

Just FAITH

at All Saints

What is JustFaith?

JustFaith provides a lively and challenging format to read, view, discuss, pray, experience and be formed by our tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, which changes lives, inspires faithful witness, and transforms the world through love and service.

Our Catholic faith and biblical tradition extend an extraordinary invitation to each of us and to 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 who are not poor to be linked with God's vision of justice and reconciliation.

Participants are also afforded the privilege of becoming community with one another and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

JustFAITH is offered in dozens of parishes in our Archdiocese and in hundreds of parishes and communities across the country.

Do participants need previous social justice experience or knowledge?

No. People benefit from JustFaith if they have been involved in social ministry for a long time or if they are newly interested. Testimonies from participants show that anyone can derive great benefit.

What does the JustFaith program entail?

JustFaith happens in small groups of about 6 - 12 people, who meet for 30 weekly sessions, two weekend retreats and four service experiences. This adult formation experience extends over 8 months and uses the best of adult education practices including books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, and community building.

The next JustFAITH session will begin in the fall of 2011.

Does it cost anything to participate in JustFaith?

Cost of books is about \$145 per person (paid in installments / scholarships available).

Interested? For more information, please call . . .

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JustFaith Ministries works in partnership with . . .

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Charities USA
- Catholic Relief Services.

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JustFAITH Testimonials

The following testimonials are from parishioners and pastors who have experienced for themselves what JustFaith has to offer.

Elizabeth Gordon-McNeil, parishioner

After going through JustFaith, I can never look at a homeless person and walk past and dismiss him or her again.

Laura Stark, parishioner

JustFaith opened my eyes to the poor with a heart of compassion! I can clearly see that I am a sister to all, the oppressed and the oppressor.

Fr. Dan Divis, pastor

I would call it the new Pentecost. But, the reality is, it is these (JustFaith) people who are willing to come together, question the questions, and look at the issues, make some changes, and challenge things. It is a Pentecost, it's a new life, it's energy. It has changed the parish, it has changed me.

Jenny Haliski, parishioner

Through JustFaith I have developed a greater awareness of how excessive consumption in the U.S. is tied to an unequal distribution of the world's resources, global poverty and hunger. I now do my best to consider whether the corporations I support with my purchases act responsibly on a range of social issues, and to reduce my consumption so that others may have enough.

Fr. Tim Taugher, pastor

The people from my parish talk about their hearts being transformed, their way of thinking being transformed, their spirituality being transformed. Now their lives are committed to justice and the spirituality of justice.

Ruby Tynes, parishioner

JustFaith has opened my eyes to poverty, abuse of citizens, world trade issues, and ways in which we can serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Everything we own is a gift and these gifts are to be shared.

Helene Sparaco, parishioner

I have come to see that one person can effect change.

Pat Bowles, parishioner

JustFaith was an avenue by which I could discover who I am/am not, explore simplicity, define a life purpose, develop a social consciousness, experience compassion, build community, and rediscover prayer. JustFaith was a life-changing course of study; it awakened the Spirit within me and opened my mind and heart.