

## **OLOL Social Justice Minutes May 11, 2023**

**Present:** Mary Botsford, Sally Borkowski, Terry Falk, Pat McKay, John Wolfe and Sister Susan Clark who is visiting various parish ministries

**Opening Prayer:** Pat McKay

**Feedback on “The Letter:”** was very positive. Approximately 40 people attended the event and a large number made comments during the discussion that followed. The lengthy discussion following the film is evidence of the high interest level of those who viewed it.

**Sign up for the All Saints summer meal program:** Very few parishioners have responded. Committee members are asked to encourage parishioners we know to sign up for the activity. Pat will request that Steve Szymanski send a reminder to parish GIFT members.

**Report on Changes to SJ website:** Mary Botsford and Pat McKay have met twice with Marc Puechner regarding updating the SJ website. The seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching along with links to short videos from the USCCB have been added. The updated website is also easier to browse. Pat asked Committee members to look at the changes that have already been made and to bring comments and suggestions to the June meeting.

**OLOL Guidebook and Directory:** A description of the what the Social Justice Committee does is included in the OLOL Directory and on the website. The description will include the fact that our activities are based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching Terry Falk volunteered to work on the revision of the description. Terry will send a copy of his revisions to Pat and other committee members for consideration and comments. The deadline for its completion is June 15.

**Summary of SJ members’ activities and meetings:** Sally Borkowski suggested that the SJ committee develop a strategic plan, and as a part of that development, study the parish’s strategic plan. To plan for next year, we must look at what we have done this year. Each member is to compile a list of whatever he/she did in the realm of social justice and also put into one sentence what you believe the purpose of the committee to be. Sally is collecting the lists and purpose sentences from each of us. At the June meeting, we will decide what we want to accomplish in the coming year.

Sally suggested one possible activity: she has a friend who belongs to a church that supports a teen shelter. The church also has a Gospel choir. Sally suggested that we could invite the choir to OLOL for an evening of Gospel music, and those attending could contribute hygiene items needed by teens at the shelter. Members supported this idea and Sally will contact her friend to see if it can be arranged. If it can, Sally will contact the Human Concerns Committee and Deb Steppe to be sure this collection would not conflict with any of the activities of the HC Committee.

**Other suggested topics:** Jewish Community Center, American Indian School, non-violence, immigration, human trafficking, gun control, revisit Dr. Shah. **Bring your ideas to the June meeting.**

**Coming Events:** June 3: Feast of Ugandan Martyrs, St. Martin dePorres Parish 128 W Burleigh 2 PM  
May 22: Evolutionary Theology at St. Matthias 6:30 PM

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**Spotlight Articles:** June – Mary Botsford, due May 24, 125 words; July – Terry Falk, due June 7, 125 words; August – Mary Yank, due August 2, 125 words; September – Pat McKay, October – Eileen O'Connor; November – Kevin Kane, recycling

**Prayer for June meeting:** Mary Yank

**Adjourned:** 7:40 PM with Prayer for the Homebound

Respectfully submitted: Eileen O'Connor