

Social Justice Ministry (SJM) Meeting and Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Time: 7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Place: Parish Center

Opening Prayer

Prayer for World Peace by Joan Chittister, OSB

Special Intentions

Event: Pax Christi: Educational and Informative Roundtable Discussion

SJM sponsored its second "Roundtable" event of the year: Pax Christi. On the Second Sunday of Easter, Father Bob's homily focused on the meaning of peace. He gently reminded us that peace is to make things right with God, ourselves, each other and the world. The Pax Christi Roundtable gave us an opportunity to find ways to make this peace in our lives a reality.

Pax Christi USA strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. For more information, access the Pax Christi website at www.paxchristiusa.org.

There were three presenters: Elizabeth Begley, coordinator of Justice and Peace of the Church of Presentation, USR. Elizabeth is the representative for Pax Christi International and the Social Justice Coordinator for Presentation; Monica Garafalo from OLM; and Florence Giammarino of Pax Christi, Bergen County.

The presentation was very informative and led to a good discussion from SJM attendees.

OLD BUSINESS

- "Father's Day Food Drive"

The SJM Food Drives is scheduled for June 20-21 theme is the "Father's Day Food Drive" to donate food to honor Father's Day and designed to donate food for kids who are home for the summer.

Volunteers are needed to cover the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and the following Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

- Food Pantry volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

"Solidarity Will Transform the World". See flyer for more details.

NEXT MEETING

Date: June 3, 2009

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Parish Center

This will be our last meeting until September 2009.