

JUSTICE INSTITUTE 2009



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Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

THE APPLICATION PROCESS INCLUDES:

- ◆ 2 Letters of Recommendation, preferably from one's place of ministry and from one's spiritual director.
- ◆ An essay of involvement in ministry, particularly peace and justice
- ◆ An essay of one's spirituality
- ◆ An explanation of the applicant's interest in being a candidate in the Institute
- ◆ Candidates may be interviewed by the Director of the Peace & Social Justice Ministry

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE INSTITUTE?

Cost of the entire Institute leading to certification is \$400. Individual workshops are \$35. This includes lunches on all workshop days.

REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS

Registration materials for individual workshops will be available 6 weeks in advance of the date. Check our website, www.paxjoliet.org/events or call Peace & Social Justice Ministry at (815) 834-4028.

WHERE WILL THE INSTITUTE TAKE PLACE?

All workshops will be held at St. Charles Center, Romeoville

HOW MAY ONE PARTICIPATE?

- ◆ Ministers may take the entire Institute which includes an application process, an orientation meeting, 13 workshops, and writing of brief integrative papers. Upon successful completion of the entire Institute, students will receive a diocesan certificate.
- ◆ Ministers may also take individual workshops, separate from the certification process.

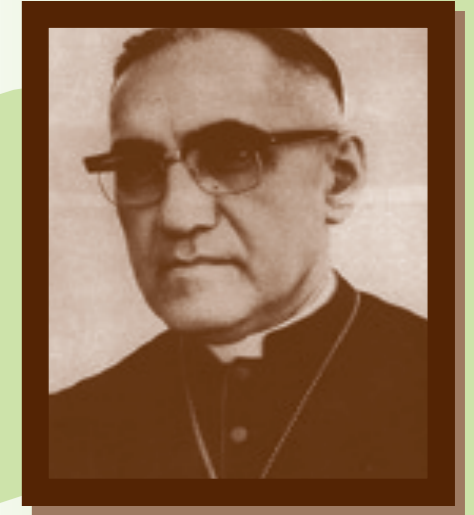
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GOD'S JUSTICE AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE

September 11, 2008

Edwin Cabey, Scripture Scholar, Sacred Heart Parish, Joliet

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, God reveals His system of loving justice to man in the Bible and beyond. In the Book of Exodus God raised up Moses to reveal his justice in action against Pharaoh and Egypt in favor of the Hebrews. He commanded the Hebrews to remember and promote God's system of justice throughout the world. When the Hebrews struggled with God's system of justice despite being constantly cajoled by the judges and prophets, God sent Jesus to revive his system of justice on the earth. Jesus did this as related especially in his five-point program in the Gospel of Luke. Even in our day God continues to send modern day prophets to promote his system of justice for the oppressed in our world. That very thought gives us constant HOPE.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING- FOUNDATION FOR MINISTRY

September 23, 2008

Mary Elsburnd, OSF, Program Director, Institute for Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago

The worldwide meeting of bishops issued the document Justice in the World which proclaimed: "Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation." This vision of the Church's mission and ministry is affirmed in Catholic Social Teachings, just communities and just practices. This workshop explores major themes of Catholic Social Teachings and their gospel roots as well as local ecclesial practices which promote discipleship and build up just communities of faith in action.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SPIRITUALITY - ACTION FLOWING FROM PRAYER

October 9, 2008

Jonathan Foster, OFM, Founder, Mayslake Ministries, Westmont, IL

This workshop will address spirituality in the context of working for justice. The primary focus will be on recognizing the sacredness of what is often called the secular arena. Emphasis will be placed on prayer, of course. But we will also look at other virtues required for those committed to working for social justice, such as trust, visioning, anger, compassion, and ambition in its relationship to achieving success. Resources brought to bear will include the Benedictine unity of work and prayer; the Franciscan commitment to poverty and simplicity; the Ignatian emphasis on the active contemplative; John Paul II's encyclical, "On Work"; Karl Rahner's call for universal mysticism; Mother Theresa's letters in her book "Come Be My Light"; the creed of The National Center for the Laity.

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LITURGY AND JUSTICE: THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE

October 23, 2008

Gilbert Ostdiek, OFM, Professor of Liturgy, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Pope Benedict has recently underscored the deep, essential connection between liturgy and justice. This workshop will explore the words and actions of the liturgy to discover how it calls us to a mission of justice. We will also explore how celebration and catechesis can draw on liturgy's power to form in us the attitudes needed to live out that calling.



The Church teaches us that social justice is essential to Christian Ministry; it is what makes our ministry authentically Christian. Regardless of the nature of our work, for it to meet the measure of the Work of Christ, it must in some way be formed and informed by the Gospel Call to Social Justice.

