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### JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

[Justice And Peace | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(sacredheartnorfolk.org\)](https://sacredheartnorfolk.org)

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm | Sacred Heart Church, Commons

**Attendees:** Frank Murphy, Patricia Britz, Pam Housler, William Wallace, Mike Stark, Francesca Smith

**Guest:** Nancy Perry, Tina Wandersee

Frank welcomed and thanked attendees. He shared that the goals of this meeting were for each ministry coordinator to share the goals of their ministries for July 2023-June 2024, get an update on the Diocese of Richmond Office of Social Ministry, our Parish, and VA Supportive Housing. He thanked Tina Wandersee and Nancy Perry for joining us. He also thanked all ministry coordinators for their dedication to service.

Special intentions: the souls of Rev. James Kauffmann, Neil Walsh, Gar Housler, & for Fr. Paul, Pastor at Sacred Heart, and Fr. Fitho, Pastor at our twin parish, St. Gabriel, Haiti. Peace with Justice in Ukraine, Haiti, and in the world, fair treatment of immigrants, empowerment of the poor, end of natural disasters, protection of the unborn.

**OPENING PRAYER**—Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Gospel, Mt 18:15-20, William, & Reflection | All

### SIGNS OF THE TIME | ARTICLE

**THE SIGNS OF THE TIME: Catholic Virginian**—[Home Page - Biweekly Newspaper for the Diocese of Richmond \(catholicvirginian.org\)](#) highlighted articles:

Stewards of Creation: Holy Family Adds Composting Program

Laudato Si 2.0: Pope Announces Follow-Up Document

“An Appointed Time for Everything” by Barbara Hughes

### UPDATES

**OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY** | by Director Tina Wandersee

- Haiti Ministry
  - Visiting various twinning ministries throughout the Diocese
    - Sacred Heart - Norfolk
    - St. Bede - Williamsburg
    - RVA Twinning Leadership – quarterly meetings
  - Haiti Commission
    - St. Michael’s Dos Palais Clinic
    - Covenant Agreements | EOY Reporting – Haiti Twinning Ministries
    - Diocesan Annual Haiti Gathering
  - HEST
    - ASK Campaign
    - Partnership with Richard Joseph and Catholic Schools in Diocese of Hinche
  - HHST
    - Recently reorganized.
    - Took survey around the Diocese of the various Healthcare Initiatives that were happening.
    - Coordinating all activities around a common goal
    - New initiatives – Fr. Herald



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- Prison Ministry
  - Visiting inside Prisons w/ teams
    - Women's Correctional Center Unit #13
    - Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center
  - Commission
    - Immersion Re-Entry Program Pilot to start at the early part of the year
    - Diocesan Prison Ministry Gathering
    - Overall visitation to the Prisons – making this consistent
- Migrant Ministry
  - Summer Book Read and Zoom Discussion – A Theology of Migration: *The Bodies of Refugees and the Bodies of Christ*
    - September 26, 2023, at 7pm

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL | Frank

PPC met on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Research on both the roof and the AC continues with much progress. Sister Linh Doe is settling in well. Religious Education will resume Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and Bible Study, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Picnic will take place mid-Oct., date TBD. PPC approved Care for Creation to register on the Laudato Si Platform and is looking forward to an update. PPC will meet Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm.

#### COMMUNITY PARTNER | Nancy Perry, VA Supportive Housing

Virginia Supportive Housing continues to own and operate 17 supportive housing buildings across the Commonwealth of Virginia, housing more than 1,600 individuals who were previously homeless. VHS has been offering tours of their buildings and continues to welcome members of Sacred Heart to join them. VSH is very appreciative of Sacred Heart's donations toward their mission of helping to end homelessness. They are having a donor appreciation event on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Beach and welcome Father Paul and members of the J & P committee to attend. For more information contact Nancy Perry [nperry@virginiiasupportivehousing.org](mailto:nperry@virginiiasupportivehousing.org)

#### PARISH | All

Attendees enjoyed the Sizzler Program again this year. Members attended most of the sessions with Mass, Adoration, presentations, and dinner. Jane Pellegrino made a presentation on The Letter by Pope Francis. All sessions were well received.

#### ADMIN. | Patricia

Please continue sending your updated reports, bulletin notes, and calendar dates to Frank and Patricia. **Our J&P Advent Potluck Dinner will be Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.** Social Ministry volunteers, family members, and friends are invited. J&P to send a monthly abbreviated report to Dan Hassett for PPC meetings.

