

# **Presentations & Workshops**

## **Office of Justice & Peace**

### **Catholic Diocese of Richmond**



## **Skills Building Workshops**

### **The A-R-T of Justice & Peace for Parishes**

**Patrice Schwermer**

This workshop will orient people to parish justice & peace/social ministry. Participants learn to reflect on social issues and formulate appropriate responses. The session focuses on Catholic social teaching, the importance of justice & charity, and the A-R-T process (i.e., Act, Reflect, & Transform). [two hours]

### **Organizing a Justice & Peace/Social Ministry Committee**

**Patrice Schwermer**

Starting a successful parish Justice & Peace/Social Ministry Committee isn't easy. This workshop identifies the steps in forming of a committee, what has worked in other parishes, and resources to help prepare committee members and the parish community for this important work. [one hour]

### **Parish Respect Life Ministry**

**Michael Stone**

This session will help those starting or revitalizing a Respect Life Ministry. It will focus on the four key elements that the U.S. Bishops identify in their Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities -- public education on the sanctity of human life, pastoral care for vulnerable persons, public policy advocacy, and prayer & worship. [one hour]

### **Connecting with the Global World**

**Patrice Schwermer**

This session for catechists, through the use of stories and a "hands on" project, shows how K-6 children can understand the realities & difficulties of how two thirds of the World's children live. [one hour]

### **Service Projects: Moving from Justice to Charity**

**Colleen Barranger**

This presentation demonstrates how to enhance service projects by turning them into justice projects through the A-R-T process (i.e., Act, Reflect, & Transform). [one hour]

## **Catholic Social Teaching**

### **Foundations of Justice**

**Colleen Barranger**

This adult faith formation presentation is suitable for an RCIA session on social justice. It includes biblical foundations of justice and some of the foundational principles of Catholic Social Teaching. [two hours]

### **Faithful Citizenship**

**Michael Stone**

What does the Church teach about politics? What is the role of faithful Catholics in shaping public policy in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Join us for a presentation on these & other important issues. [two hours]

### **The Consistent Ethic of Life**

**Michael Stone**

This presentation describes the sanctity of life within the larger context of Catholic social teaching. This consistent ethic of life has broad implications for our Church, culture, and politics. [two hours]

### **The Gospel of Life**

**Michael Stone**

This presentation focuses on Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical letter, *The Gospel of Life*. It summarizes the issues in that document and the Holy Father's challenge to build a culture of life. [two hours]

### **Solidarity through Haiti Twinning**

**Patrice Schwermer**

Why are 60 diocesan parishes twinned with a parish or organization in Haiti? Discover what Haiti twinning is all about. Find out what our faith says about global solidarity, the history of our twinning program, the realities of Haiti, and how your parish can become involved in twinning. [one hour]

## **Justice & Peace Topics**

### **Global What? Global Solidarity!**

**Patrice Schwermer**

What is global solidarity and what does it call us to do? Explore what our faith says about our global neighbors and discover ways we can respond through the educational resources of Catholic Relief Services. [one hour]

### **Globalization: You Know More Than You Think!**

**Michael Stone**

Most people feel overwhelmed by the issue of economic globalization. But this session helps people to realize that globalization is as old as the Roman Empire and that the underlying issues are pretty simple. The presentation includes Vatican principles for reforming the global economic order. [two hours]

### **To Hunger for Justice**

**Colleen Barranger**

This adult faith formation workshop can be done either in two split sessions (e.g., two consecutive weeknights) or one longer session (e.g., on a Saturday). The first part looks at the basics of hunger through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. The second explores the spirituality of Justice. [four hours]

### **Just Shopping**

**Colleen Barranger**

This interactive workshop looks at the issue of fair trade with college students. [two hours]

### **The Holy Use of Money: Lifestyle & Spirituality**

**Michael Stone**

Did you know that 2/3 of the parables of Jesus deal with money and that there are over 700 Biblical verses on money & wealth? What do your checkbook and lifestyle have to do with Catholic spirituality? Join us for this dialogue about creating a lifestyle that nourishes your spirituality. [two hours]

### **Non-Violence Training**

**Patrice Schwermer**

This workshop will help ground you in the theory of non-violence and equip you to participate in peaceful protests and non-violent demonstrations. [two hours]

### **Poverty & Justice in the United States**

**Michael Stone**

This session reviews poverty, housing, wages, and taxes in light of Catholic social teaching and public policy. It examines personal lifestyles and urges involvement in service & advocacy for just public policies. [two hours]

### **Racism & Catholic Social Teaching**

**Michael Stone**

This session explores the difference between racism & prejudice, the origins of racism, its enduring legacy in the United States, and church teaching on this sensitive topic. [two hours]

### **Sweatshops**

**Colleen Barranger**

This interactive workshop for high school students explores three concepts: (1) what sweatshops are, (2) the way we live is not the way the majority of the world lives, and (3) our faith challenges us to change these realities. Adult leaders needed for small group sessions. [two hours]

### **Swimming Against the Tide: Living Catholic Values in an Unfriendly World**

**Michael Stone**

Why is it so hard to live as a faithful Catholic in our society today? Why are Catholics so much at odds with our culture? Join us for a dialogue about our call to be faithful lay Catholics in the world today. [two hours]

### **War, Peace, and Church Teaching**

**Michael Stone**

This session focuses on the two moral traditions in the Church that promote peace and the common good -- just war and nonviolence. It traces the origins of each and Church teaching on war & peace. [two hours]

### **Your Life Is More Than Your Work, and Your Work Is More Than Your Job**

**Michael Stone**

Do you feel that you have no life apart from your job? If so, join us for a dialogue about the moral meaning of work and the struggle to balance work, family, friends, faith, and civic involvement. [two hours]