

# THE PEACE AND JUSTICE INSTITUTE PRESENTS

## PARISH PRACTICE: TAKING JUSTICE FROM THE PEWS TO THE STREETS

February 12, 2009  
St. Charles Pastoral Center  
Romeoville, IL  
9:00am—3:00pm

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.

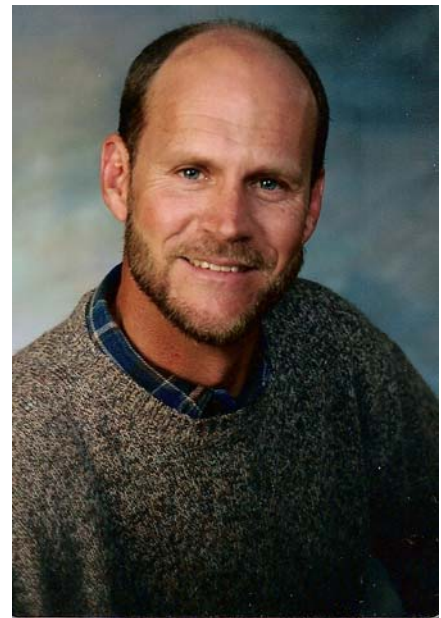
*“Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church’s mission for the redemption of the human race...”*  
Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971

### JACK JEZEREEL

Jack Jezreel holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Religion from Furman University and a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. He spent six years in a Catholic Worker community, providing basic and emergency services to the homeless in Colorado, before directing his attention to transformative education, mostly focused on how to encourage people of Catholic background to be engaged in outreach and social change.

Jack has over twenty years of experience working in parish ministry and spent eight of those years at a Catholic parish in Louisville, Kentucky developing a conversion-based justice formation program, JustFaith, which has had extraordinary results and has been recognized nationally as a potent strategy for empowering social ministry. The three largest poverty-focused Catholic organizations in the country – Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services – and the largest ecumenical hunger-focused Christian organization in the U.S. – Bread for the World – are partners and promoters of JustFaith. Over twelve thousand people in over ninety Catholic dioceses have participated.

Jack currently is Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries, a nonprofit organization that creates and supports justice formation processes, and is a popular national speaker and teacher. In 1995, he was recognized for his work with the Peace and Justice Award from the Archdiocese of Louisville. In February, 2006, he received the prestigious Harry A. Fagan Award at the Annual Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C., for his working in promoting social justice. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky, is married with Maggie, and they have three daughters.



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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$35 per person includes lunch. Please register 1 week in advance.

Mail registration form and check to:

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