**J&P CALENDAR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023 | William [See below.](#)**

**MINISTRIES' GOALS: JULY 1, 2023 -JUNE 30, 2024 [See below.](#)**

#### 1. ADVENT GIVING TREE | Pam



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2. **BACKPACKS COLLECTION CHILDREN /EASTERN SHORE** | Susan/Read by Frank
3. **BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S OFFERING OF LETTERS** | Mike
4. **CARE FOR CREATION** | Frank
5. **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)** | Frank
6. **DIGNITY OF LIFE** | Patricia
7. **HAITI TWINNING** | Francesca
8. **SOUP LINE** | Kim & Steve/Read by Frank
9. **SOUP KITCHEN** | Christopher/Read by Frank
10. **THANKSGIVING BASKET** | Karen/Read by Patricia

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** | GHENT AREA MINISTRY | Frank

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> HTM Yard Sale at Cherie's yard
- Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> HTM hosts Annual Parish Haiti Solidarity Free Dinner & Presentation "Sharing Hope", 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
- October TBD Parish Picnic
- Sat. & Sun. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Ministry Fair

**NEXT MEETING:** Mon., October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, | 7:00 pm-8:15 pm, ministries' updated reports

**CLOSING PRAYER,** World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation | William

September, 2023	
HTM HAITI SOLIDARITY MONTH, THE DIGNITY & THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS, SEASON OF CREATION	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Ellen Renn Memorial Mass</b>
<b>*9/4-</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
9/5-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) Meetings Resume, 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm-Commons</i>
9/10-	<i>We remember Ellen Renn (2/16/62-9/10/17)</i>
9/11-	<b>Justice &amp; Peace Meetings Resume, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm-Commons</b>
9/18- (Mon.)	<b>Care For Creation Meetings Resume, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm-Commons</b>



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9/9-17 St. Joseph the Worker Novena	Parish Haiti Solidarity Novena
<b>9/18-24-</b>	<b>Parish Haiti Solidarity Week</b>
9/23-24-	Parish Haiti Solidarity Weekend (Prayer of the Faithful, Haiti Hymn/Cantor, Calendar of Activities in Bulletin)
<b>Sun. 9/24-</b>	<i>4:00 pm-5:30 pm HTM Update to Parish. Solidarity, refreshments, music, Speaker: Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry Richmond Diocese --Commons</i>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>RESPECT LIFE</b>	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
<b>10/2-</b>	<b>Justice &amp; Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm</b>
<b>10/4</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi</b>
<b>*10/9-Monday</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>
10/16- Mon.	<b>Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm-Commons</b>
10/24-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons   Brendan to Facilitate</i>
10/29-	Memorial Mass Neil Walsh

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERS** | **Tina Wandersee**, Director of the Diocesan Office of Social Ministries (1/11/23, 9/11/23, weekly communication), **Fr. Tochi Iwuji**, Director of the diocesan Office for Black Catholics, **Maggie Keenan**, Director of Legacy Giving, Diocesan Office (2/5/23), Norfolk Community Service Board Program Administrator Housing & Homeless Services, **Timothy Giddens** GAM Director (10/4/22), **Nancy Perry** Major Gift Officer, VA Supportive Housing/Richmond (2/6/23, 6/6/23, 9/11/23), **Steve Baggarty** Norfolk Catholic Worker & Sowers of Justice (01/03/22), **Jimmy Culpepper** CRS & Immigration (5/1/23), **Jay Brown** CCC, , **Marla Newby** Reentry Coordinator, **Ed Marroni** Holy Family/Environment & Sowers of Justice (10/4/21 guest), **Pam Boatwright** Elizabeth River Projects, **Fleta Jackson** Keep Norfolk Beautiful, **Stephanie Cuffee** | Volunteer Coordinator FoodBank of Southeastern VA & The Eastern Shore (guest, 3/7/22), **Jeff Caruso** VA Catholic Conference, **Wendy Manos**, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater (02/07/22, Sizzlers 2022) **Louantha Kerr**, Director Hope 4 Life (Cheri Britt 6/21 guest), **Joann Wagner** (Birthright Pregnancy Center), **Denise Parker** Health Educator-FAMIS Department of Medical Assistance Services Commonwealth of Virginia (5/3/21 guest), **Kathy Bredimus** St. Peter the Apostle's Migrant Worker Coordinator (12/14/22 picked up Christmas gifts), **Tracy Fick** CEO Catholic Charity, **Andrea Wiegard**, Catholic Charity, Senior Care Program (5/9/22 guest), **Mary Ann Gower**, Senior In-Home Services Coordinator (5/9/22), **Natasha Zoby**, Disability Services **UpCenter** Director (1/9/23 guest), Jimmy Culpepper, Teresa Stanley, Sally Andrews-**Gudas Interface Immigration Legal Assistance Fund** (5/1/23)

## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

### SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE | MINISTRY GOALS FY JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

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Members meet monthly to emphasize the connection between worship and service. Also, each ministry shares a monthly report of action. We collaborate with the Director of Social Ministry at the Richmond Diocese for current information on Social Ministry. We inform the Parish Pastoral Council of our faith in action activities. We also collaborate with the local community: Virginia Supportive Housing, Ghent Area Ministry, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Saint Paul the Apostle, Onley and others. Community partners attend meetings to share updates on their work.



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#### ADVENT GIVING TREE GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

For over 20 years Sacred Heart Justice and Peace Committee has been overseeing a program of giving during the Advent Season. This program has been continuous since 2003. At first our gifts went to the children of the migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. As our twinning relationship with St. Gabriel Parish in Haiti grew, we included the Haitian children in our outreach efforts as well.

In September we will get a list of the names, ages, sizes and gift requests for 70-100 children, infants to age 12 from our partner parish on the Eastern Shore. Parishioners will select the name and information for a child (or children), buy and wrap the gifts and return them to the church. A member of the migrant ministry team from St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Onley will come and take the gifts to the parents of the children, so that they will have gifts to open on Christmas Day.

Also, each year the pastor of our twin parish St. Gabriel Parish tells us of a need for the children there. This year he has requested textbooks for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parishioners will make monetary donations to help with the purchase of these textbooks.

Sacred Heart is going to use Sign Up Genius for parishioners to make selections on those that they wish to support.

This ongoing program affects hundreds of children and a great number of parishioners, spreading the love of the Advent and Christmas seasons to those who need it most.

**CST: Call to Family, Community and Participation** | The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in the community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Scripture: [Leviticus 25:23-43](#) What you own belongs to the Lord and is given for the good of all.

#### BREAD FOR THE WORLD, OFFERING OF LETTERS (LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY)

In May we conducted a Bread for the World, Offering of Letters campaign where we asked parishioners to write letters to our congressman asking them to support the Farm Bill. There were announcements, bulletin notes, and website postings. This year we will also conduct an offering of letters campaign on the topic decided by bread for the world.

**Scripture:** [Proverbs 31:8-9](#) Open your mouth to speak on behalf of those in need.

#### CARE FOR CREATION GOALS JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

**Vision:** Honor God the Creator by challenging one another to live as partners with creation by being good stewards of the earth's resources.

**Mission:** Identify and implement programs that exercise environmental stewardship in a manner that respects and protects the integrity of God's Creation while providing for the Common Good.

1. Support the "Keep Norfolk Beautiful" Adopt -A-Street program on a quarterly basis by having parishioners clean Sacred Heart's designated portion of West Princess Anne Road.
2. Participate in a 2024 Earth Day event.



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3. Continue to support programs that reduce waste while implementing additional resource saving programs. Continue to investigate ways to reduce the parish's paper consumption incrementally by the end June 2024.
4. Educate the parish membership on how to reduce waste, reuse goods and recycle. Publish a relevant note at least once per month; use social media to further educate the parish during the 2023-2024 Church year.
5. Conduct at least two youth/family programs that emphasize waste reduction, recycling, and environmental stewardship during the 2023-2024 Church year.
6. Apply to participate in the "Care for Creation" program in support of "On Care for Our Common Home" from Laudato Si

**Scripture:** [Genesis 1:1-31](#) God made the heavens and the earth and it was good.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

CRS Rice Bowl | During the 40 days of Lent, via bulletin notes, Constant Contact, and presence in the Common at a collection table, parishioners reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we pray, fast, and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need in three countries: Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya. Also, 25% of the collection remained in the USA.

Sacred Heart is a member of VA Chapter, 2 monthly meetings: State, and National to learn about current affairs regarding international laws on national and international programs to eradicate poverty for short and long terms. Continue approaching both our Senators' and Representative's staff with virtual and in person visits. CRS focuses on long term sustainability development in 110 countries. Regular bulletin notes to inform parishioners of CRS activities.

**CST: The Principle of Solidarity** | We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

From <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity>

**Scripture:** [Psalms 72](#) Living in right relationship with others brings peace.

### DIGNITY OF LIFE GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

- Volunteers write 50 cards to our elders for Christmas and Easter.
- Attend Crise Pregnancy Center and Hope 4 Life Banquets.
- Conduct a May Baby Item Drive in support of Crisis Pregnancy Center and Hope 4 Life.
- Volunteers to have a monthly prayerful presence outside Planned Parenthood Clinic.
- Participate in the March for Life March, Richmond.

