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JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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

Monday, May 13th, 2024, | 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm | Sacred Heart Church, Commons

WELCOME, THANK YOU, & GOALS OF THE MEETING | Patricia

Patricia welcomed and thanked attendees. The goals of this meeting are to join in prayer, for each social and environmental ministry to give an updated report, and be informed of the diocese, parish, and community partners' work. Introduction by attendees followed.

Attendees: Mike Stark, Francesca Smith, William Wallace, Allan and Patricia Britz, Sherry Laine, Melissa Marquardt, Anna Savage **Guests:** Nancy Perry and Wendy Manos

Intentions: Patricia read these special intentions: Fr. Paul, and Fr. Fitho, Pastor at our twin parish, St. Gabriel, Haiti. The souls of our beloved departed: Rev. James Kauffmann, Neil Walsh, Gar Housler, Eileen Powell, Ellen Renn, and Nicolas Valcour. Peace with Justice in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, and in the world, fair treatment of immigrants, an end to human trafficking, to homelessness, to racism, empowerment of the poor, protection of the unborn, respect of the environment

OPENING PRAYER—William read last Sunday Gospel.

SIGNS OF THE TIME | ARTICLE

THE SIGNS OF THE TIME: [Catholic Virginian—Home Page - Biweekly Newspaper for the Diocese of Richmond \(catholicvirginian.org\)](https://catholicvirginian.org) For your review at home.

UPDATES

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY | Update sent by Director Tina Wandersee

Social Ministers & Ministry

SHINE Conference - March 1, 2025 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Richmond
Social Minister Retreat - October 2024 - tbd

Prison Ministry

Prison Ministry Commission Visioning Retreat - May 21-23, 2024, at Richmond Hill
Discern a cohesive path forward in four components: Training, Education, Outreach and Advocacy

Haiti Ministry

Diocesan Haiti Gathering - St. Thomas Aquinas, Charlottesville, September 21, 2024
Visioning Retreat still being planned

PARISH | Francesca gave an update on the Capital Campaign that started Sunday, May 5th after Mass with a delicious lunch, and presentation. The campaign will help replace the leaking roof of the church.



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COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

Wendy Manos, **Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater** (CPC) gave this report. CPC is a Christ-centered organization with a calling to reach out to women and families involved in crisis-related pregnancies by offering real help for the present, hope for the future, and healing from the past. CPC's 4 medical clinics and satellite resource center serve Moms, Dads, and pre-born babies in all 5 cities of South Hampton Roads. Click [here](#) to learn more about CPC's Centers. CPC exists to save lives, spare hearts, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want our patients to know we genuinely care and have no financial gain from their pregnancy decision. We raise all financial support for our ministry through private funding. We thank Fr. Paul and Sacred Heart parishioners for their generous donations this month. **SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, May 21st, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Parenting Support Center Open House. Light refreshments and ice cream. 1222 Executive Blvd, Suite 102 Chesapeake, VA 23320**

Nancy Perry, **VA Supportive Housing** (VSH) gave this report. VSH is very pleased to announce its plans to break ground on the renovation and expansion of Gosnold Apartments at this time next year (spring of 2025). The project will include a complete renovation of the current structure and an expansion that will bring 40 additional units, thus allowing VSH to take in 40 more individuals in the area who have been experiencing long-term homelessness. This increase from 60 to 100 units will make Gosnold Apartments the largest permanent housing building in the State of Virginia. While this is a sizeable project and will take a considerable amount of time to complete, no current residents will be without housing. During the phased building process, residents of Gosnold will be offered housing in a nearby efficiency-style motel with full amenities that one would find in a small apartment. VSH will do everything possible to make the temporarily displaced residents as comfortable as possible during the construction process. As partners in Virginia Supportive Housing's journey to help to end homelessness in Virginia, Father Paul and members of Sacred Heart's parish are so very much appreciated. This project would not be possible without your support. Thank you so much!

J&P CALENDAR MAY & JUNE 2024 | William reviewed the calendar below.

REFLECTION: [bread for the world's offering of letters](#)

Mike encouraged attendees to get on their phones and reach out to their Senator and Representatives via www.bread.org and fill out the form attached to a letter supporting the Farm Bill. Going forward, the theme is Nourish Our Future.

