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National Program to Help Kansas City - Area Residents Become Messengers of Compassion

July 7, 2007 workshop introduces participants to national JustFaith formation program

Kansas City - area parishioners will be learning more about an innovative formation program in the peace and justice tradition of the church called JustFaith. Offered on July 7, 2007, a daylong introductory workshop to JustFaith, conducted by Dan Driscoll of South Bend, Indiana. The workshop is sponsored by Human Rights Office of the Diocese of Kansas City - St Joseph.

What: Introductory workshop to JustFaith: Empowering People of Faith to Develop a Passion and Thirst for Justice.
Where: St. James Catholic Church, 309 South Stewart Road, Liberty, Missouri 64068
When: Saturday, July 7, 2007, 9:00am – 4:00pm (registration 8:30 - 9:00)

JustFaith explores how the Christian faith invites us to some remarkable possibilities in the name of love and compassion. The vision of the Gospels and Catholic social teaching speaks to life-giving choices on behalf of a world that struggles to survive. The power and attraction of JustFaith comes from the fact that it has provided a practical, proven strategy for empowering people to become thoughtful, energetic agents of the church's efforts to create a more loving and just world. It has changed a lot of people's lives. And this, in turn, has made some parishes' efforts in social ministry really come alive.

The intensive program will provide people with an opportunity to explore the Biblical tradition, the historic witness of the Church, Catholic social teaching, and the relationship between spirituality and justice.

Participants typically meet weekly for 30 weeks and participate in retreats and immersion experiences. The main focus is poverty with topics ranging from the scriptural background on justice and faith, preferential option for the poor, hunger, nonviolence, consumerism, and third-world issues, to name but a few.

JustFaith works in partnership with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services.

It's not too late to register. Cost of the event is \$10.00. Attending this introductory workshop does not commit one to the JustFaith program. For more information on the workshop, visit our event website at www.KCCharity.com, contact Jerry Young at 816-756-1858 extension 534 or contact Annette Talbot at 816-719-9575.

For more information on JustFaith, visit www.justfaith.org.