



SAINT  
**JOAN  
OF  
ARC**  
Catholic Community

September 12, 2021  
**Welcome**  
*We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey*

## Gym Masses

Presider: *Fr. Jim DeBruycker*

## Family Mass

Family Masses begin today! Since we will not have in-person Faith Formation classes this fall, we will start our Family Masses at 9 & 11am. Family Mass is a chance to come together as families to grow in faith and community. To keep people safe, we ask all who attend to wear masks and all over 12 to be vaccinated if possible. We will distance, disinfect, and filtrate the air between Masses. We will be doing things a little differently for a while, but the heart and spirit of Family Mass will remain!

As we re-open our campus, the Parish Center hours are 9am - 3pm, Monday & Friday; Tuesday - Thursday we are open 9am - 9pm. We look forward to seeing you, and we ask that you wear a mask when visiting the Parish Center and attending mass. We are scheduling ministry group meetings on-site and are discerning how to incorporate Zoom and online options with in-person opportunities. We will keep you posted as we go forward.



## Pastor's 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Lectio Divina is a form of meditation based on contemplating biblical stories. Among other things, it invites you to enter into a biblical story from the different points of view of the characters in the story as well as yours. For instance, in today's Gospel story you have Jesus' point of view. He is asking his disciples: Who do you think I am? Am I a good guy? Do I make sense? Do you believe what I say? He is taking the temperature of his disciples. Peter, on the other hand, is trying to come up with an answer. Jesus seems to have powers other preachers do not have; and there were a lot of preachers floating around first century Palestine. Peter also recognized Jesus' moral message as being mainline Judaism, but seemingly presented with more authority. Is he the Messiah we hear being talked about?

Almost as a surprise to himself, Peter blurts out "*You are the Christ.*" In Matthew's version Peter is even more emphatic "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus replied, "*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.*" Jesus is reassured by this proclamation; his message is not being wasted and he can trust his disciples with even more information.

Then it all falls apart. When Jesus tells Peter of the down side of who he is, Peter wants to talk him down and have him be more careful in his mission...'*let's not overdo it.*' Peter does not understand that the real commitment is to follow Jesus, and Jesus has to knock his pride down a couple of notches. He is no longer the rock, foundation of his Church, but the boulder standing in the way of Jesus' and the Church's mission. We know the rest of the Gospel is the story of how these two men live out their destiny working towards salvation. Jesus offering himself in an unwavering journey to martyrdom and self-sacrifice and Peter in a backward-then-forward journey of acceptance and forgiveness leading to understanding and final surrender.

Of course, entering into this story demands answering a number of questions for ourselves on our journey. Who do I say this Jesus is? What am I willing to sacrifice to follow Jesus? What does Church really mean? It reminds us of Peter's famous apocryphal question to the resurrected Lord as Peter attempts to flee persecution in Rome: *Quo Vadis?* (Where are you going Lord?) to which Jesus replies, "*Romam vado iterum crucifigi*" ("I am going to Rome to be crucified again"). Once again Peter has to question his journey and commitment. What are you willing to risk.?

**Parking:** Please be considerate of our neighbors and their property. Do not block driveways or park in their "*on-street*" handicapped areas. Thank You!

**Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:  
5pm Saturday & 7:45am Sunday in the Church  
9am & 11am Sunday in the Gym  
Family Masses at 9am & 11am in the Church**



### SJA SYNOD Highlights

**SYNOD Update:** SYNOD Gatherings will be VIRTUAL (Zoom): Wednesdays, 7 - 9pm on 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 and 11/10. Saturday, 10am - 12pm 11/13. Zoom links will be provided close to scheduled Gatherings.

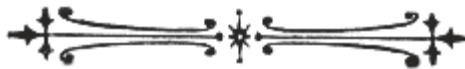
**Gluten-free Communion** is available upon request. Please see any of the Sunday sacristans in the gym before Mass.

**Enhanced Hearing Devices** are available in the church and gym. They are located in the back of the church and the welcome center.

