

## St. James Catholic Church 10-year Pastoral Plan - 2021

### Section of Pastoral Plan: Community Work

#### Priority Number: 6

**Priority:** To create a community of joyful disciples committed to act effectively in defense of human dignity, human rights, and the pursuit of justice and peace.

#### **Objective: Education (on Social Justice)**

**Target Date: 1/31/2023**

**Objective:** Have a designated representative from the Social Justice Ministry meet with other ministries and groups within the parish to educate them on Catholic Social Teaching and current social justice matters.

**Target Date: 1/1/2023**

**Objective:** Provide follow-up and encouragement to these ministries in their efforts to live out social justice within their groups.

**Target Date: 1/1/2024**

**Objective:** Invite specialized speakers for topic-specific presentations that we can invite the parish, deanery, and community to attend.

**Target Date: 1/1/2023**

**Objective:** Survey the parish on what topics they are interested in learning about and dialogue about.

**Target Date: 6/6/2022**

**Objective:** Provide weekly gatherings on a topic during Advent and Lent for parishioners to attend surrounding social justice.

**Target Date: 12/31/2022**

#### **Objective: Outreach**

**Target Date: 1/31/2024**

**Objective:** Continue and strengthen the many outreach programs already available within the parish, including, but not limited to: parish tithes, prison ministry, Catholic Charities support, Churches Assisting People (CAP) support, Shepherds Table support, monthly social action box, Mission St. James Helping Hands ministry and foreign mission, pastoral counseling, collections, collection of items for those in need.

**Target Date: 1/1/2024**

**Objective:** Determine what the greatest outreach needs are for our community in Conway, and the greater Horry County, by talking to local law enforcement, local charities, and community members.

**Target Date:** 7/4/2022

**Objective:** Create a pro-active plan of action to meet the needs once determined.

**Target Date:** 8/1/2022

**Objective:** Increase communication and awareness of parish outreach efforts via bulletin, social media, and word of mouth.

**Target Date:** 1/31/2024

**Objective:** Assess needs for at risk youth in Conway and surrounding area, and then create a plan of action for meeting those needs

**Target Date:** 1/31/2023

**Objective:** Add directory of local resources to parish website

**Target Date:** 3/31/2022

**Objective: Advocacy**

**Target Date:** 1/1/2024

**Objective:** Continue and strengthen the many advocacy programs already available within the parish, including, but not limited to: Engaging Minds (Human Trafficking Victims), Inmates

**Target Date:** 1/1/2024

**Objective:** Improve on our advocacy for immigration issues, such as DACA reform, elderly community members, mental health/illness topics, and racial injustice

**Target Date:** 1/2/2023

**Objective:** Establish advocacy leaders within the Social Justice Ministry who will represent and lead advocacy charges for specialized social justice topics, such as environmental issues, economic disparity, or immigration topics

**Target Date:** 6/6/2022

**Objective:** Help develop a sense of cultural competency within our culturally diverse parish community

**Target Date:** 1/1/2024

**Objective:** Determine what the greatest advocacy needs are for our community in Conway, and the greater Horry County, by talking to community members within and outside of our parish.

**Target Date: 7/4/2022**

**Objective:** Create a pro-active plan of action to meet the needs once determined.

**Target Date: 8/1/2022**

**Objective:** Encourage parishioners and community members who are passionate about certain topics to become involved and support them in their pursuits

**Target Date: 1/31/2024**

**Objective:** Promote policy reform advocated through the Diocese of Charleston

**Target Date: 1/31/2024**

**Objective:** Add advocacy resource list to the parish website

**Target Date: 3/31/2022**