

## Justice Walking

JusticeWalking (J-Walking) is a 3-to 6-month "prophet-raising" process that forms communities of adults and older teens who experiment with living the Gospel message and the implications of Catholic social teaching. Key to this process are the relationships created within each J-Walking community and those they encounter at the margins of society.

Through prayer, retreats, reading, dialogue, and encounters, J-Walkers broaden their circle of awareness and expose their lives to the compassionate spirit of Gospel justice.

J-Walking includes twelve biweekly sessions, contemplative dialogue on the signs of our times, daylong opening and closing retreats, a weekend justice-immersion pilgrimage, monthly meetings located at a community service agency, maintaining a prayer journal, reading and reflecting on two books together, public presentations, and practicing six lifestyle adjustments that apply Gospel teachings to life choices.

*The call to bring justice  
to a broken world  
deserves a preparation  
that honors the  
complexity of the task."*

*- Jack Jezreel  
Founder, JustFaith*

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### Program Costs

The costs associated with the JustFaith program:

The group registration fee for 2007-08 is \$250.

The 12-14 videos used each year cost \$200-250.

Books cost approximately \$145 per person.

Limited financial aid may be available from the Office of Justice and Peace. Contact Colleen Barranger for details.

# Just FAITH

Empowering People  
of Faith to Develop  
a Passion and  
Thirst for Justice

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**What does the Lord require of you, but that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.**

- Micah 6:8

Our Christian faith and Biblical tradition extend an extraordinary invitation to each of us and our faith communities to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world.

The Good News of Christ is both a comfort and a promise for the poor and, at the same time, a call to those of us who are not poor to be linked with God's vision of justice and reconciliation. The Church's history shines with examples of the courage and commitment of those who dedicated themselves to the needs of their most desperate sisters and brothers.

Through JustFaith programs we are helping ordinary people become shining examples of this vision within their own communities. Simply put, we are helping to fill the world with humble, faith-filled people who act with courageous justice and love with profound tenderness.

JustFaith works in partnership with Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.

## JustFaith

JustFaith is a thirty-week justice formation process with a focus on poverty. Meeting weekly, groups employ books, videos, lecture, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the remarkable justice tradition of the Church.

Participants are exposed to not only a substantive and demanding course of study, but are also afforded the privilege of becoming a community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

The thirty week program typically begins in the fall and runs through to spring.

JustFaith can be, and typically is, facilitated by parishioners, which means it does not create added responsibilities for parish or church staff. The program can also be adapted for use in other settings including diocesan-sponsored programs, small faith communities, and college campuses.

*"Boy, did I learn that I did not know even a part of it! The JustFaith program is that powerful. Hearing all the voices through the videos and the readings, experiencing the constant revelation of the depth of the gap between us and [the poor] ... opened up a place in my heart, and the reality of life for the majority of the world all just roared in."*

- JustFaith graduate

## JustFaith II

The JustFaith II program is a process for the development of skills in the work of social ministry. Over eight to nine months, participants learn action and contemplative skills that enable the work on behalf of justice to be done with effectiveness, insight and wisdom.

JustFaith II includes 18 bi-weekly sessions as well as a commitment by participants to a ministry internship. This will take place at a service agency site accompanied by skills supervision.

Other expectations include reading, regular and participatory attendance at all sessions, a commitment to continue and/or strengthen their commitment to prayer and spiritual formation, and a commitment to support the group.

Topics to be covered include contemplative resources and the actions skills of advocacy, community organizing, legislative and political engagement, leadership development, dialogue, justice education, direct service and strategies for building local and global solidarity within the parish.

The only requirement for JustFaith II is that participants have completed JustFaith or a comparable experience that has led them to have a solid and functional understanding of Catholic social teaching.