

# Pastoral Council Missions – Draft Leaders and Ministries

## 5. Social Concerns and Outreach Ministries

**Purpose:** Calls us to go forth beyond the walls of our church building and be salt and light in our neighborhoods and communities. We do this by providing direct service to those in need, as well as encouraging participation of parish members in the apostolic work of the Church. This Mission also considers those issues that demand our concern in order that the dignity and rights of each person may be preserved.

<b>Legend:</b>	<b>♣ Active Ministry</b>	<b>⊕ Past or Possible New Ministry</b>
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<p><b>Respect Life Ministry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Pregnancy &amp; Family Resource Center</li> <li>⊕ Promote Pro-life and Quality-of-life activities</li> <li>⊕ Natural Family Planning</li> </ul>	<p><b>⊕ Peace and Justice Group</b></p> <p>Empower people by teaching them skills and by convening groups to draw on their own resources and talents to develop and implement plans for solving personal and community problems.</p>	<p><b>Outreach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Adopt a Family</li> <li>♣ Catholic Harvest Food Pantry</li> <li>♣ Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen</li> <li>⊕ Martha's Table</li> <li>⊕ St. Vincent de Paul Society</li> </ul>
<p><b>⊕ Social Concerns Mission</b></p>	<p><b>⊕ Items for Consideration Listed in Guide:</b></p>	
<p>Develop a strong educational program that will inform parishioners about the human needs of people as well as educate them on social justice issues. Social justice teaching implements the justice dimension of our faith tradition (scripture, encyclicals, pastoral letters) into all areas of parish life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Advocacy Programs for Housing Assistance</li> <li>⊕ Clothing Drives</li> <li>⊕ Drug and Alcohol Programs</li> <li>⊕ Legislation Advocacy</li> <li>⊕ Meals on Wheels</li> <li>⊕ Migrant Workers Assistance</li> <li>⊕ Operation Rice Bowl</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Prison Ministry</li> <li>⊕ Projects for World Hunger</li> <li>⊕ Shelters</li> <li>⊕ Thrift Shops</li> <li>⊕ Urban Ministry</li> <li>⊕ Third World Missions</li> <li>⊕ Clothing/Blanket Drives</li> </ul>