**SignUpGenius for Eucharistic Ministers** is available online. It is simple, user friendly and a reminder is sent 3 days before your scheduled volunteer day. FFI contact Marcia at [mkurtz@stjoan.com](mailto:mkurtz@stjoan.com).

### **Scripture Readings:**

Sun, Sept 12: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35  
Mon, Sept 13: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10  
Tue, Sept 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17  
Wed, Sept 15: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27  
Thu, Sept 16: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Luke 7:36-50  
Fri, Sept 17: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3  
Sat, Sept 18: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15  
Sun, Sept 19: Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37



### **Prayer Corner:** Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:

Chuck Abramson, Arlene Axelson, Bill, Ben, Beth Mary, Marcus B, Dennis Barta, Kenneth Batie, Phyllis Berninger, Elaine Boehm, Marcia Boehnlein, Jan Braatz & parents, Patty Brennan, Eric Brekke, Kevin Brown, Rob Brown, Lorraine Bryant, Stacy Budd, Pam Burd, Fred Bursch, Jared Callahan, Mary Cermak, Gabriel Lynn Clay, Mary Cowden, Culver family, Keith Czternastek, Noel & Melva D, Nick & Megan Daoust, Larry Dease, Jim DeBruycker, Joe Dooley, Lois Doyle, Marvin & Betty Dubert, Jerry Dudley, Ava Dunlay, Joe Dunn, Kathie DuRocher, Pete Eichten, Joyce Espe, Forest family, Henry F, Ellie Fitzgerald, Michelle Fourre, John & Margaret Frees, Michelle Fries, Dick Gawenus, Heidi Gregorich, Jerry H, Steff H. Phoua Thao Hang, Wang Ger Hang, Brad Hinker, Jim Hinton, Amy Hnilicka, Megan Hoffman, Jan Horner, Kathy Horner, Will Hornsby, Kathy Itzin, Ruth J, Meg Jay, Tom Jay, Barb Janisch, Annie Kack, Brad Karkkainen, Glen Kelley, John Kingston, Sage Kirscht, Dan Kleber, Lois Koegl, Steve Kremer Abby L, Jane L, Helen LaFavor, Amy Lainus, Melva Larson, Theresa Little, Claire Madden, Delores Masuda, Amy Matykiewicz, Pamela Mayfield, Dawn McCelland, Mary Jane McConnell, Josie Meyer, Kate Meyer, Bob Miller, Kris Mirier, Ted Mueller, J Murphy, Dan Murray, Nate, Trent N, Rita Nelson, Allan Nichols, Craig Nordby, Terri Olsen, Dale Olson, Nadine & Craig Olson, Pat Olson, Paul Olvera, Mike O'Rourke, Marleny Rivera Orozco, Colette Ott, John Palmer, Marco Palmer, Jacques Parent, C Pazendak, Jimmy Peterka, Ramirez Correto Family, Carol Reiland, Ann Rememius, Jack Riebel, Rita Olk, Donald & Susan Roufs, Dorothy Rowe, Pat Russell, Randy Russett, Sam, Bev S, Monica Sausen, Don Schafer, Carter Schmidt, Colleen Schroeder, Bernice Sederberg, MaryAnn & Dick Seekamp, Gerry Sell, Jack Sell, Nate Shaw, Marsha Simmons, Tania Sisel, Sam Slagerman, Maria Sobol, Harold Sonnek, Teddy Sparrman, Joan Speltz, Ross, Donna Stadler, Doug Stahlke, Vivian Steblay, Carson Stier, Nancy Stockhaus, Rick Streng, Christine Stuart, Lorelei Swan, Grayson Taylor, Matthew Tennant, Ed Tischleder, Glo Tonskemper, Arturo Torres, Martha Utz, Abby V, Carin Vagle, Leroy Vague, Dave Velasco, Floyd Ward, Marilyn Weiss, Marlys Weber, Mike Williams, Sandy Wilson, Phil Wixsten, Jerry Wohnoutka, George Wolf, Morley Woodruff, John Wozniak, Dave Youngren, Edwina Zagami, Zephie, Annemaire & Ava Zubrzycki, Bridget Zvirin

**Prayer Corner Requests:** To keep prayer requests current, names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks and then removed. To add a name or to renew your request, please call the Parish Center at 612.823.8205.

