Weekly Commission Action Plans— Week 6 of 7 (June 19, 2011)

Lifting up our Parish Strengths—Social Justic Commission
Church of St. Patrick-Edina

The mission of the Social Justice Commission is to be a visionary body to help lead and oversee outreach ministries and to help form the education in our Church community around Social Justice issues. Due to the nature of the Commission, education on the Social Teachings of our Church is imperative in order to make good decisions. The Commission has committed to study and discuss the reading material given to each member throughout the year.

As part of the Lifting Up Our Parish Strengths endeavor, here's how the Social Justice Commission intends to increase engagement with parish members:

- Continue the Annual Social Justice Fair in September to involve more parish members in the Commissions' ministries such as VEAP, Meal on Wheels, and Loaves and Fishes and works around advocacy to bring about systemic change. In addition, the Commission has committed to developing a booklet for the fair that will identify and describe all of the ministries available for participation.
- Expand involvement with other Church commissions by working with the Liturgy Commission in October to identify and lift up issues and themes directed by the Vatican for our universal church. Together we will look at the Church calendar year and make appropriate plans to support the themes directed for the universal church.
- Build on continued support of the ministries by holding an annual supper/program. (November 2011) for all parish members involved in the ministries along with new parish members to educate them on the Social Justice Commission. We will have the directors of Catholic Charities and the Office of Social Justice from our archdiocese present at this event.
- Continue to grow and maintain the participation with the Cobán, Guatemala Priory and support the outreach work they do.

The Social Justice Commission meets monthly from September – June. Identified as a "dedicated, hard working and welcoming group" the Social Justice Commission welcomes all parishioners wanting to serve in the outreach ministries seeking to help others in the community. If you wish to serve the community, please contact Cappy Moore, Social Justice Coordinator, at 952-941-3164, x114 or cmoore@stpatrick-edina.org