

SHORT FORM REPORT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Weinkam, Debbie Otero, Jodi Knollman, Joyce Murray-Gerdes

Recorder: Debbie Otero

Maintenance: We finished discussing chapter 5 in the book Living Justice, specifically the principles of Dignity of Work, Colonialism & Economic Development, Peace & Disarmament, and Option for the Poor & Vulnerable. It was noted that the past 3 popes, along with Pope Francis, have all had similar messages regarding Catholic Social Justice themes. Chapter 6, “The Role of Catholic Social Teaching Today” will be discussed at the May meeting.

Decisions: The bulletin insert regarding Care for God’s Creation was discussed. It was decided that these inserts are informational only and P & J is not going to lead the parish in becoming a “Laudato Si” parish. If parishioners/OLG students are interested, they should be encouraged to look into being recognized by the Archdiocese.

Discussion: The upcoming Dismas Journey was discussed. Dominic Duren, St. Vincent DePaul Re-entry Coordinator, will be the speaker on Wednesday, May 23rd. He sent P & J a flyer. The commission suggested a few minor changes to the flyer. Joyce will get this information to Dominic. Also discussed was how to involve St. Clare Parish’s contribution: they will bring snacks for the meeting, and P & J will bring drinks. The Dismas Journey will be held in the cafeteria.

Don & Jodi will finish their P & J terms after the June meeting. The commission discussed inviting new members for next year. Several names were suggested: Fr. McMullen will contact those parishioners and invite them to become members. The new term will begin in September.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 14, 2018