

PROPOSAL UPDATE

Catholic Social Teaching Literature Rack

Sponsored by the Christian Life Commission

for implementation of Pastoral Plan Year 2: "To Reach Out to the Least"

BACKGROUND:

This plan emerged from the CLC Core Committee in May 2011 as we discussed Pastoral Plan implementation and discussed how to bridge from the Year 1 Pastoral Plan theme: *To Worship and Welcome* to the Year 2 Pastoral Plan theme: *To Reach out to the Least*

RATIONALE:

The rationale for this proposal is based on the TWO-FOLD MEANING OF A CHURCH VESTIBULE: an entryway both "In and Out" as in: *Vestibule (def) a passage, hall, or antechamber between the outer door and the interior parts of a building.*

- Worship & Welcome is about welcoming members of the assembly into the interior of the church for worship and to grow in an attitude of welcoming. However, at the end of Mass the assembly is then "sent forth" back through the vestibule out into the world "To witness with love" -- and next year specifically -- "to reach out to the least."
- Our church is stocked with "handbooks" (or "guidebooks") for the people to equip them for their journey INTO the church to worship (i.e., missalettes, music issue, song sheets) but **how do we equip them for their journey as pilgrims out into the world to reach out to the least??**
- **A literature rack (emphasizing Catholic Social Teaching) would serve this purpose.**

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE:

The objective and purpose of the CST Literature Rack is to teach, inspire, promote, and equip our parishioners with the information and tools to engage in living out the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching beyond the church doors "in the marketplace" and through their everyday lives. In other words, to engage as many parishioners as possible in that part of our mission statement that calls us to *"reach out to all God's people, especially those in need, so that the reign of God may be realized in our community, in our nation and in our world."*

LOGISTICS:

- Literature rack would be labeled "Catholic Social Teaching / Consistent Ethic of Life" and be organized around themes of CST, CLC ministries and related programs in the community
- **Parish Staff affiliated with the CLC Core and (or CEF)** would be charged with maintaining the literature rack by:
 - determining which materials would go into it and when (e.g., on a designated time cycle as needed)
 - ordering and/or producing copies of the designated brochures
 - keeping the rack supplied
 - keeping the rack orderly
- The original plan was to install the rack at the end of Year 1 /beginning of Year 2 so it would serve as a segue from "Worship and Welcome" theme to "Reach out to the Least" theme; Current plan is to have it in place January or February – or launch it with Lent 2012 in late Feb.

CONTENT:

Given the objective and purpose of the CST Literature Rack, the content of the materials displayed **will be focused and limited to materials promoting the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching** as they are put into action via OMOS ministries and/or related affiliated groups in the community (e.g. , Casa Maria, Primavera, PCIC.)

The information in the rack would serve as an invitation and guide to one or more "immersion" experiences which parishioners would be invited to take during Year 2 of the Pastoral Plan.

Following are the proposed ministry groups or programs to be featured in the rack. Additional time-sensitive information on events or programs would also have a place and be replaced as needed.

A corresponding **immersion experience** is proposed for those with an asterisk*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OMOS Outreach groups*
(i.e.,Moses, Primavera, Casa Maria) 2. St Vincent de Paul Society * 3. Blessed Nuno Society * 4. Haiti Project * 5. Women’s Shelter * 6. Restorative Justice (Detention) Ministry * 7. Café Justo’ / Fair Trade * 8. Poverello House * 9. Soup Patrol * 10. TIHAN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PCIC 12. Habitat for Humanity 13. Community Food Bank <i>In addition, select educational/informational brochures would be available to explain WHY these ministries stem from our call as Christians:</i> 14. Care for Creation Initiative 15. Catholic Campaign to End Capital Punishment 16. Consistent Ethic of Life / Circle of Life Journey 17. selected <i>Catholic Updates</i> |
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RACK DESIGN:

Fixed / not removable / on or against the wall / with trifold, half folds, & Catholic Update sizes
Mock up of possible design: 4 ‘ wide 5 ‘ tall 12 – 18 “ deep

TO WITNESS WITH LOVE THOROUGH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING						
Human Life & Dignity	Family Community Participation	Human Rights	Option for Poor & Vulnerable	Work & Workers	Solidarity with Global Family	Care for God's Creation
Tri-folds 4" slots	Tri-folds	Tri-folds	Tri-folds	Tri-folds	Tri-folds	Tri-folds
Half folds 5 " slots	Half folds			Half folds		
8.5 x 11				8.5 x 11		
Four of these across						