

Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities:

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. . . WE need to let ourselves be evangelized by them."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, no. 198

Would you like to reach out to people in need?

Here are some social justice issues that face us:

Concern about the homeless, about the unborn and outreach to Jewish and Islamic peoples who struggle with prejudice in our society.

What you can do:

1. Buy the Real Change newsletter for \$2 and read about the conditions of the homeless.
2. Call your congress representatives, and let them know your thoughts surrounding budget proposals. To contact the Washington state legislature re: homelessness call the free legislative hotline 1-800-562-6000. Request Washington state to build 5700 permanent, affordable homes by investing 200 million in our State Housing Trust Fund or call Senator Reuven Carlyle @360 786-7670 or Representative Gail Tarleton at 360 786-7860 or Representative Noel Frame @ 360 786-814
3. Join the "40 Days for Life" prayer group. They meet at 3:15 on Wednesday afternoons during Lent in the Chapel. You can join them in prayer during that time even if you cannot be present.
4. Be aware of the prejudice towards people of different faith traditions. Just this week, this statement came out:

Statement by Archbishop Peter Sartain and Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo on vandalism at Temple De Hirsch Sinai

On behalf of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Seattle, we express deep sorrow and solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters following the vandalism of Temple De Hirsch Sinai this past weekend. Our community stands with our neighbors who have been subjected to such a senseless and hateful crime. Sadly, this local attack is among several recent anti-Semitic actions in the United States. Such crimes must be rejected because they threaten to divide people of faith and undermine liberty for all. In solidarity with the Jewish community – "our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham" – we look forward in hope to the day when the darkness of religious hatred will be transformed by the light of our loving God.

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