

Social Justice & Peace

The goals of this commission include:

- To act as a catalyst to spark the Parish Community's use of their Gifts and Talents for the benefit of others
 - To establish processes where we can become aware of and meet the needs of Parishioners.
 - To educate Parishioners about current issues as they relate to the teachings of the Church
- Ongoing Activities of this ministry include: Serving the Friday Evening meal at the soup kitchen Working with local churches to address local social issues Sponsoring a child in a third world country Establishing a "helping hands" program that links local people with agencies that can offer assistance. Providing assistance for needy families A Christmas Giving Tree Members of the Social Justice & Peace Commission are as follows:

Anita Krieg ‐ Co- Chairperson Dena Profenno ‐ Co-Chairperson

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March 8, 2009 Social Justice and Peace Commission Report for Pastoral Council • Lenten Giving Project (replenish area food pantries) o Collecting supplies during Lenten season to assist pantries in Windham, Casco Raymond o Tags in basket in narthex for parishioners to take o Collecting non perishable food and household supplies o Items to be returned by April 5, 2009 • Ministry Sundays o Faith Formation Students visited Ledgewood Manor in Windham on 2/22 to visit, care for and play with residents o March activity ‐ visit Harvest Hills Animal Shelter to deliver items donated during February (food and supplies for animal care ‐ approximately 100 items donated) • Small Outreach o No requests received since January 2009 o Will seek out local needs during remainder of year for distribution of funds • Overseas Outreach o In 2008 ended support for child in South America with high school graduation o Plan to donate to organization outside U.S. ‐ considering Hands Together in Haiti (OLPH donated funds after visit from representative in summer of 2008) • Deacon Frank’s Employment Group o Continuing to meet on Thursday evenings o Small group of regular members o Assisting job seekers with ideas, tips, resources and emotional support • Fundraising o Discussing possible book/video/DVD sale of donated used items o Timeframe summer 2009 to take advantage of summer visitors