

A JOURNEY INTO COMPASSION



Just FAITH

Our Catholic 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.

JustFaith®, a thirty-week adult formation program, offers an opportunity for parishioners to experience a spiritual journey into compassion. Most of us long to be a generous and compassionate people; however, the occasions to explore this part of our faith tradition in a

deliberate and engaging way have largely not been available. JustFaith, offered in parishes and dioceses across the country, provides a lively and challenging format to read, view, discuss, pray, experience and be formed by the faith tradition that changes lives, inspires compassion, and transforms the world through love and service.

Because of the tremendous impact and success of JustFaith, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Bread for the World, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Pax Christi USA, and Catholic Charities USA actively support and promote this program.

JUSTFAITH CHANGES PEOPLE...THOSE PEOPLE CHANGE THE WORLD

The Program

JustFaith is an educational experience, a formation process and a spiritual journey. Over the course of seven to eight months, participants gather weekly for prayer, discussion of books and videos, presentations by guest speakers, retreats, and immersion experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the remarkable justice tradition of the Church. Participants are not only exposed to a substantive course of study but also are afforded the privilege of becoming a small faith community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

JustFaith is usually facilitated by parishioners so it does not create added responsibilities for parish staff. The program can also be adapted for use in other settings including diocesan-sponsored programs and small faith communities.

Other Programs

JustFaith Ministries also offers justice formation programming for high school and college students entitled JusticeWalking; a spirituality program based on ancient and contemporary wisdom known as Engaging Spirituality; and six- to eight-week modules on current issues called JustMatters.

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Getting Started

The cost for a parish to register for JustFaith each year is \$325. Parishes or groups that use JustFaith are provided a wide range of support services. Comprehensive materials are provided and include detailed syllabus segments, facilitation training and directions, prayer materials, retreat instructions and follow-up opportunities. An e-mail discussion list linking all facilitators across the country is also available. JustFaith staff members offer full-time telephone assistance to answer questions and assist with any issues that arise in the process of preparing for or implementing the program.

Other costs associated with the program include books and videos, which can all be purchased from a single source. For more information on the program, how to get started, or for a registration form, contact the JustFaith Ministries office or visit the JustFaith website, www.justfaith.org.

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