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SOCIAL ANALYSIS: THE PASTORAL CIRCLE

Doing Social Analysis to Explore Current Justice Issues
November 6, 2008

Katherine Feely, SND, Director of the Center of Concern's, Education for Justice Project, Washington DC

Catholic Social Teaching prompts people of faith to look deeply into social issues through the process of the Pastoral Circle: reflect, judge and act. This session will include an interactive experience to help participants reflect deeply on current social justice issues, (eg. immigration, poverty, health care) from the perspective of CST, and will discuss how to use the pastoral circle process with a range of topics and with different audiences.

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY-TRANSFORMING SOCIAL STRUCTURES THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY

November 13, 2008

Sara Dwyer, ASC, Education Coordinator, NETWORK, Washington, DC

Building a democracy that serves the common good is our civic responsibility. Our faith requires that we be faithful disciples and citizens in order to transform unjust social structures and policies. We use Catholic Social Teaching and legislative advocacy skills to promote justice in public policies. We will review the principles of a just society, tools for legislative advocacy and social change, and strategies for building a strong parish social justice ministry. "We The People....Will The People." The afternoon session will include introductions to advocacy opportunities with Bread for the Word and the Joliet Diocese Legislative Advocacy Network.

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CONFLICT MANAGEMENT SKILLS—FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH IN CHURCH CONFLICT

January 15, 2009

Rev. Richard Blackburn, Executive Director, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Lombard, IL

Participants will be introduced to the nature and role of conflict, conflict in the biblical story, and the potential of conflict to bring renewal. Individual styles of dealing with conflict will be explained as well as interpersonal peacemaking skills. A primary focus for the workshop will be to understand and manage conflict within the parish community.

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POVERTY AND WORLD HUNGER—RESPONDING TO GLOBAL NEED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

January 29, 2009

William O'Keefe, Senior Director of Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore

This day will deal with a theological investigation and assessment of the division of the world into rich and poor countries. Scripture and Catholic social teaching will give insight into the socio-political issues of poverty, economic development, and liberation. Special attention will be given to the U. S. Catholic Bishops' statement, "Called to Global Solidarity." Participants will learn why all parish and social programs must exercise a fundamental option for the poor. Resources and methods for parish response to global need will be discussed.

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PARISH PRACTIS: TAKING JUSTICE FROM THE PEWS TO THE STREETS

February 12, 2009

Jack Jezereel, Executive Director, JustFaith Ministries, Louisville

This workshop will focus on the practical matter of empowering a parish to become a tool of social transformation. What very concrete steps can be taken to engage a parish in deeper and broader ways to become a community committed to the healing of the world? The workshop will address categories of transformative education, direct action, legislative advocacy, community organizing, resistance, lifestyle choices, prayer, and global solidarity. The touchstone dream will be "from five to five hundred in five years"; in effect, how do we create a community that is committed to justice and peacemaking. The afternoon session will include Q&A with a panel of local parish justice leaders.

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YOUTH & JUSTICE: REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH THE GOSPEL OF JUSTICE

February 26, 2009

Sean Lansing, Project Coordinator: Youth Ministry Services, Young Neighbors in Action, Center for Ministry Development, Milwaukee

This workshop day focuses on the foundations for engaging youth in Catholic social teaching and describes four strategies to help you infuse justice and service throughout your entire youth ministry.

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CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES: DISMANTLING RACISM

March 12, 2009

Anita Baird, DHM, Director, Office of Racial Justice Archdiocese of Chicago

This workshop will look at the Church's mission to work against racism with the ultimate goal being to change our society and our world. As we examine the complexities of institutional racism which has deep roots in the history of our nation whose very development was based on the denial of power and privilege to people of color while giving power and privilege to white people, we will explore a common analysis of institutional racism that will help us to identify and redress unjust societal systems and structures and their devastating effects on communities of color in education, health care, housing, employment, transportation, etc.

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CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES: THE ENVIRONMENT

March 26, 2009

Dan Misleh, Executive Director, Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, Cheverly, MD

From too little water to too much and from monster storms to rising sea levels, climate change is already impacting people across the globe. Learn what the future may hold and how we can work together to create a more sustainable and more peaceful world through personal actions and public advocacy.

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THE SERVING LEADER: FIVE POWERFUL ACTIONS THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR TEAM, YOUR ORGANIZATION, YOUR COMMUNITY

April 23, 2009

John Stahl-Wert, President, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation

The Serving Leader workshop will combine stories and case studies on those practices of leadership that achieve strongest results. Moving back and forth between the teachings of Jesus, the writings of Robert Greenleaf and organizational examples drawn from both the private and social sector, Dr. Stahl-Wert will interlace lecture, practice sessions and interactive dialogue interludes.