ADMINISTRATION: coordinators of social ministries to review the impacts of their ministries July 2023-June 2024 and turn them in along with dates for the July 2024-June 2025 calendar by June 3rd.

MINISTRIES' UPDATED REPORTS

1. [CARE FOR CREATION](#) | Annette Minutes

Frank Murphy retired from being the Chair of this ministry after 6 years of dedicated service. The members will continue his vision and mission in respecting and protecting the environment.

Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB): We wish to continue this goal of cleaning Princess Anne Avenue from Monticello Avenue and Hampton Boulevard. Frank has turned over the records and pertinent contact information to Annette, who will coordinate this in the coming year. We will need to send an email to Chrissy in the office to recruit members of the parish through Constant Contact at least two weeks prior to the clean-up date. The quarters for the clean-up fall January to March, April to June, July to September, and October to December. Any Saturday within those dates is to be set for the clean-up.



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2. CATHOLIC WORKER | Steve sent this report.

We are in our 30th year of preparing for our morning soupline at the Sacred Heart kitchen. We are at the church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for an hour or so, preparing for the following morning's serving. We serve on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 6-9 am. There are some 150 volunteers who make sandwiches, boil eggs, collect clothing and toiletries or help us to serve.

We serve 50-70 people each morning on the street, and we make 60 bag lunches each week to share with people living at the city shelter. We'll serve some 9,000 meals on the street this year and provide the shelter with another 3,000. Thank you, Sacred Heart. Our Tuesday sandwiches continue to be wrapped in wax paper by the Unitarian Universalists. No other church does it.

3. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

Patricia reported CRS Support this part of the Farm Bill: Food for Peace Title II delivers U.S.-sourced agricultural commodities as well as cash, vouchers and locally procured food to people facing crises, and works with communities that are susceptible to recurrent shocks to improve and sustain their food and nutrition security through **non-emergency programs called Resilience Food Security Activities**. These are unique, multi-year programs that support communities facing chronic hunger or recovering from an emergency by strengthening the resilience of people, communities, countries, and systems in a way that reduces vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth. Food for Peace programs help address the root causes of hunger through activities such as creating savings groups, training farmers on resource management, or working with new mothers to improve nutrition for themselves and their baby.

4. **DIGNITY OF LIFE** | Francesca reported that the Sacred Heart 2024 Baby Items Collection is ongoing April 27-May 19. Pick up by Crisis Pregnancy is May 13 & by Hope 4 Life, May 20. We thank all parishioners who have generously participated in bring hope to families served by those two organizations.



HAITI TWINNING | The Parish 17th Anniversary in Twinning, May 5th went very well with dinner (Dan), live music (Kiera), raffle (William), MC (William) Guest speaker Kathy Dowdy, Haiti Education Support Team Chair, 42 guests and an excellent team of volunteers.

Dearest friends, My heart joins those of each of our children at Fr. Jacques Bloch School and St Gabriel Middle and Highschool in greeting each of you and the members of the Haiti Twinning Ministry. I am grateful for what you are for the school. The seeds of love and sharing that you inject in our parish and school continue bearing fruit. The outpouring of love emanating from the twinning creates a positive impact within the school. Children eat better, deserving students are rewarded, some children in most need of assistance benefit from the scholarship program.

You are a Light that has radiated on our community since the beginning of our fraternal bonds 17 years ago. The entire educational community sings its love and gratitude to you. We believe that this faith filled friendship guarantees you and us an important share in the heavenly city, the final destination of all Christians. Good job and congratulations. Union of prayer! Mr. Fritz André, Saint Gabriel Headmaster

5. **SOUP KITCHEN** | Christopher sent this report. Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen continues serving 50 - 60 **hot** meals to our guests every Sunday in person. Each Sunday has its own cook and serving team captain. We are grateful for the cooking team captains and for our serving teams. The cooking team captains create the meal



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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. Thank you for your food donations.

6. SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION CHILDREN OF EASTERN SHORE WORKERS

Susan Daniel is coordinating this ministry this summer. Dates TBD.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS' UPDATES:

[CRISIS PREGNANCY](#) | Wendy Manos, Vice President of Community Relations

[HOPE 4 LIFE](#) | Craig Eller | Director

GHENT AREA MINISTRY |

Leroy Flaten has accepted the position of Program Manager for GAM starting Monday, May 13th.

