

Mobilizing People for Justice: From Concern to Action

Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry
Archdiocese of Hartford

Transforming Our World



How?

- Serving the Poor and Vulnerable
- Ensuring Justice for all God's People
- Working for Peace
- Caring for Creation
- Praying for Justice

Where?

- Locally
- Nationally
- Globally

With Whom?

- Individuals
- Families
- Church communities
- Justice organizations

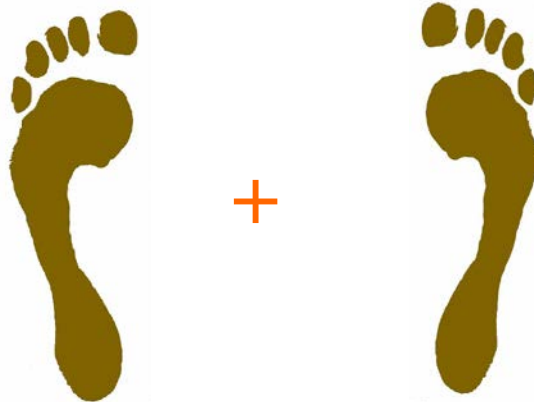
So Many Issues...

- Extreme Poverty
- Hunger
- Lack of Clean Water
- Substandard Housing
- Lack of Education
- (Preventable) Disease and Lack of Medical Care
- HIV/AIDS & the Orphans
- Oppression of People (Slavery)
- Environmental Degradation
- War and Violence

Two Ways of Responding

**Direct Response to the
Crisis or Need**

**Addressing the Systemic
Causes of the Problem**



Pastoral Circle Process



Pastoral Circle Steps

- 1. Insertion/Experience**
- 2. Social Analysis**
 - What are the “facts” of the situation?
 - Why does this condition exist?
 - What’s causing it?
- 3. Theological Reflection**
 - What is the Bible telling us?
 - What is Catholic Social Teaching telling us?
 - Pope & Encyclicals
 - US Bishops & Documents
- 4. Action**
 - How can we serve those in need?
 - How can we act for justice to alleviate the causes of the situation?

Organizing



- ✓ What does the campaign hope to achieve in your parish?
- ✓ What components will you include in your campaign?
- ✓ What are the main activities (action steps) that you will need to take to implement the project. What is the schedule for each activity? Identify a target date (timeline) for each step.

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- ✓ What resources are needed to implement the campaign: materials to be produced, events planned, and parish structures created or enhanced to support the activities?
- ✓ How much will each activity cost?
- ✓ Who will you need to lead activities? What leaders will you need to implement your campaign, how you will find them, and how you will prepare them for their work.
- ✓ How will you market/promote your campaign: how you will introduce it, invite people, advertise, communicate, etc.?



- **education** programs for children, teens, adults, and families
- **homilies** at Sunday Mass, and prayer and worship
- the **lectionary** and liturgical feasts and seasons



- **advocacy** for public policies and programs that promote comprehensive immigrant reform as outlined in the Catholic Bishop's statements; **post-card campaign**
- **media campaign**
- **service** projects for age groups or the whole parish community to serve the needs of immigrants and their families
- **financial support** for projects and organizations that serve immigrants



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Example: St. Charles Borromeo

- **Advocacy:** biweekly e-newsletter on local, state, national, and international issues; targeted advocacy events; JFI Postcard Campaign
- **Local Community Organizing:** working with local groups
- **Borromeo Legal Project (BLP):** legal assistance, citizenship mentoring, English classes (ESL)
- **Just Faith Program:** Crossing Borders – 8 week module on migrants and refugees
- **Parish Awareness & Involvement:** multicultural Stations of the Cross, direct service projects, health clinics, preaching on immigration issues



Activities	Schedule	Resources		
		Leadership	Time	Costs
Activity 1				
Action Steps				
Activity 2				
Action Steps				



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Advent-Christmas Campaign	Dec 2010			
Advent Lectionary (A)	Nov 28			
Advent 1. Isaiah 2:1-5	Dec 5			
Advent 2. Isaiah 11:1-10	Dec 12			
Advent 3. Isaiah 35:1-6, 10	Dec 19			
Christmas: Isaiah 9:1-6, Isaiah 52:7-10				
Holy Family: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23				



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Activity: Advent-Christmas Campaign			
Homilies & Music	pastor, deacon, music director	Sunday Mass	
Educational Sessions and Lectionary Reflection: children's programs, youth ministry, adult education, faith sharing groups, family or intergenerational programs, RCIA	DRE, youth minister, adult ed. director, RCIA coordinator, et al.	During gathered programs	Materials



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Activity: Advent-Christmas Campaign	Leadership	Time	Costs
Advent Service Projects for Immigrant Families	Social Ministry Team	First three weeks of Advent	TBD
JFI Postcard Campaign	Social Ministry Team	Dec 5	Print
Alternative Christmas Gift Giving Suggestions	Develop a team to research ideas	Nov 21 & 28 at Mass and through programs	Online Print
JFI Home Kit for all parish households with one activity for each day of Advent	Social Ministry Team, Religious Education Staff	Distribute Nov 21 & Nov 28 at Mass and through programs	Online Print