Local Stewardship
February - March 2013

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need.

Biblical Stewardship
A Way Of Life
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LOCAL STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Let us pray to God . . .
For the community we live and work in,
For all the people in it who are lonely,
For those whose voices are never heard,
For those who find no friends,
For the people in our city
who are homeless and without shelter,
For those who are disheartened,
And for those who feel betrayed.

Let us ask the Lord for forgiveness . . .
For the suffering we cause others,
For our forgetfulness and neglect of others,
For our lack of understanding of each other,
For speaking ill of other people,
For the bitterness we feel toward others,
And for the inability to forgive others.

Let us ask God for the grace . . .
To break down barriers among people,
To create bridges between communities,
To work toward equality and justice for all,
To promote peace,
To advocate for those who have no voice,
And to embrace all as our brothers and sisters.

Amen
BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP
THE SEASONS

WHAT IS LOCAL STEWARDSHIP?

Summary Statement:
Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need.

At the End of March, Challenge Yourself to Say:
I made myself aware of local issues, and I took action to be the change I want to see within my community.

In This Booklet:
We have countless opportunities to live out our faith right here in the Basilica neighborhood area. Use this resources to learn what it means to be a local steward and why this is an important element of our faith.

You will be exposed to issues our community has been struggling with for decades, issues that you are likely exposed to on a daily basis, but may not notice. Though the issues are great, community members and organizations are collaborating to make life better for all.

No matter what your involvement, great or small, you have the opportunity to change a situation, a life, a community, a city, and the world.
WHY CREATE BRIDGES?

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the good news, to celebrate the sacraments and to care for the needy. As Catholics, we don’t get to pick and choose among these commands; as we live out our lives, we must include all three.

During the Second Vatican Council, Catholic bishops expressed the conviction that we, as Catholics, are to “take on” the joys and hopes and the grief and anguish of our times. In other words, we are to face the harsh realities of our times and our community.

Below are some of the harsh realities of our time in Minneapolis.

What does it mean to “take on” these issues? The Catholic social teachings provide us with a focus in addressing these harsh realities. At the heart of all Catholic social teaching is the dignity of human life. This means that we measure every policy, every institution, and every action by whether it protects human life and enhances human dignity, especially for the poor and vulnerable.

3,000

PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT IN HENNEPIN COUNTY.

1 in 3

HOMELESS WOMEN WITH CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

50%

OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS.

MINNEAPOLIS RANKS

1 in 4

HOMELESS MALES ARE US MILITARY VETERANS.

19th

MOST VIOLENT CITY IN THE US, OUT OF 74 CITIES LARGER THAN 250,000 PEOPLE.

1 in 104

IS THE PROBABILITY THAT YOU WILL BE A VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME IN MINNEAPOLIS.

When you find yourself thinking something like “those things don’t happen here” or “those people are not my neighbors” or “those people are not like me” or “I don’t know any of those people”, remember Mother Teresa’s words of wisdom: “Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.”

During this 2 month period of Local Stewardship, we challenge ourselves not only to open our eyes to the harsh realities of our time, but to recognize the power we have as individuals to combat these harsh realities, and to take action against them.
END HOMELESSNESS
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Families Moving Forward:

FMF is a program of Portico, an interfaith housing collaborative. The program consists of 43 hosting congregations throughout the Twin Cities providing overnight shelter, meals, and hospitality to up to 8 families every week of the year.

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a valued FMF partner, and is always looking for volunteers during the weeks in which we host families. We need volunteers to provide/serve meals, set up/take down the sleeping rooms, stay overnight with the families, and provide activities in the evening. For more information contact mconroy2@comcast.net

Emerson North:

One of Portico's goals is to build Emerson North, a multi-family housing development on the Families Moving Forward site. They would redevelop their current FMF Program Center with better facilities to serve families and create affordable housing for families on upper floors.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries:

In 17th-century France, Vincent de Paul, with St. Louise de Marillac, served the sick and needy and organized countless local charities in the villages throughout France. These included founding institutions for abandoned children, opening soup kitchens, teaching young women to read, and improving prison conditions.

The Society of St. Vincent was founded in 1833, and today includes almost 900,000 members within 130 countries. The Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer, and help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering themselves. Society members use their own resources, sharing not only possessions but the gift of their presence.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference at The Basilica of Saint Mary includes Pathways, Shoe Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Food Ministries, and many other ways that we care for each other as a community. The Ministry depends on donations from parishioners and friends, 100% of which go directly to those we serve. Call 612-317-3419 to get involved.

CommonBond Communities:

CommonBond provides homes, hope, and community to 8,000 people who have low incomes. A hallmark of CommonBond is on-site services, providing pre-k readiness, youth mentoring, teen programs, adult career and employment programs, and more.

The Basilica is working with CommonBond to develop 50 units of new mixed-income/workforce rental housing units for families in North Minneapolis. The new housing will serve singles and families with children at 1926-2022 West Broadway. Look for details of a possible Summer 2013 ground-breaking! Contact DMillea@zelle.com for more information.
END VIOLENCE ON THE NORTHSIDE
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

From Death to Life:
From Death to Life is an organization dedicated to ending violence through healing and reconciliation between families of victims and those who have caused harm. They offer support groups empowering parents to come to terms with the impact of homicide through emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical healing.

