



Parish Social Ministry What is it?

- ❑ In the Archdiocese of Louisville, we are a department of Catholic Charities. By definition

*Parish social ministry is the empowerment of the parish as People of God
To fulfill the Church's mission of love, justice, freedom, and peace
by **communally responding**
in **an organized way**
to societal and individual needs.*

- ❑ Where PSM fits in the parish formal structure is in Service. Pastoral Councils are usually divided into 4 major areas—Administration, Worship, Formation, Service.
- ❑ On the diocesan level, there are agencies that correspond to the focus areas of Pastoral Councils—Administration, Worship, OLFE, and Catholic Charities. There are others that focus within the umbrella of these large areas. Keeping in mind that the Gospel Justice agenda is every agency's agenda but there are special tasks for different agencies. These special focuses of each agency are functional rather than philosophical.
- ❑ At Catholic Charities, the Parish Social Ministry Department is designed to assist the social outreach of a parish or the service committee—often called social concerns or peace and justice.
- ❑ The parish is our primary arena, constituency, if you will.
- ❑ Within the PSM department we have staff assigned to the following areas:
 - ✓ Consultation and training for committees
 - ✓ Parish Social Ministry Directory
 - ✓ Gospel Justice Leadership Institute
 - ✓ Catholic Campaign for Human Development
 - ✓ Catholic Relief Services
 - ✓ Operation Rice Bowl
 - ✓ Senior Social Services
 - ✓ Aging Network
 - ✓ Driver/Escort Program
 - ✓ Friendly Visitor
 - ✓ Ombudsman Program for nursing homes

- ✓ Legislative Advocacy: Faithful Citizenship Network
 - ✓ WORDS, WAYS, MEANS
 - ✓ Catholic Employment Network
 - ✓ Housing Development
 - ✓ Insights experiences
 - ✓ Rural Ministry Services
 - ✓ Church-based Community Organizing consultation
 - ✓ Staff to CLOUT process at CC
 - ✓ Social Concerns Committee of the Catholic Conference of KY
 - ✓ We have professional relationships with a wide range of organizations to accomplish the above tasks.
- ❑ Our staff consists of: Mark Bouchard, Sr. Mary Schmuck, RSM, Jackie Gahlinger, Mel Pfister, Pat Montgomery, Mary Ann Menting, Margaret Hostetter, Ron Derricks, David Dutschke
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 - ❑ We now have a website: www.catholiccharitieslouisville.org

The mission statement of the Parish Social Ministry Department is the mission statement of Catholic Charities of Louisville, Inc.

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