

JUSTICE & PEACE - Katharine Anderson, Coordinator of Social Ministry **804.275.7962 ext.1115**

CARITAS(Congregations around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)

One week during the year, homeless persons from around Richmond come to St. Augustine for food, shelter and hospitality. Volunteers are needed to plan for the week, prepare and serve meals and stay in the church during the night. **Watch the bulletin for short-term Stewardship information and sign-ups.**

Food Pantry Distribution

The Food Pantry is a resource for needy parishioners and county residents with emergency food needs. Volunteers are needed to distribute food on Saturday (9:00 a.m.), put away food after each Mass, and help stock shelves after food delivery. This ministry requires a commitment of 1-2 hours per month.

Giving Tree

St. Augustine has a long-time commitment of placing needs of the less fortunate in the area, needy parish families and children of prisoners (Angel Tree), onto cards and hanging these cards on a Giving Tree located in the Commons in preparation for Christmas. Parishioners are asked to take a card, purchase the named item and place the card and gift under the tree. Participation in this parish-wide event is open to all. Watch for the Giving Tree, the first week of Advent. Volunteers are needed to sort gifts in preparation to be picked up. Sorting usually takes place after the 1:00 p.m. Mass the third Sunday of December. Commitment time is approximately 2 hours depending on the number of volunteers. **Watch the bulletin for short-term Stewardship sign-ups in November and early December.**

Justice & Peace Committee (forming soon under Diocesan guidelines)

This committee plans, implements and coordinates the social justice ministry of the parish. It helps the parish to meet the needs of the poor, the oppressed and the vulnerable (who cannot defend themselves), and to transform social structures through legislative advocacy, peacemaking and other efforts. This ministry encourages parishioners to build a culture of social justice and citizenship through their family, work and citizenship. Commitment consists of attending monthly meetings and supporting the committee to educate and assist parishioners in a growing understanding of Jesus' call to justice and peace.

Legislative Advocacy Committee

This committee works in cooperation with the Office of Justice and Peace of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia Catholic Conference and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) to shape in a non-partisan way public policies that conform with Catholic social teaching. The committee contacts local and national public officials by telephone, visits and letters at critical times during the legislative process to make these officials aware of the Church's position on policies dealing with issues such as abortion, capital punishment, poverty, homelessness, immigration reform, the environment, to name a few.

Poor Box Breakfast

This breakfast meal is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 6189 and served after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Breakfast is prepared by our own parish-famed chefs. Proceeds from this meal are donated to our parish food pantry. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up the hall and/or assist in cooking or serving. Commitment will vary depending on scope of your involvement.

Transportation

Volunteers are *desperately* needed during the day and on the weekends to drive fellow parishioners who need transportation during the week to doctor's and other essential appointments and to mass on weekends. **PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK AND/OR ON WEEKENDS.**