

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN

3/23/06, Action Items updated 1/21/08

MISSION

Share God's love through action, education and community building.

GOALS

1. Encourage all parishioners to strive for peace, justice and equality.
2. Provide opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts with individuals coping with difficult situations.
3. Educate parishioners about Catholic social justice.
4. Build community partnerships to better serve others and promote the Kingdom of God.

ACTION PLAN TRACKING CHART

ACTION ITEM	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	FUNDING
1. Sponsor letter writing campaigns, including Bread for the World's, to political representatives, Legislature and Congress. Have subcommittee investigate other causes.	CSC	Ongoing 2x/yr min.	CSC
2. Participate as member in National Catholic Rural Life and support at least one special event per year, such as the Bread for the World Farm Program campaign.	CSC	Ongoing	CSC
3. Encourage references to peace and justice in the Prayers of the Faithful.	CSC	Ongoing	None
4. Promote greater involvement by youth and all parishioners by developing task-oriented subcommittees for special projects.	CSC	Ongoing	CSC

ACTION ITEM	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	FUNDING
1. Disburse Parish Relief Funds and encourage ongoing parishioner support for this fund.	CSC Staff Liaison	Bi-annual meetings	Parishioners
2. Conduct weekend parishioner collections of food, clothing, blankets, toiletries, etc. Do related bulletin announcements.	CSC	Ongoing	Parishioners
3. Support Parish Nurse program and fund training. Explore expansion to elderly care, healthy lifestyle programs.	Parish nurses	Ongoing	CSC
4. Support fundraiser dinners, breakfasts, etc. for justice projects.	Individuals	Ongoing	Usually none unless CSC asked

ACTION ITEM	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	FUNDING
1. Prepare weekly bulletin announcements on justice and peace issues with occasional inserts; maintain web page.	CSC Staff Liaison	Weekly	None

2. Inform parishioners about how relief donations are used. Use bulletin, Harvest, Great Falls Tribune, etc. as appropriate.	CSC or others	Ongoing	None
3. Educate parishioners in conjunction with outreach activities, e.g. legislative letter writing, Equal Exchange Coffee and Guatemalan handcrafts, Parish Relief disbursements, etc.	CSC	Ongoing	CSC
4. Educate ourselves by reading, meditations, speakers, web sites, training workshops, etc.	CSC	Ongoing	CSC
5. Identify and purchase CSC educational materials.	CSC, Staff	2x/yr min.	CSC
6. Sponsor a speaker on peace and justice, e.g. during Ashes to Easter or Advent.	CSC	annually	CSC
7. Sponsor the JustFaith program and promote it in the parish. Provide opportunities for graduates to get involved.	CSC	Ongoing	CSC others

ACTION ITEM	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	FUNDING
1. Sell Equal Exchange Coffee, Guatemalan handcrafts and related items.	CSC	1st of each month	CSC
2. Sponsor hospitality events, visits, potlucks, coffee and rolls. Support events sponsored by others, such as Fat Tuesday Potluck. Host coffee and rolls once and distribute CSC info.	CSC Staff, Council	Ongoing	Parish
3. Encourage parishioners to support special events and community aid organizations, e.g. St. Martin de Porres, Rescue Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Mapril cleanups, etc.	CSC	Ongoing	None
4. Volunteer at Rescue Mission and St. Martin de Porres for construction and aid programs. Support them financially and develop improved liasons.	Individuals	As needed	None
5. Explore the establishment of a sister parish relationship.	CSC Staff, Council	Late spring	CSC

TIME FRAME FOR HOLY SPIRIT CSC STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

MISSION: Review every 6 years
GOALS: Review every 3 years
ACTION ITEMS: Set annually and evaluate accomplishments annually

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION STRATEGIES

June 2005

- C.1 Recognize the essential relationship between Eucharist and Catholic Social Teaching.
- C.2 Foster understanding and respect among the diverse cultures in Montana.
- C.3 Continue our outreach activities in response to local needs of individuals and communities.
- C.4 Address environmental issues affecting life today and into the future.
- C.5 Develop a process to understand racism and its effects on individuals and communities.
- C.6 Respond to the issues and concerns of the native peoples.
- C.7 Support family life through intergenerational activities