

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Social Justice Ministry supports the gospel message to respect life and dignity, and to work for peace and justice. This group encourages parishioner involvement by means of education, planned activities which serve the less fortunate, and projects which embrace justice.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Educate the parish on Catholic social justice principles and contemporary issues through newsletters, articles, bulletin items, website material and other print, electronic and verbal means.
- Plan opportunities through which parish members can take action on behalf of current social issues.
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EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

- The ministry currently meets bimonthly.
- These meetings plan the actions of the ministry which members work on between meetings.

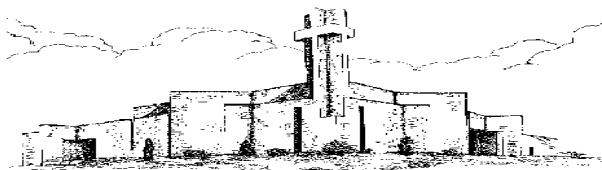
Witness Statement 1:

Our ministry has chosen to focus on three important areas of Social Justice. Those being: Responsible Citizenship, World Hunger, and Pro-Life. I became interested in this ministry because of my profound Pro-Life beliefs. I was searching for ways to reach out to our community to raise awareness of Pro-Life activities, such as the Erie March for Life and Pro-Life breakfast and the National March for Life in Washington, DC. Hopefully, I can encourage my fellow parishioners to join me at one or more of these events.

- Phil Legler

Witness Statement 2:

Everyone can benefit from the social justice teachings which, taken together, provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing a consistent ethic of life. (Living the Gospel of Life) Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent, nor does it reduce teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human rights, from conception until death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being. (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship)



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