

Incarnate Word

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Incarnate Word Social Justice Committee was contacted by the Holy Spirit Social Justice Committee. They asked if I would be interested in attending a meeting with other Parishes in the Northwest Deanery to work on social justice. At this time we are in a formation period and I am looking for Incarnate Word Parishioners who are interested in social justice issues promoted and supported within the Catholic Church. This Vision and Mission Statement is the structure from which we are going to discuss and prioritize our activities. We will be meeting on the second Thursdays of each month. You can contact Bob Huss at 636-974-4299 or 314-952-3353. e-mail bhuss6350@sbcglobal.net.

Vision and Mission Statement for Northwest Deanery Social Justice Team

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Vision Statement:

The Northwest Deanery Social Justice Team is guided by the Catholic vision of social justice. We commit ourselves to helping member parish parishioners learn more about the biblical roots of social justice and the Church's teaching. And to give these parishioners the opportunity to participate in social justice activities that promote solidarity and justice in local, state, country and global issues.

Mission:

The mission of the Northwest Deanery Social Justice Team is to network for the purpose of supporting and acting as a resource for the social justice activities of member parishes and undertake advocacy projects...creating opportunities to help member parishioners become aware, educated and then act for justice.

We carry out this vision and mission using the following operating principles:

- We function as a committee of representatives from various parishes and are recognized by the pastors of the Northwest Deanery.
- We base our activities on the biblical and theological foundations of Catholic social teaching.
- We emphasize the "preferential option for the poor" by supporting and pursuing activities that address the dignity and rights of people who are socially, politically, or economically disadvantaged.
- We give priority to strategies which enable people to realize and act on their own power (advocacy).
- We operate from and promote a model of social action that includes both private, personal commitments to justice and also public, communal and institutional commitments to justice.
- We look for opportunities to assist, communicate with and promote the above principles in our deanery community.