life and inherent dignity of each person is the foundation of all of our social teachings.

2. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The human person is a social as well as a sacred being. Our Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment not in isolation but in community.

3. Rights and Responsibilities

People have a God-given fundamental right to life and to those things necessary to sustain human dignity. What are some of those things? Food...Shelter...Health care...Education...Employment. The common good depends upon fulfillment of these.

4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. This calls us to look at public policy decisions in terms of how they affect the poor. Today, 20% of the people control more than 80% of the world's resources, leaving few resources to be shared by the majority of the people.

5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

People have a right to humane working conditions, productive work and fair wages. The economy exists to serve the people, not the other way around.

6. Solidarity

We are all one human family, and as family we are responsible for the interests of each other. This responsibility reaches across our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. Indifference to the pain and suffering of others has no place in a just society.

7. Care for God's Creation

All of creation is a gift from God and should be respected as such. We show our respect by the way we care for the earth as stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.



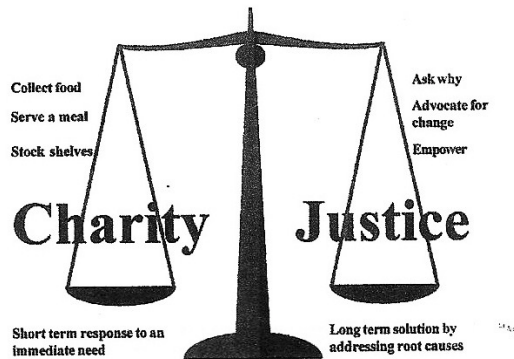
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<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/>

About the JustAction Committee

JustAction is a group of concerned parish members who are active in various ministries – Saint Vincent de Paul Society, bread bakers, Book Buzz, liturgy committee, mission committee – and have a deep interest in social justice issues.

Members work toward broadening parish awareness of all the dimensions of Catholic Social Teaching through specific educational programs, outreach activities and parish-wide announcements to promote involvement in efforts to change unjust social situations.

Members are called to seek out the root causes of why people are poor, suffering, homeless, sick or alienated. While charity demands that we help those in need, justice insists that we work to change the causes of those social problems.



JustAction Activities arising from the Mission Statement

Faithful Citizenship Presentations to the parish before the 2008 elections

Bread for the World offering of letters asking Congress for help for the poor



Justice for Immigrants: Sent postcards to Congress regarding immigration reform

The "**Justice Challenge**" published every week in the parish bulletin

Promotion and sale of **Fair Trade** coffee brought to IHM by a member who went on mission to the Dominican Republic

Attendance at "**Catholics at the Capitol**"

Promotion of projects such as **Heifer International**
Repairers of the Breach
St. Ben's Health Clinic
Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic
IHM sister parish in Ganta Liberia

Save Darfur: Offering of letters signed by parishioners

Collection of letters protesting the deportation of Regina Bakala

Feed My Starving Children: Participation in food packing project

St. Vincent de Paul Voice of the Poor: Participated in workshops on health care reform and immigration reform