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses**

**September 12:** Presider: *Fr. Jim DeBruycker*

- **Family Masses** begin in the Church at 9 and 11am  
Presider: Fr. Peter Nosbush

**September 19:** Presider: *Fr. Jim Cassidy*. Pre-mass Speaker: *Julie Madden* will offer an invitation to joy.

**September 26:** Presider: *Fr. Jim DeBruycker*. We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

**October 3:** Presider: *Fr. Jim Cassidy*. SJA peer ministers will share their journey.

**October 10:** Presider: *Fr. DeBruycker*. Mike Rogers, President of Risen Christ School, will share news from this wonderful community.

**October 17:** Presider: *Fr. Cassidy*. Lisa Amman will speak on Discerning Deacons: The Journey of Women in Our Church.

**October 24:** Presider: *Fr. DeBruycker*. Bishop Richard Howell of Shiloh International Ministries Temple will speak on gun violence and hope in our city.

**October 31:** Presider: *Fr. Cassidy*. All Souls Day: We Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us.

**November 7:** Presider: *Fr. DeBruycker*. Bonnie Rietz, former mayor of Austin, MN, will speak on Embracing New Immigrants

**November 14:** *Fr. Jim Cassidy* will celebrate Arm in Arm in Africa

**November 21:** Presider: *Fr. DeBruycker*. Christ the King Sunday

## Parish Life

**SJA Adult Choir:** Do you love to sing and want to part of a caring and spirited music community? The St Joan of Arc volunteer choir is back, beginning rehearsals in October TBA, and we want YOU to join us! Schola members, please wait to hear from Anna about our schedule for the fall. FFI contact Anna Vagle at [avagle@stjoan.com](mailto:avagle@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext 235.



**Live Concerts Return to SJA: Announcing the 2021/22 Concert Series.** All Shows at 7pm in the Gym. Individual Tickets \$25/\$10 and Series Tickets \$100. Subject to change, watch our website for updates.

- **Sunday, Nov 14, 2021: A Night In The Tropics**  
Minnesota Orchestra trumpeter Charles Lazarus samples Caribbean, South American and Hawaiian music. With Tommy Barbarella and a stellar band.
- **Sunday, Feb 20, 2022: Oh Let Us Build This Place**  
Music-filled stories from 75 years of St Joan of Arc on the South Side, with T Mychael Rambo, Thomasina Petrus, Charmin Michelle and Dan Chouinard. Created in collaboration with the SJA Anti-Racism Ministry.
- **Sunday, May 1, 2022: The Album: Bridge Over Troubled Water**  
Collective Unconscious, with longtime SJA music director George Maurer on keys, performs the iconic Simon and Garfunkel album, note for note, start to finish. A powerful songbook for troubled times.
- **Sunday, June 12, 2022: Something Old, Something New, Something Broadway, Something Blue**  
Ann Reed, Dan Chouinard and ensembles from the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month. Pop tunes from OutLoud! Serious choral music from the Chamber Singers. Old and new favorites from Dan and Ann.

**SJA Maintenance Position:** 10+ hours per week which includes Saturdays, 12 - 6:30pm and misc. set-up. Contact Steve Friedrichs at 612.823.8205 ext 236 or [sfriedrichs@stjoan.com](mailto:sfriedrichs@stjoan.com).

**Finance Committee Seeking New Members:** The SJA Finance Committee has openings for three new members. We are looking for registered parishioners with business, accounting, legal, risk management, higher education, non-profit management or finance backgrounds. If you are interested or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact Dennis Heaney at [dheaney@stjoan.com](mailto:dheaney@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 x234. The time commitment required includes a monthly two hour meeting and a few additional hours per month for meeting preparations.

**Wills:** Every adult should have a will, whatever the size of the estate. In addition to being a legal document, a will is an ethical document that conveys your values and priorities from which organizations and causes important to you may benefit. We hope that in preparing your will you consider including St. Joan of Arc as a beneficiary. If you already have, please let us know so we can thank you. Our legal title is Church of Saint Joan of Arc, Minneapolis.

