

# Social Justice & Peace Ministry Meeting and Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2009

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

Place: Parish Center

Scribe: Ginny Millard

**Attendance:** Pegie Doll, John & Anita Dalton, Walt Frantin, Joanne Kotkin, Denise Dorn, Ginny Millard with a special welcome to our newest member, Elaine Papa.

## Opening Prayer

*"Nonviolence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our being."* Mahatma Gandhi

## Special Intentions

## OLD BUSINESS

- Social Justice Ministry Food Drives: June 20 – 21, Father's Day Food Drive

A discussion was held to evaluate the Summer "Emergency Food Drive."

- New Jersey Regional Coalition (NJRC)

Any comments?

- The Archdiocesan Catholic Charities USA Campaign to Reduce Poverty Task Force

Denise, Walt, Joanne and Ginny attended the Bergen County meeting to share information, brainstorm ideas, set priorities for further action relevant to poverty issues in Bergen County. Monday, June 15, 2009

Next meeting is on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Please let Ginny know if you are interested in attending this meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

It was agreed to inform parishioners in the church bulletin as to major points of CST as SJ&P Ministry activities occur.

- Mission Statement Update

The Mission Statement was updated to read "The purpose of this ministry is to provide opportunities for OLM individuals, ministries and families to understand and take action by addressing issues of social justice and peace on a local and global level."

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- Human Concerns Herald and Health Care

The Human Concerns Herald and Health Care is an excellent update of current Social Justice issues and actions.

To receive electronic updates, e-mail Kay Furlani, Director of Human Concerns Herald/Archdiocese of Newark at [furlanca@rcan.org](mailto:furlanca@rcan.org).

- IRATE & First Friends 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Vigil at the Elizabeth Detention Center:  
Sunday, October 11

Anyone interested in attending? Refer to <http://www.urolm.org/SocialJustice> for more information.

- Pax Christi

Blessed Are the Peacemakers..... discussed actions towards peace within our own lives.

- 2009 – 2010 Meeting and Food Drives Dates

Refer to <http://www.urolm.org/SocialJustice> for the meeting and food drive dates.

Please let me know if there are any problems. Starting in November, we will be meeting in the Lower Gathering Space.

- WINTER “JUST” COATS” EXCHANGE: IMPORTANT INFO

Walt Frantin and John Dalton are heading the “first-ever” OLM Coat Exchange. Volunteers are needed after each Mass on both weekends; October 10 - 11 and October 17 - 18.

Please let me know if you are able to help. Below are some guidelines for the drive.

- Coat Drop-Off Day: Tables will be set up for different kinds and sizes of coats; greet and direct donors where to place coats before and after each Mass; pack up coats in plastic bags to store in Lower Gathering Place until the following Sunday.

October 10 at 5:30 p.m. Mass

October 11 at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Sunday Masses

- Coat Exchange Day: Tables will again be set up and organized for donors “exchange” for a new coat or choose a coat and make a donation. Parishioners will need help with directions and “how to go about – The Greatest Coat Exchange Ever!”

October 17 at 5:30 p.m. Mass

October 18 at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Sunday Masses

After the 12:30 Mass we will pack up for delivery any remaining coats. Coats will have to be stored for further distribution to charities. TBA Any ideas?

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Additional Information

- Respect Life Ministry will be holding coffee refreshments in the Garden Space on October 18, so we will have to work around them.
- Publicity
  - Joanne Frantin has placed announcements in Community Life and Pascack News about this event. Thanks!
  - Our newest member, Elaine Papa will be taking photos of the event to put in the Community Life and Pascack News-if possible.
  - Additional publicity will appear with posters, OLM website ([www.urolm.org](http://www.urolm.org)), Church bulletin and from the pulpit. Word of mouth or your “electronic mouth” is wonderful too!
- John and Walt please let me know if these notes are correct. You can add your email for volunteers if you would like. Did I forget anything?
- Both these weekends I have family obligations so I will be in and out and help as much as possible so volunteers are welcomed at any time.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for October 14 at the Lower Gathering Space.**