Discerning Our Call to Service and Justice

**Time Frame:** 1 to 2 Hours

**Context:** The foundation for service and justice are based in Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as well as our Catholic Social Teachings.

**Content:** This can have different emphasis depending on the group and need. It can be on the Catholic Social Teachings as the core or it can be understanding the difference between service and justice using the gospel as a lens. Any or all of this would/could include:

- Biblical understanding of justice
- Presenting the difference between service and justice and identifying some personal and parish examples of each
- Explaining the “Pastoral Circle” process of Experience, Social Analysis, Theological Reflection and Action

Immigration: Creating Caring Communities (Adults)

**Time Frame:** 2 Hours

**Context:** Examining the complex issue of immigration including economic and legislative issues, faithful citizenship, and the call to act with justice.

**Content:** Host/attend an immigration workshop to:

- Reflect and pray as a community
- Explore scripture & Catholic Social Teaching
- Examine history & recent immigration trends
- Review US Bishops’ recommendations
- Receive practical tools & resources

Mercy & Justice

Mendicants & Mystics of Mercy: Transforming our World

**Time Frame:** 1 to 1.5 Hours

**Context:** “Year of Mercy” called by Pope Francis

**Content:** Varies with group and time.

- Francis Papacy and Mendicants
- Modern-day Mendicants
- How to be Mystics in our Contemporary World
- Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

**Process:** Prayer, presentation, media, reflection, and small group interaction

Human Trafficking: Modern-day Slavery (Adults)

**Time Frame:** 1 to 3 Hours

**Context:** The call to freedom and dignity for all people is grounded in Scripture and our Catholic Social Teachings.

**Content:** Interactive workshop which includes Church teaching and a multi-media presentation on the global/local reality of modern day slavery and what we can do to stop the demand. The Church teaching component can be tailored to fit the group (Catholic, Protestant, Non-Denominational).

**Process:** Includes prayer, presentation, discussion, and justice action
Human Trafficking: Modern-day Slavery (8th-12th Grade)

**Time Frame:** 1 Hour

**Context:** The call to freedom and dignity for all people is grounded in Scripture and our Catholic Social Teachings.

**Content:** Interactive workshop and multi-media presentation on the global/local reality of modern day slavery. Uses the example of child and forced labor on cocoa plantations to explore what we can do to stop the demand for human trafficking.

**Process:** Includes prayer, presentation, discussion, and justice action.

Online Webinar

Human Trafficking (7th & 8th Grade)

**Time Frame:** 45-60 Minutes

**Context:** The call to freedom and dignity for all people is grounded in Scripture and our Catholic Social Teachings.

**Content:** Interactive web based workshop on the global/local reality of modern day slavery. Uses the example of child and forced labor on cocoa plantations to explore what we can do to stop the demand for human trafficking.

**Process:** Prayer, presentation, discussion and justice action. Students interact online with presenter and students in other classrooms.

Peace, Just War, & Nonviolence: Catholic Social Teaching

**Time Frame:** 1 to 1.5 Hours

**Context:** Education on the evolution of CST on peace and war; Personal and communal reflection on nonviolence and conversion of heart

**Content:** History of Just War Theory, highlights of CST, Culture of Violence, A Call to Dialogue, Reconciliation, and Conversion of Heart

**Process:** Prayer, presentation, small group conversation, resources

Socially Responsible Investing: Conscience & Clout in the Marketplace

**Time Frame:** 1 to 1.5 Hours

**Context:** Understanding how to be active and responsible investors in the critical issues of our global community, climate change, access to healthcare, human trafficking, genetically engineered organisms and Fair Trade. The presentation explores socially responsible investment; linkages between personal purchases and global issues; stories of hope; and tools for personal and communal action.

Faithful Citizenship

**Time Frame:** 2 hour or 4 hour format

**Context:** A call to participate in civic life, rooted in our Catholic Tradition.

**Content:** Highlights of Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility, Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, justice issues and tools for action.

**Process:** Prayer, presentation, issue highlights, group activity to apply CST, activity for action

RCIA/Social Concerns

**Time Frame:** 2+ Hours

**Context:** Discerning our call to service and justice in our church and world. This workshop covers Scripture; Catholic Social Teaching; understanding the difference between charity and justice; engaging the pastoral circle process of experience, analysis, theological reflection and action; and practical tools for action.
### Spirituality of Simplicity

**Time Frame:** 1 to 1.5 Hours

**Context:** Contemplating simple living rooted in a spiritual or Christian perspective

**Content:**
- Understanding Simplicity in a faith context
- Considering a Spirituality
- Contemplative Practice
- Modern Day Mysticism
- Outward expressions of living from a liberating Spirit of Simplicity

**Process:** Presentation, Communal Contemplation, Reflection Booklet

### Adult Immersion:

**Prayer, Service, Justice Retreat**

**Time Frame:** Day Long

**Context:** The foundation for service and justice are based in Scripture as well as our Catholic Social Teachings

**Content:** Participants experience what life is like for those on the margins of our society. The immersion includes reflection on the causes of poverty and injustice and possible solutions. This retreat/workshop includes:
- Prayer and reflection
- An actual service opportunity together
- Input sessions: Scripture, Understanding Service and Justice, Pastoral Circle, Practical Action Tools
- A notebook of practical tools for personal, communal and parish use

**Process:** Modeled on the “Pastoral Circle” process of Experience, Social Analysis, Theological Reflection, and Action

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The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center would be happy to talk with you about a customized workshop.

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