

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025

Present:, Margaret Kelley, Eileen O'Connor, Pat McKay Mary Conarchy, Cherie Esposito, Terry Falk, Sister Diana, Kevin Kane, Emily Kane, Mary Yank, Jim Gill, Sister Lucy Nigh, Steve Szymanski, Patti Sereno

The meeting opened with a prayer at 6:30 pm.

Final Arrangements for Derek Mosley Presentation September 15th, 6:30 pm •

76 are registered

- Greeters: Terry Falk, Eileen O'Connor
- Check-in: Mary Yank, Karen Streich, Emily Kane
- Water and dessert set up: Mary Conarchy, Patti Sereno
- Cookies: Sister Diana, Mary Yank, Emily Kane, Eileen O'Connor, Pat McKay
- Juice: Patti Sereno and water in pitchers
- Check for Mr. Mosley's fee for \$300 is made out • Simple two question questionnaire has been prepared.
- Members will arrive no later than 6:00 pm to set up.
- Name tags and markers will be placed at each table.
- Anyone who wishes to make a donation should be directed to place it in the poor box.

Report by Active Nonviolence Group

The group has been working all summer with the result that the SJ website has a new tab titled Active Nonviolence Corner. It can be found immediately following the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. A new nonviolence topic and suggested actions will appear each month. There was a good turnout for the prayer service commemorating Hiroshima Day. The next prayer service is scheduled for October 1, the International Day of Nonviolence. Members of the OLOL Women's Spirituality Group plan to attend in conjunction with their meeting. In January the topic of GIFT will be nonviolence.

All Saints Monthly Meal Program Volunteers

In addition to serving at the All Saints meal program during the summer months, we have set the first Tuesday of the month as a volunteer monthly schedule for the winter. Rodney from All Saints will lead the GIFT session on November 2. Terry Ashley from All Saints is this year's recipient of the Vatican Award for Peace and Justice. He will be presented with the award on September 25th at 7:00 pm at St. John's Cathedral.

Catholics for Peace and Justice Newsletter

The newsletter announces upcoming peace and justice events. Steve has sent the link to all SJ members so members can subscribe to their monthly email.

Immigration Series

Holy Apostles Church is presenting a series on immigration entitled *Hope for a Better Future*. There is a flyer on the SJ bulletin board. Many events are listed.

Other Upcoming Events

- **September 11 online**, Georgetown University, Deportations and Assault on Human Dignity, Bishops from Los Angeles, Miami, El Paso. The event will be recorded.

- **September 12**, “A Blinding Truth,” United Methodist Church 6:00 pm; racial reconciliation.
- **September 18** at 12:15 pm “Civics in Action-Democracy is a State of Being” at Marquette university in the Marquette Memorial Union, Room 163. Additional programs will be held October 23 and November 20. Lunch is provided.
- **September 20**, “History and Harvest in the Garden,” 11:00 am. An actress will relate the story of the Underground Railroad, 3260 North 9th Street, Community Garden.
- **September 20**, Catholic Ecology Center, 1:00-3:30 pm, “Season of Nonviolence Pilgrimage.” Free. Steve will forward the link to all SJ members. There is a flyer on the SJ bulletin board.
- **September 22-October 20**, 6:00-7:30 pm Mondays, online, **Catholic Nonviolence Initiative Fall Series sponsored by PAX Christi. The sessions are recorded.**
- **September 21**, United Methodist Church, Whitefish Bay, Immigrant Series 5:00-7:00 pm.
- **September 25**, 6:00 pm, Online discussion of *30 Years a Slave*, life of Louis Hughes; sponsored by **America’s Black Holocaust Museum**
- **September 27-October 25, History of Segregation, Reggie Jackson**, Series of 4 Saturdays, 12:00 – 2:00 pm at 4 different Milwaukee libraries
- **October 12**, St. Eugene’s Church, noon, Bishop Joseph Perry;, “What Catholics Can Do to Dismantle Racism.” An announcement of this event will be made at our September 15 event.
- **October 15, Emergency Gun Violence Summit**, Baird Center, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. They need volunteers. This all-day event is free. Steve will send the information to OLOL SJ members.
- A **weekly vigil** is held at ICE Headquarters on Knapp Street from 9:00-10 am.
- A **vigil** is held on the 23rd of each month from 11:00 to 11:30 am in front of the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility on 10th Street between State and Highland. A former offender speaks at each event. The purpose is to protest the ongoing 23-hour per day lockdown of men housed at the Green Bay Correctional Center.
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- **Announcements:**

Sister Diana has been appointed Vicar for Men and Women Religious in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. She has sent a survey to all religious of the archdiocese. The theme is “Working Together.” There has not been a Vicar of Religious for 15 years.

Reminder: Register on the Archdiocese website for Archbishop Grob’s weekly email of *The Branches* Thought-provoking scripture- based message each week.

Next Meeting: **October 16, 2025, 6:30 pm** (Note change from Oct. 9 due to Octoberfest)

October prayer: Mary Y.

Open Wide Spotlight Article – Oct., Mary B.; Nov., Kevin

Closing: Prayer for the Homebound

Adjourned: 7:40 pm