

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

The All Saints Catholic Church Human Concerns Commission is composed of a small number of dedicated parishioners who take Jesus' call to be our sisters' and brothers' keeper seriously. Other interested parish members are very welcome to join the Commission.

Commission Members: Celia Jackson and Fessahaye Mebrahtu Co-chairs; Edward Nwagbaraocha, Pastoral Council Liaison; Members: Joseph Bova, Andrea Bowers, Juli Bussiere, Rosalie Durante, Annie Gee, Margie Morgan, Rosemary Murphy and Sandra Schmidt.

Human Concerns Vision: All Saints Human Concern Commission envisions a parish where all members are actively engaged in the pursuit of justice, fully understanding the Gospel mandate to be our neighbor's keeper, eagerly welcoming the stranger, and providing direct services to others while exercising a preferential option for the poor.

Human Concerns Mission: To discern and respond to the needs of parishioners, the neighborhood, the larger community, and the world by identifying resources to meet human needs and enlisting the active engagement of all parishioners and our parish partners in service to others with a preference for the poor and marginalized wherever we encounter them.

Goals:

1. **Social Justice Education and Engagement of Parishioners:** To address the justice education dimension of Catholic Social Teaching by gathering data about parishioners' employment or profession or expertise and their interest in sharing their expertise for future programming and networks of support related to social issues and activities.
2. **Foster Unity in Diversity:** To address the justice education dimension of Catholic Social Teaching by facilitating a series of discussion for the parish that will promote unity in our diversity.
3. **Strengthening Families:** To address the advocacy dimension of Catholic Social Teaching by gathering neighborhood data to identify specific family issues and adversities and underlying conditions that are affecting family strength for the purpose of exploring how parish ministries might meet these needs.
4. **Pathway to Employment:** To address the advocacy dimension of Catholic Social Teaching by identifying and addressing the barriers to employment and support employment retention for those who lack skills, education or job opportunities.
5. **Month Multi-Cultural Meals:** To address the direct service dimensions of Catholic Social Teaching by providing a multi-cultural meal during months with a 5th week and share information about the rich culture of the ethnic community which makes All Saints the diverse parish that it is.