**Scripture:** [Genesis 1:26-31](#) God created man and woman in his image.

### HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

**Vision:** We, the parishioners of the Sacred Heart have been called to enter in a twinning relationship with our brothers and sisters at Saint Gabriel, Haiti. Together, we follow the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to foster faith-filled relationships, self-sustainability, and an end to dependency. **Mission Statement:** End Dependency while following the principles of Catholic Social





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Our goal is to accompany our twin parish on the path of increased self-sustainability with dignity. Both parishes agreed to decrease the operation cost of the school Pre-K-13<sup>th</sup> Grades while investing in self-sustainable projects and continuing a close relationship and reflecting on the various themes of Catholic Social Teaching including Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Workers, Solidarity etc.

Greeting notes | Send Birthday, Christmas, Easter, Mother's, and Father's Day cards to 20 parishioners at St. Gabriel & notes to Fr. Fitho Jean and his 2 assistant priests.

Communication | Meet Fr. Fitho weekly via WhatsApp. Regular meeting with Tina Wandersee, Social Ministry Director, Richmond Diocese.

Actions | 1 Novena for St. Gabriel Feast Day, 1 Novena for Sacred Heart Feast Day, 1 Novena for Haiti Solidarity Week in Sept., 1 Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Haiti, 2 parish gatherings: HTM Anniversary (May), Haiti Solidarity Gathering (Sept.), yard sales.

Education | Regular bulletin notes  
Catholic Social Teaching  
The Lambi's Call, a Haitian Journey by Dr. Tom Fame/book

#### Provide |

- 6 teachers' salary, \$100 per month (8 last year)
- 1 nurse's salary, \$100 per month
- 21 scholarships, \$275 each
- 11 students for lunch, \$420 each (16 students last year)
- Medical Assistance, \$100 per month & 1 Dentist's visit, \$550
- Textbooks 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, Christmas
- 1 sustainable project

**Scripture:** [Leviticus 19:9-10](#) A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger.

### BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE GOALS FOR JULY 2024

This ministry supports St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley in collecting backpacks and school supplies for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. The goal for the number of backpacks and the list of specific supplies are both set by members of the migrant ministry team from St. Peter the Apostle. We make sure that every backpack contains the items on the list, then arrange for the filled backpacks to be picked up by a St. Peter's parishioner who will see that they are distributed to the children. Sacred Heart parishioners are informed of this drive via bulletin notes, announcements before Masses, and Constant Contact. Pictures are posted on the J&P website. Last year, the goal was 50 backpacks, and our parishioners donated 88.

**Scripture:** [Leviticus 25:35](#) When someone is reduced to poverty, we have an obligation to help.

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### 2023 THANKSGIVING BASKETS GOALS



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Sacred Heart works to increase food stability at Thanksgiving. Last year, we helped over 315 people! We supported 5 agencies: Catholic Worker, VA Supportive Housing, Norfolk Community Services Board, Hope 4 Life, St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Eastern Shore Migrant Ministry. Parishioners donated the food, sorted it, and packed the bags. This year, St. Peter the Apostle Church does not need any food for a migrant community that moved away from their trailers.

**Scripture:** [2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#) God's gifts are given to be shared.

### SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

In the past year, the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen served 50 - 60 **hot** meals to our guests every Sunday. In March of this year, we returned to in-person serving. This required the return of our serving teams which comprise of multiple groups from other churches around the area. Each Sunday has its own cook and serving team captain. We are grateful for the cooking team captains who have continued and thankful for our serving teams who returned. We are still in need of serving volunteers from 12:30pm - 2:30pm on the 3rd and 5th Sundays. The cooking team captains create the meal menu, acquire the ingredients, and lead the cooking volunteers. Our serving team volunteers set up the tables, plate the meal, serve our guests, and clean up the commons afterward.

**Scripture:** [John 15:12-17](#) This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

### SOUPLINE GOALS FOR JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

The Norfolk Catholic Worker prepares morning meals in the kitchen to serve on the street. We are at the church preparing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the following morning's serving. We serve on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, the entire process takes from 6-9:30 am. We prepare to serve 80 people a morning at this point, and we send 60 bag lunches a week to the city run shelter as well.

**Scripture:** [Leviticus 25:23-43](#) What you own belongs to the Lord and is given for the good of all.