From Death To Life was founded by Mary Johnson in 2005, shortly before she came to forgive Oshea Israel, the young man who took her only son’s life 12 years earlier. She now claims Oshea as her “spiritual son” and together they share their inspiring story of healing and reconciliation in the community. To learn more visit: www.fromdeathtolife.us

Northside Achievement Zone:
The mission of Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) is to build a culture of achievement in a portion of North Minneapolis to ensure that all youth graduate from high school college-ready. They partner with schools, organizations, and families to significantly improve education and guarantee opportunities to support children from pre-birth to college.

Ways to get involved include sponsoring a one-time Family Night event, volunteering on a weekly basis, becoming a mentor, organize fundraisers, or become a financial contributor. For more info contact: Jillian Kahn at jkahn@the-naz.org (612) 521-4405 extension 211 or visit: http://northsideachievement.org

St. Jane House:
The St. Jane House is a place of rest and delight in North Minneapolis, and part of the Visitation Ministry. It is a place for prayer, spiritual renewal, education, and community. 1403 Emerson Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55411

Alafia Place:
Alafia Place is a residence on the northside intended to strengthen and sustain leaders by providing affordable housing and opportunities for personal and professional development that help them grow initiatives designed to transform the quality of life on the northside of Minneapolis. To learn more visit: http://www.alafiaplacel.org/

Protect MN:
Protect MN is an organization dedicated to working to end gun violence. Their focus is on education and working to prevent illegal access to guns. They support efforts such as requiring more consistent background checks for gun sales and transfer, and getting assault weapons and high-capacity magazines out of circulation. For more information visit www.protectmn.org

MAD DADS:
The mission of MAD DADS is to encourage, motivate, and guide committed men in the struggle to save children, communities and themselves from the social ills that presently plague neighborhoods, such as gang violence and illegal drug dealing. For more info contact: (612) 822-0802
ADVOCATE FOR THOSE IN NEED
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Did You Know:

calls

OR EMAILS ON AN ISSUE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE

just like

you

DON'T BE AFRAID TO APPROACH THEM

Office for Social Justice:
A facet of Catholic Charities in the Twin Cities, OSJ advocates for issues that can help individuals and families reach their full human potential and calls for justice in the community. www.usjspm.org

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition:
Guided by God's vision of the common good as reflected in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, JRLC mobilizes religious communities to influence public policy in Minnesota. www.jrlc.org

MN Catholic Conference:
MN Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. www.mncc.org

DCEH:
Basilica is a founding member of this effective collaborative. The mission is to engage all 16 interfaith congregations and communities in the work to end homelessness. www.dceh.org

MN Coalition for the Homeless:
The Coalition's mission is to generate policies, community support, and local resources for housing and services to end homelessness in Minnesota. www.mnhomelesscoalition.org

Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities work encompasses charity and justice—providing programs for children, families and adults, as well as organizing a call for justice in the community through Advocacy efforts. To get involved, go to http://cctwincities.org.

St. Stephen's Human Services:
St. Stephens is a leader in our community, founded with a mission to end homelessness through programming that includes housing opportunities, employment support, emergency services and outreach, and systems change. To get involved, visit http://ststephensmpls.org.

Basilica Voices For Justice:
BVFJ Network offers a framework for parishioners to get learn about and get involved in important local issues, and to use their voice for justice. To get involved, call 612-317-3477.
CONTINUUM OF ADVOCACY

As we learn about the experience of people who are living, literally, right next door to The Basilica in North Minneapolis, and as we understand more deeply the reality of homelessness in our community, we are faced with the question: What can I do?

As a Catholic Christian, we are challenged to move from feelings of powerlessness to embracing our power and making a change in the realities of our communities. There are many ways to get involved through charity and direct service. But there is another important facet to our action: Advocacy!

Advocacy is often thought of in terms of communicating with your elected official—through letter writing, visits, and phone calls. While this communication is important, advocacy can be understood in a more robust and dynamic way.

The non-linear journey of advocacy can be lived out through many different actions. All actions are valuable, and lead to the goal of justice. Consider the ways you would like to grow in competency and strength:

1. Begin with educating yourself. Find experience in direct service volunteer work.
2. Move out of your comfort zone, and speak to others about what you learn, your volunteer work and experience.
3. Consider joining others in rallies for issues of justice.
4. Write a letter to the editor about your experience.
5. Use Social Media to spread the word.
6. Build capacity around issues to inform others.
7. Organize a meeting, book club, or event of some kind to help others learn about the issues and take action.
8. Become active in the political process, guided by your faith and commitment to the common good.

Find what is right for you as you grow in your capacity to transform the social order, in light of the Gospel of love!
EVENTS
AT THE BASILICA & WITH PARTNERS

Downtown Choral Festival
Sunday, February 10, 2013
2:00pm
Basilica Sanctuary & seven other downtown church choirs, join in an ecumenical choral festival. Free admission.