He is a 2005 graduate of JMU and 2007 masters in music performance from University of Kentucky and has completed all but his dissertation for a Doctorate in Music Performance. He has worked in management at Whole Foods and is currently affiliated with Dream Center and GROW. He has worked in many aspects of outreach including Winter Shelter and is very familiar with the current GAM volunteers and is comfortable working with them. Leroy is married and has several rescue dogs. He and his wife Allison attend New Life.

[VA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING](#) | Nancy Perry, Major Gift Officer

CATHOLIC CHARITY | [Tracey Fick, President & CEO](#)

[TFC RECYCLING](#) Michael Benedetto, President, and Owner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Baby Items Collection, April 27-May19th
- Fair Trade Coffee Sale available at meetings- Goal: sale 10 bags monthly
- **Next J&P meeting**, June 3rd, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm | Hope 4 Life Craig Eller—**Please send your 2023-2024 Ministry Impacts**

CLOSING PRAYER | William

May, 2024	
BABY ITEMS COLLECTION/DIGNITY OF LIFE \17 ANNIVERSARY IN TWINNING	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
5/5-	<i>Parish 17th Anniversary in Twinning, 4:00 pm-5:30-Commons (education by Kathy Dowdy & free dinner/raffle)</i>
*5/12	Assumption of Jesus & Mother's Day
5/13-	J & P Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15, Commons Wendy Manos Crisis Pregnancy & Nancy Perry VA Supportive Housing
5/4-5, 11-12, 18-19	Baby Items Collection (Hope 4 Life & Crisis Pregnancy Center)
5/13 & 20-	Baby Items Pick-up by Crisis Pregnancy & Hope 4 Life
*5/19-	Pentecost Sunday
5/20- (Mon.)	Care For Creation Social/Social in Lieu of Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
*5/27-Mon.	Memorial Day
June 2024 Fr. Paul's Vacation	



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REFUGEE AWARENESS, SOLIDARITY	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
6/3-	J&P Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15, Commons Craig Eller/Hope 4 Life & Tina Wandersee/Social Ministry Director/Diocese
6/11-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons</i>
*6/16-	Father's Day
6/19-	Juneteenth National Holiday (End of Slavery in the US)
TBD	Ministry Fair-Commons
6/17-	Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Commons
6/22-	Hope 4 Life Banquet Saint Matthew's Gym, 6:30 pm registration
5/29-6/6-	<i>Novena for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus HTM & SG</i>
6/7-	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 Days after Pentecost, on a Friday)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS | **Tina Wandersee**, Director of the Diocesan Office of Social Ministries (1/11/23), **Fr. Tochi Iwuji**, Director of the diocesan Office for Black Catholics, **Maggie Keenan**, Director of Legacy Giving, Diocesan Office (2/23/24), Norfolk Community Service Board Program Administrator Housing & Homeless Services, Leroy Flaten GAM Program Director (weekly communication), **Nancy Perry** Major Gift Officer, VA Supportive Housing/Richmond (9/11/23 & 5/13/24), **Steve Baggarly** Norfolk Catholic Worker & Sowers of Justice (guest 1/9/24), **Jimmy Culpepper** CRS & Immigration (3/2/24), **Jay Brown** CCC, **Marla Newby** Reentry Coordinator, **Ed Marroni** Holy Family/Environment & Sowers of Justice, **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 Tideware (5/13/24), **Louantha Kerr**, Director Hope 4 Life (Craig Eller 1/8/24), **Joann Wagner** (Birthright Pregnancy Center), **Denise Parker** Health Educator-FAMIS Department of Medical Assistance Services Commonwealth of VA (5/3/21 guest), **Kathy Bredimus** St. Peter the Apostle's Migrant Worker Coordinator (12/11/23 picked up Christmas gifts), **Tracy Fick** Director & CEO Catholic Charity (guest 11/6/23) & **Andrea Wiegard**, Catholic Charity, Senior Care Program (5/9/22), **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) **Babs Zuhowski**, Chief Operating Officer for Rural Housing Partnership (3/4/24), **Alexis Beaver**, Director of Development for Catholic Charities of Eastern VA (3/4/24), **Michael Benedetto**, CEO & Owner TFC Recycling (4/9/24)