

Just Matters

Topical Materials for Justice Seekers

Overview

Are you interested in exploring the social justice tradition of your faith? Consider taking part in a new education and justice formation series called “Just Matters.” In the Just Matters program, participants to spend 6 to 8 weekly sessions focusing on a particular social justice topic. The program allows a group of 8 to 15 people to give sustained attention to a specific area of social concern or social ministry, with special emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching (<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching>) and culminating in a call to engaged action.

The program will often include a guest speaker on the topic and likely will encourage a “border crossing” immersion experience where participants can have direct contact with people who are most affected by the issue being explored.

Each year, new materials focusing on particular topics are created and added to the Just Matters library. Categories include critical issues, social ministry skills, and spirituality.

The initial topic in the series is Global Climate Change. Three additional topics will be available in Spring 2008: Immigration, Prison Reform, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Other topics under consideration are Federal Budget Priorities, Economic Development for the Poor, Rural Life, Militarism, Racism, Forming Small Justice Communities, Community Organizing, and Aging and the Elderly.

God’s Creation Cries for Justice. Climate Change: Impact & Response

This 7-week program in the Just Matters series, developed by JustFaith Ministries in conjunction with the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change (<http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org>), will focus on global climate change and how it affects the poor at home and abroad. The program includes readings, videos, speakers, and dialogue about this difficult topic. The National Council of Churches recently addressed this topic saying “We firmly believe that addressing the degradation of God’s sacred earth is the moral assignment of our time, comparable to the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s, the world-wide movement to achieve equality for women, or ongoing efforts to control weapons of mass destruction in a post-Hiroshima world.”

Just Matters will be held on Thursday evenings beginning October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community House. Call Tom (303-506-9028) or Maureen (303-972-9453) for more information.

To find out more about Just Matters, visit the JustFaith website at www.justfaith.org.

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