**SJA LGBTQ+ Group:** FFI, contact Ron at [rjslp@aol.com](mailto:rjslp@aol.com).

- **Happy Hour!** Sunday, Sept. 26, 6pm at the always fun Betty Danger's Animal Farm. All are welcome (and there's a Ferris Wheel!)
- **Book Club:** Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30pm at the Good Earth Restaurant in Roseville. We will discuss *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline.

**Food Shelf Donations Needed:** We continue to accept non-perishable food items, especially cereal, laundry detergent & body soap for Sabathani Community Center. All items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9am - 3pm, in the bins in the Parish Center. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

**From The Sabathani Food Shelf:** Every week, your generous



donations stock our shelves with great variety and reliability. With each pickup, it is always exciting to see the gracious amount that fills the bins, and then to pack it up for the families we serve. Often we are asked if there is anything specific needed. Over the past hot summer months, we completely exhausted our water and sports drinks supply, which have been a core part of our outreach efforts throughout the city. We see and sincerely thank you for your care in what you donate - and hope that in the next few weeks you might be able to help us re-boost our beverage capacity! Gratefully - the Sabathani Food Shelf team.

**Mobile Loaves Twin Cities** needs toiletry size soap, shampoo and lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lightweight socks. Please place your donations in the collection hamper in the Parish Center lobby. FFI contact [info@mobileloavestc.com](mailto:info@mobileloavestc.com).

**Wedding Policies:** Weddings are provided as a service to members of our parish. For a wedding to take place at SJA, one of the engaged couple must be a registered member of the parish for at least six months before a wedding date can be set. A date will be scheduled by one of the priests after an initial interview with the engaged couple. A minimum of six months from the time the date is set to the wedding is necessary in order to complete requirements. In cases where there has been a previous marriage ending in divorce, it is not possible to set the wedding date until notice of an annulment is in hand. FFI call Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.



Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year. Includes plate, envelopes and estimated Sustaining Member payments

**Week of August 30, 2021 - September 5, 2021**

Actual \$36,663 Budget \$42,342

Prior Year Actual \$33,861

**Year to Date (July 1, 2021 – September 5, 2021)**

Actual \$356,608 Budget \$331,074

Prior Year Actual \$290,452

**Thank You for your continued generosity!**



## Pastoral Ministries

**FFI on Pastoral Ministries** contact Sherri Stella at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or [sstella@stjoan.com](mailto:ssstella@stjoan.com).

**Monday Mental Health:** Please join us for a Zoom event this Monday, Sept. 13, 6:30 - 8pm, as a panel presents, *Stories of Hope*. This is a free event. All are welcome. To join us, follow the link on our weekly email blast. FFI contact Sherri Stella at [sstella@stjoan.com](mailto:ssstella@stjoan.com).



**Did You Know?** Anxiety and depression are the most common mental health disorders affecting adolescents and adults. Since 2019, the rate of anxiety has increased by 93% and depression by 62% in the United States. Individuals reported that loneliness and isolation contributed to their anxiety and depression. According to statistics from Mental Health America, 24% of adults and 60% of youth do not receive treatment for their mental health.



**Pastoral Care:** During these difficult and uncertain times, we want you to know that you are not alone. If you or a loved one is struggling, please contact Sherri Stella at [sstella@stjoan.com](mailto:ssstella@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext. 231.

**Mental Health Matters:** It's OK to not feel OK. Know that help is available if you need it by visiting Hennepin County Cope at [hennepin.us/cope](http://hennepin.us/cope). For free resources or immediate assistance text MN to 741741 or Call \*\*274747 (\*\*CRISIS).

**The TRUST Chore Program** is looking for workers to mow lawns, do small home repairs, organize and clean at the homes of seniors and people with disabilities. If you are interested, please call the TRUST Chore Program at 612.827.6150.

## Peace and Justice

**FFI on Peace & Justice** programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext. 228 or [jmadden@stjoan.com](mailto:jmadden@stjoan.com).

