

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE – ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

As a faith-community of St. Therese Catholic Church, we desire to foster the values of Jesus Christ and to promote the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church.

GOALS

1. to promote the integration of the social teachings of the Catholic Church into the total faith formation of the St. Therese Parish Community.
2. to provide a process for an interior “change of heart.”
3. to respect the dignity of human life in all its stages.

OBJECTIVES

1. to deepen our own understanding of the Church’s Social Teachings, especially by our own reading, study, reflection and prayer.
2. to provide means for others - especially our own parishioners - to learn the Church’s Social Teachings, especially by devising strategies and projects to enable people to have a personal encounter with Jesus and to have a personal encounter with people who are poor and marginalized.
3. to include the “Seamless Garment” manner of respecting the dignity of human life; this includes such issues (in alphabetical order) as: abortion, arms race, capital punishment, civil rights, cultural values, discrimination, ecology, euthanasia, gun violence, health care, hunger, immigration reform, militarism, poverty, prejudice, racism and segregation, religious liberty, unemployment, urban renewal, welfare, and all isms.
4. to work together with, and assist, others who are working for justice and peace, especially by membership in agencies which work to promote justice and peace.
5. to dialogue and work together with other parishes, organizations, coalitions, and neighborhood groups to participate in collective action around common interests.
6. to add our voice to change structures in our society which restrict justice and peace, especially by personally contacting our legislators to ensure a more just legislation.
7. to use the Principles of Non-Violence in our proceedings.