

**Holy Spirit Parish Christian Service Commission**  
**Special Meeting of the Christian Service Commission**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**  
**6:30 pm – Parish Hall**

***CSC 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
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Those in attendance: Justin Bishop, Taffy Cochran, Cindy Eultgen, Lorrin Darby, Lori Durocher

The meeting was opened with a Prayer for Meetings that was used before the commissions of the Second Vatican Council (attributed to St. Isadore of Seville c560-636).

**UPDATES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**Fair Trade:** Taffy reported that all leftover items from Fair Trade were sold. It was asked if we would be doing it again. We will re-visit this when life gets back to normal and COVID-19 is no longer an immediate concern in our communities.

**Strengths and Speaking:** Pat Hilgendorf met with Cindy to go over those who previously took the Strengths finder assessment and classes. She had suggestions as to utilize parishioners with gifts found within our parish to ensure the success of our goals and vision leading into our future.

**Walking with Moms:** This collaboration with Echoz Pregnancy Care Center is moving forward and is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Cindy has contacted Autumn Robertson to explore the gaps in our community to consider for Walking with Moms. The nurses at Echoz were most helpful in the discussion. They found that moms need help to take the next steps in anything: taking care of their health, Medicare, and helping them to follow-through. Mentors are needed. A possibility is to have Holy Spirit listed as a contact in the packet before the girl leaves Echoz. We will get a better idea of our possible role in this important need after the October 22 meeting. This is a work in progress that

requires brainstorming. A goal from the USCCB and our combined efforts of parishes nationwide is to move closer to the day when every pregnant mother in need knows where to turn for help and abortion is unthinkable.

*FROM THE WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED WEBSITE:*

*Walking with Moms in Need* is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need.

*Everyone* should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in this *Year of Service*.

**Virtual Social Ministry Gathering:** Cindy reminded us to mark our calendars for our parish and community education on Social Justice organized through the USCCB from Saturday, February 6 to Tuesday, February 9, 2021. She hopes to have us meet in the parish hall in conjunction.

We started to identify goals of: Education and inviting people to become involved. Goals are still being formed.

**SMART Goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely)** Identify where we are going.

1. Need to find out what is happening downtown.
  - a. What is available?
  - b. What is missing?
2. Voices of Hope – Contact Chris Christians to see if he could come speak to the group to inform us as to what is currently happening.
3. Rescue Mission – Maybe this is a place to begin? Schedule a tour? Cindy will follow up.
4. Education –
  - a. Gather information so we can be aware of programs and opportunities **LOCALLY**.
  - b. We need education regarding children at home during COVID and their needs.
5. Tribal Offices in Great Falls – what stimulus funds are available?

Cindy will begin trying another form of communication, Flocknote, which can send a text. She will send something soon so that we can let her know how it works for us.

The meeting closed with the "Prayer for Solidarity" and recitation of the Holy Spirit Parish Mission.

Next meeting is November 17 at 6:30 p.m.