**Peacemakers At SJA: A Future Free From War.** Stop by our SJA WAMM/Peacemakers table after mass next Sunday, September 19, and help us honor the Int'l Day of Peace, observed around the world on Sept. 21. Thank you to our peacemakers for calling us to our Christian roots in non-violence.

**SJA Housing Ministry Info: We Can Help End the Housing Crisis.** Learn about our work to end homelessness and create affordable, dignified housing in our communities. We partner with several great organizations, and we welcome you to join us on Zoom at 1pm next Sunday, Sept. 19. RSVP to Julie Madden at the Parish Center for the link.

**Refugee Resettlement:** Through our Welcome the Stranger ministry, we are working to increase the number of refugees admitted to the U.S., as well as beginning the process of helping to resettle a refugee family here in Minnesota. Please pick up more info after mass, or contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

**The Cost of Militarization:** After mass, pick up a flyer from the Institute for Policy Studies that details what 20 years of militarization has cost us, and how we can truly meet human needs with new investments going forward.

### Welcome the Stranger Coming Attractions:

- **SJA Vigil for Detained Immigrants:** Be with us on Oct. 12 at 7:30am outside the Whipple Federal Building as we host a service of prayer and music.
- **Let's Change the Narrative: Root Causes of Migration:** Join us Oct. 20 at 7pm for a discussion on the role the U.S. plays in driving migration, and what we can do to make a difference. Co-sponsored by SJA and Mayflower UCC. FFI to register, go to the SJA website.
- **MN Immigration Immersion:** Travel with us to greater MN, Nov. 12 - 15, and learn from our friends in Austin and Worthington.

### Warm Hands Warm Hearts Coming September 26 (note the



change in date): Soon we will begin our annual collection of new coats and winter accessories for more than 500 children - pick up a card with more info after mass on the 26th, or go to the SJA website, and share in this great SJA tradition!

**SJA Outreach Fund: This is the Good News!** SJA puts our values into action.

- \* **Justice Grants: Apply Now!** Do you work or volunteer with a great non-profit? Through our Outreach Fund, we award grants to organizations in which you, the community of SJA, are involved as volunteers and leaders. Our next deadline is Nov. 1. Pick up a (very simple) application at the Parish Center front desk.
- \* **CARE Committee at SJA Sept. 26:** The Outreach Fund also provides emergency financial assistance for housing and utilities through our CARE Committee. Stop by our table on Sept. 26 to learn more - and consider volunteering with this wonderful ministry.

**Women Leaders in Our Church:** On Sunday, Oct. 17, Lisa Amman will be our pre-mass speaker, sharing her work locally and at the Vatican to make it possible for women to be ordained as deacons. FFI on this movement, go to [www.discerningdeacons.org](http://www.discerningdeacons.org).

### Shir Tikvah and Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus at SJA:

- \* This year, our beloved neighbors at Shir Tikvah Synagogue are live-streaming services from SJA - beginning with Rosh Hashanah this past week, and continuing with Yom Kippur. We are blessed by the presence and prayer of this community.
- \* SJA will also host the Twin Cities' Gay Men's Chorus for their weekly rehearsals, beginning as soon as is safely possible. Kevin Stocks, the choir's executive director, included this in his message to the choir: "St. Joan of Arc has demonstrated a meaningful and consistent commitment to the LGBTQ+ community in its 75 year history. There may be no better example than their efforts in 1990 when congregation members founded Grace House in their former church rectory. Grace House was one of Clare Housing's first facilities to house and provide compassionate care for people dying from AIDS, before antiretroviral therapies were widely available. St. Joan of Arc is also a vibrant and active music-making community and will offer opportunities to be part of their concert series and build community through music in new and impactful ways."

# Faith Formation and Adult Learning

*We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.*

**Baptism:** To have your child baptized at St. Joan's you must be a registered member and participate in a 90-minute Baptism preparation class. FFI/to register contact JP by at [jfitzgibbons@stjoan.com](mailto:jfitzgibbons@stjoan.com) or by calling the Parish Center.



