

Pastoral Priority IV

A CULTURE OF LIFE & DIGNITY

1. Our parish provides ongoing education and formation in Catholic social teaching so that all members will actively affirm and foster human life and dignity, promote justice and peace, and respond to human need.
2. We engage ourselves in the threefold expression of social action: providing direct service to those in need, empowering people to help themselves and advocating for those without an effective voice.
3. Our parish, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry, seeks to respond to the human needs of our own members and of those outside our boundaries with concern for the unborn and those who are poor, hungry, unemployed, homeless, immigrants, refugees, sick, aging, homebound, victims of crime, imprisoned, experiencing violence in relationships or dying.
4. Our parish, assisted by the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry, fosters faithful citizenship by educating and encouraging active participation in political and social processes in order to protect and promote human and Christian values.
5. Our parish seeks to promote social ministry under the direction of a qualified coordinator and a social ministry committee or team.