

**St. Mary's Catholic Church
Justice & Peace Committee
Application for Parish Charities Support of Social Ministries**

The Justice & Peace (J&P) Committee is a ministry of St Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg, Virginia. Our mission is to provide resources in the form of information, financial assistance, and volunteer services to those who are in need in the New River Valley and Haiti. We help to integrate social justice activities throughout parish life at St. Mary's in order for all parishioners to have opportunities to serve as Christ asked us: *To be the hands and face of God in our midst.*

St. Mary's Catholic Church receives Parish Charities donations throughout the year. The J&P Committee has an award process to provide small financial resources to local organizations and Haiti for projects that support social justice activities. Preference goes to projects that will help to reduce hunger and loneliness, provide elder and youth care, support those going through divorce or separation, and provide support for those who need food or shelter. The Committee favors applications that align with the Catholic social teaching, involve parishioners of St. Mary's, and serve the communities in the New River Valley or Haiti.

Each quarter the J&P Committee allocates up to approximately \$1,000 in project support. To apply, please complete this application and submit it by email to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org or by mail to 1205 Old Mill Rd, Blacksburg, VA 24060, to the attention of *Justice & Peace Committee*. Decisions will be made after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year (Sept, Dec, Mar, and June). Eligible applicants may be invited to make a presentation at a J&P Committee meeting before final approval is made.

A completed project report (500 words or less) is requested of all award recipients and required of those that apply again for a donation. Pictures are encouraged. Award recipient may be invited to join the Justice and Peace Committee during one of our monthly meetings to share their results.

If you have questions, please contact St. Mary's Catholic Church at 540-552-1091.

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Date of Request:

Organization name:

Organization address:

Contact name:

Phone:

Email:

Mission of Organization:

Amount requested: _____

Is the organization a 501c(3)? ____ Yes, or ____ No

Number of St. Mary's parishioners actively involved in your organization: _____

St. Mary's Reference(s): _____

Brief Project Description (Specify how requested amount will be spent and the impact this amount will have. Approximately 300 words or less.):

Attach ***Project Report(s) for Prior Donations Awarded.***

(Describe how funds previously received from St. Mary's were spent and the impact the donation had, approximately 500 words or less.)