**Nursery:** FFI contact Michelle Dehn, Nursery Director at [mdehn@stjoan.com](mailto:mdehn@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext. 240.

**Pre-school:** (Ages 4-Kindergarten) FFI contact Michelle Dehn at [mdehn@stjoan.com](mailto:mdehn@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext. 240.

**Nursery and Preschool Opening:** We're going to delay the start of our Pre-K (and Nursery) program this Fall. Normally, we'd begin in mid-September but with the concerns about the Delta virus and questions about the safety of unvaccinated preschoolers, as well as the volunteers and staff working with them, we have decided to take a slow, more cautious approach. We'll reach out when we have a start date and we will keep you posted in the bulletin and/or the SJA website when we know more.

**Grade School:** (Grades 1-6) FFI contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229.

**Elementary Faith Formation** grades 1 - 6 has made the COVID-19 related decision to not meet in person for classes this fall. We are offering our At-Home program which uses our Pflaum grade level Weeklies and parent support online. We will provide additional information and activities using the Family Mass Newsletter, which is emailed to all families. Look for upcoming registration information in the bulletin and at our website.

**Youth Ministry:** (Grades 7-12) FFI contact Rose Aspholm at 612.823.8205 ext. 241 or [raspholm@stjoan.com](mailto:raspholm@stjoan.com)

**Confirmation 2020-21 Update:** Classes will begin Fall 2021. Open to teens in 10th and 11th grade, our program is grounded in relationship building, discernment, and service. If you would like to be added to our contact list for teens and families who are interested, email Rose: [raspholm@stjoan.com](mailto:raspholm@stjoan.com).



CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES

**Adult Learning:** FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or [cmanns@stjoan.com](mailto:cmanns@stjoan.com).

**Parish Book Club:** Join us Wednesday, October 13 in person at The Arc as we discuss *The Thunder Before the Storm* by Clyde Bellecourt - 6pm social half-hour, 6:30 - 8 book discussion. The books, authors, and dates through Dec. are on the SJA website under Ministries/Parish Book Club.

**RCIA:** SJA welcomes you on your spiritual journey of study, exploration, faith sharing, and faith formation.



The Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA, is an important Sacrament designed for adults (called Candidates), who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for Catholics who wish to be Confirmed, and may also include the Rite of Baptism. Each Candidate works with an individual sponsor who will walk with them through this unique faith journey. The RCIA classes run from Fall 2021 through Spring 2022, led by Fr. Jim DeBruycker and the RCIA leadership team, build learning relationships that encourage provocative questions about what it means to be Catholic and opportunities to grow in one's faith. If you are interested or have questions contact Fr. Jim DeBruycker at [jdebruycr@stjoan.com](mailto:jdebruycr@stjoan.com).

**Centering Prayer:** Join us Sunday's in the Arc, 10:15 - 10:45 am, for an in-person meditation, we will also be simultaneously Zooming it on line. FFI contact Ray Spack at [raymondspack@gmail.com](mailto:raymondspack@gmail.com).




**Catholic Social Teaching:** The Foundation of Our Faith and Our Shared Future. The principles of CST offer us a powerful lens through which to see and love the world as God does. They are a blueprint for us in overwhelming times:

- **Human Dignity:** Every one of us is created in the image and likeness of God.
- **Common Good:** We realize our human dignity in relationship and community.
- **Option for the Poor:** The moral test of our society is how we treat our most vulnerable.
- **Rights and Responsibilities:** We all have a fundamental right to what is needed to live in dignity - life, food, shelter, health care, education, employment. We also have a responsibility to participate in our public life together.
- **Role of Government:** The state has a positive moral function to promote human dignity, protect human rights and build the common good.
- **Economic Justice:** All workers have the right to decent and fair wages and safe working conditions. No one is allowed to amass excessive wealth while others lack the basic necessities of life.
- **Stewardship of God's Creation:** We are called to live in right relationship with the earth.
- **Promotion of Peace and Disarmament:** Peace is not just the absence of war. Peace is the fruit of justice.
- **Global Solidarity:** We are called to work together globally in an interdependent world.



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