
CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL

Social Ministries Commission (SMC)

Functions:

1. Assess the social needs of the parish, neighborhood, and city.
2. Respond to the immediate social welfare needs of people.
3. Provide an educational awareness for parishioners on social justice issues through bulletin articles and websites.
4. Work as a catalyst to move others toward service.
5. Strive to work with other parishes in addressing social programs and needs.
6. Cooperate with other groups and denominations to meet the community's needs.
7. Work to relieve the causes of social problems and make systems more responsive to people.
8. Help the local church examine its own commitment to justice.
9. Promote the consistent "ethic of life" in activities and behavior to express the unique value of human life.



Your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.
MT 5:16

Through its many social service programs, the Social Ministries Commission gives you an opportunity to shine for God.

The rewards are many!

The SMC meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Call Linda Markusen at 792-6746 for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION



*Working to promote and interpret
the Church's teaching regarding
social issues and to involve
parishioners in helping to meet the
social needs of our community.*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. There are seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

1. *Life and Dignity of the Human Person* – the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.
2. *Call to Family, Community, and Participation* – People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all.
3. *Rights and responsibilities* – Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.
4. *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable* – the story of the Last Judgment instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.
5. *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers* – the basic rights of workers must be respected, the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.
6. *Solidarity* – we are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.

7. *Care for God's Creation* – we are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.



Ongoing Projects

Basket 52 – Christ the King Cathedral parishioners donate nonperishable items on the first Sunday of each month. These items help supply the pantry at Catholic Family Service. SMC members deliver the donations which will then be distributed to needy families in Lubbock.

Homeless – ongoing collection of cleaning and grooming supplies.

Catholic Family Services thrift truck
Twice a year, SMC coordinates the thrift truck on the church parking lot. Parishioners have the opportunity to donate household items and clothing.

Blood Drive – SMC coordinates with the United Blood Service to provide Christ the King parishioners with the opportunity to donate blood.

Honduras Project is a long-term reciprocal relationship with our sister parish, Santa Rosa de Copan Cathedral in Honduras, and is built on the call to *Conversion, Communion, and Solidarity* with the Catholic Dioceses of Honduras. Solidarity in times of crisis through prayer and humanitarian support is our commitment to the Honduran Church and its people

Angel Tree – Our Advent/Christmas assistance to the Children with Special Healthcare Needs along with aid to families struggling during the holiday season.

ProLife - Promote the consistent “ethic of life” in activities and behavior to express the unique value of human life.

Care for the Sick and Homebound – SMC supports parishioners who visit the sick and homebound. Greeting cards for Easter and Christmas are prepared and delivered to homebound parishioners.

Transportation – SMC arranges for parishioners to obtain a ride to Mass on the weekends when needed.

**The Social Ministries Commission supports other activities in the parish including parent education, divorce and separated support group, and prison ministry.