



Archdiocese of Indianapolis - Catholic Charities
Introduction to
Parish Social Ministry

XI. Purpose of Meetings

- 1) Provides a setting for creating and maintaining an effective system of communication about PSM activities. Through effective communication, the PSM Team helps ensure that various leaders and activities do not bump into each other or are duplicated.
- 2) Provides a setting where each of the sub-groups or ministries can discuss how they can support each other in the different ministry opportunities presented to the parish. For instance, two questions to always be asking each other during meetings;
How can we collaborate together?
How can we help recruit volunteers for different events?
 - Example: Anti-Trafficking Awareness Event. Leaders of each of the sub-ministries collaborate together to host the event. Leader(s) of Direct Service would work with volunteers to collect goods to give to a local organization that is rescuing children and adults from human trafficking. Global Solidarity could host a CRS Fair Trade Sale calling attention to ethical purchasing and the nature of labor trafficking. Advocacy would host a letter writing campaign. Community Development, Global Solidarity and Spiritual Formation would collaborate on educating the parish on local and global human trafficking and Church teaching on the Dignity of all Human Persons.
- 3) Ensures that each ministry's leaders or team produces some type of Annual Plan so that efforts are well thought out and each of the tasks has been identified.
- 4) Provides a forum where the PSM Team leaders can discuss and propose new parish social ministry initiatives. Example: Explore the options for a food pantry or a Care for Creation ministry.
- 5) Provides accountability. If a PSM leader(s) does not have anything to report after several meetings, they may not be doing their job.