

## **OLOL Social Justice Minutes January 11, 2024**

**Present:** Karen Streich, Patti Sereno, Mike Howden (new), John Wolf, Emily Kane, Kevin Kane, Terry Falk, Steve Szymanski, Mary Botsford, Mary Yank, Pat McKay

**Opening Prayer:** St. Francis Blessing

### **Plans for All Saints Gospel Choir Program, February 9**

Flyer and bulletin articles are completed. Patti and Karen will finalize refreshment arrangements. Kevin will place the bins for collection of the hygiene articles at the two church entrances. Pat will obtain information about seating and the sound system. Members also agreed upon a stipend amount for the choir and the distribution of name tags.

### **Plans for Earth Week Recognition - April 20**

Members decided to cancel plans for a parish wide visit to the Catholic Ecology Center due to cost (the Center's fees plus bus rental). Instead, Mary Y., John, and Steve will research several local environmental protection organizations/groups and report back to the committee. We are still planning for the April 20<sup>th</sup> date for a parish wide activity.

**Recycling** Kevin noted that parishioners need to be informed that pens, markers, etc are once again being collected. There will be a pulpit announcement and a reminder in the bulletin.

### **Updates**

The Racial Justice Collaborative (archdiocesan wide) continues to fine tune its mission statement and to work on its governance model. Next meeting will be February 15th via ZOOM.

The Bread Not Stones Campaign (to redirect military spending to address the needs of the poor and marginalized) - Eighteen bishops have signed the statement so far.

Mike informed members about a group titled *Rights of Nature Wisconsin* and distributed brochures.

### **Announcements**

The OLOL Discipleship Booklets are available in the lobby near Deb's office as well as on the DI website. In addition, copies will be available at the viewing of Chosen on January 18.

Archdiocesan MLK Prayer Service - January 13, St. Martins de Porres Parish, 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

St. Matthias is offering *Evolutionary Theory Part 11* on February 12, 6:30 - 8 pm. Information will be presented by Fr. Chuck Schram and Brian Jens, Director of Youth and Adult Ministries.

**February Open Wide Article** – Eileen, due January 31.

**Next Meeting: Feb. 8, 6:00 pm** (Time change due to 7:00 pm service). Opening Prayer-Terry  
**Adjournment** at 7:35 pm with prayer for the homebound.