Movies with Jane
St. Jane House
Feb. 21 at 6pm: movie “I Am”
March 25 a 1pm: movie “The Way”
RSVP to stjanehouse@gmail.com

Healthcare Forum
Sunday, March 3, 2013
1:00-2:30pm
Basilica lower level

Parish Retreat:
Saturday, March 9, 2013
8:30-12 noon
Basilica lower level
Faith: The Multi-Stage Journey into the Meaning and Mystery. No cost; Register at www.mary.org

Mental Health Ministry
An Afternoon with Dave Wellstone: Reflections Looking Back and Forward
Sunday, March 10, 2013
1:00 - 3:00pm
Teresa of Calcutta

Employment Ministry
Interviewing for Success
Tuesday, February 12
7:00 - 9:00pm
Basilica Teresa of Calcutta
RSVP required to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or jgrove@mary.org

Myer Briggs Testing Instrument
Tuesday, February 26
7:00 - 9:00pm
Basilica Rectory Dining Room
RSVP required to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or jgrove@mary.org

Where is God When It Hurts?
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17
11:00-12:30pm
Basilica St. Ambrose Room
Presented by David Penchansky, Ph.D. Registration necessary:
612-317-3414 $20 cost.

Employment Ministry
Making and Maintaining Social Connections
Tuesday, March 19
6:30 - 8:00pm
Basilica Teresa of Calcutta
RSVP to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or jgrove@mary.org

Following the Spirit: Discernment Series
Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis
Mondays: Feb. 25th, March 25th,
April 22nd, May 20th
7-9pm.
Designed to provide tools to help discern or recognize the next steps in your life. e-mail Melissa at queenmab31@yahoo.com for more info and to RSVP.

Peace Dinners
4th Tuesday of every month
6-8pm
Church of the Ascension School Cafeteria

St. Jane House Daily Prayer
7am Morning Prayer:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
8:15pm Nightly Prayer
Call for locations: 612-521-6113

From Death To Life Prayer Walk
June 8, 2013, 9:30am-11am
Since 2003 this annual event has brought people together to reclaim Northside neighborhoods and streets for peace. Through prayer, song and their presence, the walkers spread a vision of hope and healing throughout the community.

Brotherhood Inc
Sunday, March 10, 2013
5:45-7:00pm
Basilica lower level
Come to learn about an initiative to move young men from gangs to employment in the Twin Cities.

St. Jane House Mass with Sisters
8am Wednesdays
call or e-mail for locations:
maryfranreis@aol.com

From Death To Life Code Red
1-2pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month on west Broadway across from the Cub.

Families Moving Forward
The Basilica’s next FMF hosting week is June 16-23
PRAYER & REFLECTION

Centering Prayer:
7:30am Wednesdays
10:am Fridays
St. Basil the Great Room
Ground Level of Church

Visio Divina:
10:45 - 11:30am Sundays
Feb 17 - March 17
St. Basil the Great Room
Ground Level of Church

Friday Evenings
in Lent:
5:30pm Mass
Saint Joseph Chapel
6:00pm Soup Supper
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Basilica Church

Taize Prayer:
Tuesday, Feb 12
5:30pm
Saint Joseph Chapel
Tuesday, March 26
5:30pm
Teresa of Calcutta Hall

Retreat:
Entering into Holy Week with Christ
Saturday, March 23
8:30 - 10:00am
Rectory Dining Room

Spiritual Direction:
Honestly and openly seek God together, in confidential conversation. Call 612-317-3477

Mass of Anointing:
Saturday, March 2
10:30am Mass
Saint Joseph Chapel

Suggested Readings:
Love your fellow Christians always. Do not neglect to show hospitality, for by that means some have entertained angels without knowing it. Be as mindful of prisoners as if you were sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as yourselves ...
-Hebrews 13: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-10 The beatitudes
Deuteronomy 10: 17-19 The Lord's Majesty
Psalm 145: 8-19 The Greatness and Goodness of God
2 Corinthians 1: 3-4 Thanksgiving After Affliction

CLOSING PRAYER

God of Justice and Peace,
I dare to pray: Lord, let our community be changed,
For I long to see the end of poverty;
I dare to pray: Lord, let the rules be changed,
For I long to see our economic structures bring justice to the poor;
I dare to pray: Lord, let my life be changed,
Give me the courage and determination to join with others in seeing grace in every human face.

Trouble our consciences when they need to be troubled.
I ask simply, Lord, that you give me your heart.
Fill me with your compassion,
Give me your eyes to see, give me your boldness and selflessness and wisdom.
Help me to recognize the talents that you have given me.

In the strength of your spirit
And inspired by your compassion,
I make this promise to work for change,
And wait confidently for the day
When you make all things new
And those that weep will rejoice.

Amen
SOURCES
Sources are for statistics featured on pages 4-5

MN Department of Education
Wilder Research
City of Minneapolis Website
FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program

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16th St and Hennepin Ave
PO Box 50010
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612-333-1381
www.mary.org

Mass Times
Saint Joseph Chapel
Monday - Friday
7:00am and Noon

The Basilica
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
4:30pm, 6:30pm

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