

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



One of the three major responsibilities of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace is to "Provide resources and direction ...for the formation and development of parish Justice and Peace and Respect Life Committees (Social Ministry committees).

Why?

Social Ministry is an element of being Catholic. *Parish Social Ministry* moves from being the responsibility of a committee to the concern of the entire parish.

One way the Office provides direction is by hosting a Quarterly Parish Social Ministry Meeting at the Pastoral Center (2838 E. Burnside Street). These are not issue focused, though issue-related events may be part of our evangelization efforts; the focus is on collaborating, learning and skill building.

If you are an expert, then please come and share. If you are eager to learn, then please come and learn.

Though there are dozens of issues and issue campaigns that the Catholic Church is concerned about, issue focus is not the intent of the Quarterly PSM meetings. There are, however, many parish social ministries with a specific focus on the Catholic social teaching: Life. To encourage the development of these ministries and create greater awareness on the fundamental teaching of the Catholic Church, I convene a Quarterly Respect Life Ministry Meeting at Resurrection Parish, Tualatin.

Unfortunately many parishes are located far from the Pastoral Center/Resurrection Parish. Don't worry! You will receive Meeting Recaps from both meetings if you are on the email list. You can find these recaps and other information at Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life.

Finally, these meetings are meant be inclusive; please join us. If you're unavailable, send someone else in your place.



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