Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 21 May 2013, 8:00pm

Venue: 85 Northway
Present: Julie Sheahan (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Fr Ignatius, Liam Harnett, Cathie Honour, Christine Davis, Marion
Apologies: Sheila Johnstone, Beryl Shannon, Barbara Harnett, Teresa Pollard

Minutes: Marion

Meditation: Liam led the Meditation on "Pentecost Sunday" from the Missal.

Informing Ourselves

Bishop Tripp continued our study of **The Common Good**, paragraph 16-20, pages 7-8, "The social dimension of faith". A discussion ensued on structures in society which are harmful to human progress and personal development which the Church calls "structures of sin".

Action: Next time we will discuss paras. 21-23, page 8, on "Origins of social teaching".

Informing Others

Julie provided a brief summary on "On the Streets, Off the Streets" which was held on Thursday 18th April @ St John Fisher Church Hall - a presentation of the work of three faith-inspired charities who work with people on our streets who need help i.e. Street Pastors, Faith in Action and the Winter Night Shelter. 14 faith groups, including St. Winifride's set up night shelters and provided food to people on the streets who needed help and support. Action: Julie has written an article for Talkabout and will copy the article to Bishop for the "Together in Christ" magazine.

Bishop attended the Parish Council meeting.

Action: Bishop will research a study document on the Common Good publication with a view to including a session in a future Parish Adult Education programme

Ethical Activities:

- July 'Recycle cartridges for Cafod' Christine distributed envelopes for recycling inkjet cartridges, mobile phones, MP3 players, digital cameras and portable games consoles to The Recycling Factory. Action: Julie to post an envelope on the J&P noticeboard.
- August Dry clothes outdoors and avoid using the tumble dryer
- September Walk to school once a week
- October Warm clothing for "Faith in Action"

Web Site: Julie briefed members on the new website which is currently work in progress.

Forthcoming events:

- European Citizen's Initiative "The Human Embryo is One of Us". Action: All are invited to sign petition at <u>www.oneofus.org.uk</u>
- Thursday 30th May, 7.30pm The Dignity of the Unborn in St. Raphael's Church Parish Centre, Portsmouth Road, Kingston. KT1 2N – Christine will be speaking
- Wednesday & Thursday June 12 & 13 The Catholic Response to the Poverty Crisis. A two day conference, organised by CSAN ,at St Mary's University in Twickenham.
- Saturday June 8 G8 Mobilisation Day in London There is Enough Food for Everyone The big day will kick off at 11.30am, where Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be joining an ecumenical service in Westminster Central Hall. The Walk of Witness will leave from there at 1pm to Hyde Park to gather, from 2pm to 5pm.
- Saturday 22 June, Practical engagement in Justice & Peace. A day training and workshops on Catholic Social Teaching, Human trafficking,, How the scripture relates to work in the community and Lobbying your MP @ 10:30 to 4:00pm at Cathedral Halls, Brentwood CM15 8AT

Treasurer's report: £154.50

Any Other Business

Action :

- Christine proposed organising a Mary's Meals Soup lunch on Friday 20 or 27 September. This would replace the cake morning.
- Julie to research backpacks for Mary's Meals and communicate to the Scouts group and to St John Fisher School.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2013 Chair: Beryl (Julie to confirm with Beryl) Minutes: Marion Venue: 75 Leamington Avenue (Note! change of address) Meditation: Julie Apologies: Liam, Barbara