

PSM Spring 2016 Quarterly Meeting

Event from the Office

Saturday June 11: Care for our Home, with Mercy: Living Simply So That Others May Simply Live
With Retreat Master, Br. Cyril Drnjevic

10:00 a.m. at Pastoral Center, 2838 East Burnside, Portland

Register by Monday, JUNE 6. Space is limited and lunch will be served. [Flyer](#)

Why You Want to Attend: "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." *Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

Make Noise

Pope Benedict tells us that the Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility:

1. Proclaiming the word of God
2. Celebrating the sacraments
3. **Exercising the ministry of charity**

These duties ... are inseparable. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Est Caritas*, 2005.)

The ministry of charity is "striving to secure a common good [not a self-interest or selfish good] that addresses the real needs of our neighbors. The more we do this, the more we love our neighbors."

Pope Benedict explains that "**justice is the primary way of charity** or, in Paul VI's words, 'the minimum measure' of it. To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity."

Every Christian is called to practice this charity. This is the institutional path — we might also call it the political path — of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbor directly...." (*Caritas in Veritate*, 2009, #6-7)

Justice is based in Scripture (see the last page)

How will you get there? How will you find your noise?

My Office can provide you many types of road maps because

- some people use GPS
- some print out directions from Google Maps or Yahoo Maps
- some people use Waze, the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app
- some people still prefer the fold out and fold up paper map
- and some will ask for directions

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Four Ways to Make Noise

#1: JustFaith Ambassadors: Sharon Grigar (Ascension) sgrigar@ascensionpdx.org and Deacon John Krebsbach (St. Anthony - Forest Grove) dr.krebsbach@gmail.com

Planning for the Fall and beyond?

JustFaith Ministries offers several robust programs (and some brand new ones!) that provide opportunities for individuals to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church's historical witness, prayer, theological inquiry and Church social teaching.

Participants are empowered to develop a passion and thirst for justice, and to live out this commitment through concrete acts of social ministry in their parish or church and in the community at large.

[Watch the JustFaith 2016-17 video here!](#) Search on YouTube for **JustFaith 2016-17**

To learn more, visit www.justfaith.org,

#2: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

From the Catholic bishops of the United States: A teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, representing their guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.

At the request of Archbishop Sample, a summary brochure based on the current USCCB Faithful Citizenship Guide. This brochure and the USCCB's Faithful Citizenship materials are the only campaign materials approved for distribution on parish property.

http://www3.archpdx.org/jprespect/JP_Respect/Faithful_Citizenship_2016.pdf

You can print this yourself, but don't hesitate to ask the Office to make copies for you and your parish.

#3: WORKS OF MERCY: LIVING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – Get Your Parish Involved!

<http://www.pdxmercy.org/mercy-month-by-month>

SERVE: To serve means to welcome people with care. It means to bend down to one in need and to extend your hand, without reservations, without fear, and with the same tenderness and understanding that Jesus demonstrated as He bent down to wash the feet of the Apostles. To serve means to work alongside those most in need.

ACCOMPANY: Hospitality in itself isn't enough. Giving a sandwich to someone who is hungry should open the door to a moment of encounter. Let us heed the call to journey alongside those who are vulnerable and suffering, as they learn to stand on their own two feet.

DEFEND: Serving and accompanying also means taking the side of the weakest - from the poor to the unborn to the unemployed. Living out the works of mercy moves us to lift our voices and prayers on behalf of the voiceless.

We can turn to Mary, the Mother of Mercy, who shows us what it means to truly serve, accompany and defend in perfect charity.

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#4: 2016 OFFERING OF LETTERS CAMPAIGN: SURVIVE AND THRIVE

A partnership between the Office of Life, Justice & Peace and Bread for the World

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Eileen Sleva
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Robin Stephenson

What: Ask Congress to increase the funding for international nutrition programs for mothers, newborns, and young children. Increasing global nutrition is a major step toward ending preventable maternal and child deaths and ending the stunting that saps a child's potential.

We are challenging parishes to write letters to our legislators - and lots of them! Instead of sending them to Washington, D.C., we are collecting letters together and hand delivering them to make one big impact.

When: From now until June 1st, we are asking parishes to write letters and send to the Office of Life, Justice & Peace at the Archdiocese of Portland, care of Matt Cato.

Later in June, we will hand deliver the letters to our members of Congress, and impress upon them that Oregon Catholics believe we should help vulnerable mothers and children survive and thrive.

How: Letters can be written before or after Mass and collected on a single Sunday or over several weeks. People write letters, usually as a group, and present them as an offering to God before delivering them to their members of Congress.

Bread for the World offers a kit with tips and tools, including hunger facts, real-life stories, videos, and a sample letter.

Several of our churches have been conducting letter-writing events for years and having a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress. We hope you will prayerfully consider participating. Set a date, gather paper and pens, and put your faith into action.

Contact Bread for the World's organizer Robin Stephenson at rstephenson@bread.org or call 503.734.2012 for a complimentary kit (or get resources online in English and Spanish). Robin can help you get started and connect you with one of our volunteer helpers.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday August 1
Monday November 7

6:30pm (Pizza) – 7:00pm (Start)
St. John Fisher



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A Parish Retreat-Workshop

For Fans of:

- Laudato Si'
- Pope Francis
- St. Francis
- Jubilee Year of Mercy
- Care for Creation



With Retreat Master, Br. Cyril Drnjevic

As a Benedictine monk, Br. Cyril practices the daily discipline of spiritual reading / lectio divina. Through this spiritual reading, and through opportunities provided by God, Br. Cyril's charism is leading retreats.



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10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

Bring your Parish Social Ministry Team, Team Leaders, JustFaith Graduates, and Staff

Register at justiceandpeace@archdpdx.org by **Monday, JUNE 6**. Space is limited and lunch will be served.

Three Reasons to Attend

- Enjoy a spiritually-fulfilling day with an opportunity to pause, pray for inspiration, and listen to the Holy Spirit
- Deepen the spiritual roots of your faith
- Explore ways to incorporate Laudato Si' into our personal and parish lives

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ISSUES

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PRINCIPLES

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Economic Justice for All
Pacem et Terris
Mater et Magistra
Laborem Exercens
Rerum Novarum
Evangelicum Vitae
Political Responsibility
The Challenge of Peace
Centesimus Annus
Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

Genesis
Deuteronomy
Sirach
Leviticus
Matthew
Psalm
Luke
Jeremiah
Isaiah
John
Mark