Catholic Social Teaching in Real Life

Some say that Catholic social teaching is the Church’s best kept secret. But what if it wasn’t a secret? Catholic social teaching is central to our faith. It is essentially our core documents and thoughts on social justice, rooted in a commitment to the poor. The central question of Catholic social teaching is, “How are we to be in a right relationship with one another?”

According to the U.S. Catholic Bishops, “Catholic social teaching is based on, and inseparable from, our understanding of human life and human dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.”

Last summer, six of our Ignite! students traveled to the Omaha/Winnebago reservation in Nebraska to live out Catholic social teaching in real life. On our week-long service immersion through Young Neighbors in Action, our students got to experience firsthand what living with a commitment to the poor was like. The students were able to build relationships with those living on the reservation and hear what daily life was like. Throughout the week, we worked on many landscape projects throughout the Winnebago reservation in the mornings. Then in the evenings, we learned about the seven themes of Catholic social teaching and reflected on our service.

What struck the students the most was how little acts of kindness like raking a lawn could have a major impact on the community. The students were so moved that upon returning home, they organized a coat donation collection. Our community raised over $2000 to send to the students at the St. Augustine Indian Mission to purchase winter gear. Through Young Neighbors in Action, we were able to understand and live out Catholic social teaching. This summer, we’ll have the opportunity to do it again.

Young Neighbors in Action is an organization of the Center for Ministry Development. Their mission is to be “more than just a week of doing service. It is a service-learning experience. Young Neighbors is about helping youth deepen their commitment to the Gospel challenge to love and serve and work for justice in the world today, right here, right now. We provide you with the tools and resources you need to make this experience go beyond the week in the summer and integrate it into all you do throughout the year.”

This July Ignite! will take a group of high school students to San Diego, California. Through service, learning, prayer, and community, the students will come to grapple with real life issues that face the communities in San Diego. Prior to leaving for the trip, the group will have the opportunity to build community among themselves, learn about Catholic social teaching through three-day preparation retreats, and fundraise.

Students interested in applying can check the website (http://www.saintignatiusloyola.org/index.php/faith_formation/ignite) or email me at carinot@saintignatiusloyola.org. The program costs $395 per person plus the cost of transportation. The deadline to apply is March 1st.

Who? High school students (entering freshman year to graduating seniors)
What? Young Neighbors in Action Summer Immersion
Where? San Diego, California
When? July 21–26
Why? To learn about and live Catholic social teaching in real life.
How? Through prayer, service, study, community-building.

— Teresa Cariño
Pastoral Associate
A Note for Our Hearing-Impaired Parishioners

An Audio Induction Loop has been installed in the church, which allows those with a hearing aid equipped with a T-COIL to connect automatically with our sound system if you are seated within the Loop area of the church; there is no need for you to use the headsets available in the rear of the church.

The Audio Induction Loop area is located on the high pulpit side of the church and is confined to the first twelve pews. The area can be identified by the gray rubberized strip on the floor at the end of each row of pews.
**MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult? Are you curious to learn what your Jesuit-educated friends mean by Ignatian Spirituality?

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

**Morning Sessions**
Tuesdays, February 19th – April 10th | 9:30 AM–11 AM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

**Evening Sessions**
Wednesdays, February 20th – April 10th | 7 PM–8:30 PM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

The cost of the program is a sliding scale of $30-$50.

To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

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**PARISH MEN'S FAITH GROUP**

**THE MYSTERY OF LOVE**

Love is the most powerful force we experience— it shapes us, directs our choices, and transforms us. The mysterious pull of love ultimately leads us into the mystery of God.

Our discussion will explore how this energy plays out in our passions, attractions, resistances and paradoxes of our lives.

To register, email simensgroup@aol.com

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**MOMS, POPS & TOTS**

**Monday, February 4th**
10:00 AM
Gonzaga Meeting Room

For more information, email Nicole O'Reilly at n_fusaro@yahoo.com

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**Monthly Parish Coffee Hour**

**Sunday, February 17th**
Following the 11 AM Solemn Mass
McKinnon Hall

Share Your Heart (and your baked goods) at next month's Parish Coffee Hour in McKinnon Hall

We invite you to bring small baked goods (e.g. cookies, cupcakes, muffins, etc...) to share with your fellow parishioners. (If you’re not a baker but would still like to participate, treats from a bakery are great, too!)

If you are interested in contributing baked goods to next month’s Parish Coffee Hour, please email silcoffeehour@gmail.com by Sunday, February 10th.

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**Upcoming Coffee Hour Dates**
February 17 March 17 May 19 June 16

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**IGNATIAN INTERFAITH MINISTRY**

**SCREENING OF THE FILM**

**THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT**

**Wednesday, February 20th**
6:30 PM | Gonzaga Meeting Room

Please join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they explore historic Catholic/Muslim dialogue through a screening of the film *The Sultan and the Saint*.

On the battlefields of the Crusades, *The Sultan and the Saint* explores how Saint Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt—two men of faith—fought against a century of war and distrust in a search for mutual respect and common ground. A reflection and discussion will follow the film.

To RSVP, email ignatianinterfaithministry@gmail.com

Space is limited.

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**SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

**Wednesday, February 27th**
7:00 PM
Conference Room

Join us as we discuss the possibility of forming a new parish ministry whose purpose is to journey with those among us who are separated or divorced and either feel excluded from the life of the church or may be struggling with or questioning their faith.
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, February 4th
(Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 11:32–40 Psalm 31 Mark 5:1–20
8:30 MEM Margaret & John Reilly
12:10 MEM Brian Daly
5:30 MEM Joseph Phelan

Tuesday, February 5th
(St. Agatha)
Hebrews 12:1–4 Psalm 22 Mark 5:21–43
8:30 MEM Rita Merino
12:10 MEM Joanne O’Connell Thompson
5:30 MEM Jack Kehoe

Wednesday, February 6th
(St. Paul Miki & comps.; Bl. Charles Spinola, Sebastian Kimura & comps.)
Hebrews 12:4–7, 11–15 Psalm 103 Mark 6:1–6
8:30 MEM The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM Kenneth Percel
5:30 MEM Nora Terriberry

Thursday, February 7th
(Fourth Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Living & Deceased Members of the Brenninkmeijer Family
12:10 MEM Richard Johnson
5:30 MEM David Oing

Friday, February 8th
(Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 MEM Jane Kostelc
12:10 MEM Lawrence Johnson
5:30 ANN David Oing

Saturday, February 9th
(Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time)
Hebrews 13:15–17, 20–21 Psalm 23 Mark 6:30–34
8:30 MEM Simona Saracino Fendi

Sunday, February 10th
(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8 Psalm 138

For your convenience
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left.
**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th**

**11 AM SOLEMN MASS**

*with Training Choirs I & II*

- Franck
  *Pastorale*

- Rachmaninoff
  *Vespers, Op. 37: Prididite, poklonimsia*

- Esquivel
  *Duo seraphim*

- Ling, arr. Kemp
  *Wind song*

- Williams
  *In the year that King Uzziah died*

**Passion For Bach and Coltrane**

*Friday, February 8th | 8:00 PM*

*FEATURING*

- Imani Winds | Harlem Quartet
- A.B. Spellman, Poet and Orator

*composed by Jeff Scott*

*Passion* is a work for wind quintet, string quartet, piano, double bass, percussion and orator. It was inspired by the poetry of A.B. Spellman, from his book of poems *Things I Must Have Known*. The poetry speaks to the musical mastery of J.S. Bach, John Coltrane, and Gonzalo Rubalcaba.

*Tickets: $20 to $80*

**The N.P. Mander Organ Recital Series**

*NEW DATE | Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 PM*

**The Joy of Lent**

*Fr. Leo O’Donovan, S.J.*

**Caritas Concert: Songs Without Words**

*Pianist Mark Markham*

*Tickets: $25*

Tickets are available online at [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org) or by calling 212-288-2520.

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**LECTURE**

**The Joy of God**

*Monday, February 11th | 7:00 PM in Wallace Hall*

*Speaker*

Rev. James Carr, S.J.
Superior of the St. Ignatius Jesuit Community & Loyola School Chaplain

God, we know, is love. How often do we consider God to be JOY? Exploring the scriptures, Fr. James Carr, S.J., reflects on the joy of God and what gives God joy.

**Fortunate Families: The Blessings (and Challenges) of Being LGBT Family**

*Wednesday, February 27th | 7:00 PM Wallace Hall*

*Featured Speaker*

JR Zerkowski
Executive Director of Fortunate Families, a ministry to Catholic parents of LGBT children

Plus, members of the LGBT Catholics and Friends ministry will share how they handled their children coming out to them, as well as their experiences coming out to their own families.

*Sponsored by LGBT Catholics and Friends*

**COMING NEXT MONTH**

- *Wednesday, March 6th*
  *Ash Wednesday/Lent begins*

- *Monday, March 11th | 7:00 PM*
  *The Joy of Lent*
  Fr. Leo O’Donovan, S.J.
  Director of Mission, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

- *Thursday, March 21st | 7:00 PM*
  *Caritas Concert: Songs Without Words*
  Pianist Mark Markham

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Ms. Carly-Anne Gannon, Director
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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Centering Prayer
Mondays at 6:30 PM.

Confessions
4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms
Please call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages
The Bride or Groom should call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick
Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Music Information: (212) 288-2520 Email: music@stignatiusloyola.org