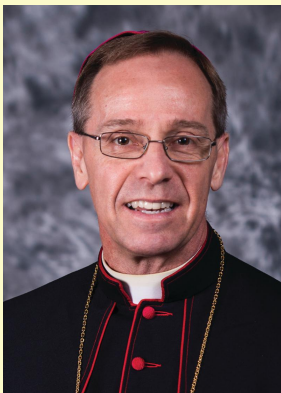




Parish Social Ministry Gathering Saturday, August 25th



Keynote Speaker:
Archbishop
Charles C. Thompson

Time: 9am to 2:30pm * **Doors Open:** 8:15am

Location: Holy Name of Jesus Parish - Beech Grove, IN
89 N. 17th Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107

Cost: \$15.00 (to cover the cost of lunch - financial assistance available)

Optional: Mass offered at Holy Name at 8:15am

REGISTER:
www.archindy.org/ParishSocialMinistryGathering

What is Parish Social Ministry?

Catholic Charities - Parish Social Ministry (PSM) is the action that the faith community takes to live out the Gospel we proclaim and to grow in love with God and neighbor. By working with parishes, Parish Social Ministry aims to foster greater outreach and advocacy efforts, to educate parishioners to serve those who are poor and vulnerable, and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth.

In Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI writes that “love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel” (no. 22). Proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity, he says, are “inseparable” (no. 25). In other words, there is an essential connection between our faith and the way we put love into action in the world. (Sacraments and Social Mission: Living the Gospel, Being Disciples)

Living our faith through service to others or perhaps seeing the face of Christ in our neighbors is not always easy. There can be many obstacles that stand in our path which can discourage us and weaken our resolve. A few obstacles may be:

- The need within our Parish and surrounding community seems too great. Where do we even start?
- We have an outreach committee, but the volunteers have dwindled over the years to where only a select few are doing the work.
- We do a great job at providing charity to those in need within our local communities, but all our work seems to be only for the short term. It can be frustrating not seeing any lasting results.
- Our parish feels they are already doing enough and there is no need to learn more.

If those comments sound familiar to you, you are not alone. At **Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis**, we want PSM to be a source of support for parishes, families, and individuals as they seek to live their faith.

**Because... "It's not how much we give,
but how much love we put into giving."**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Who Should Attend the Parish Social Ministry Gathering?

**Priests, Deacons, PLC's,
Parish Staff, Parish Volunteers,
and those who are interested in Social Concerns.**

What Should I Expect from the Day?

- **Spirituality and Social Mission**
- **Practical Ways to Live our Faith through Service**
- **Catholic Social Teaching**
- **Sharing Best Practices**
- **Learn about Existing Ministries within the Archdiocese**
- **Dive Deeper into what is Parish Social Ministry (PSM 101)**

Well, this sounds interesting, but...

We are such a small parish, I am not sure we have the capacity to help those within our community.

Each parish, no matter the size, has the capacity to love their neighbor, but how that may look is different for each parish. PSM helps you explore what that will look like for your parish.

We will be starting from scratch, can PSM help with that?

Yes. As with all new ministries, it will take time to get off the ground, but there are several different PSM models that can be adapted to fit your parish.

Our parish will not be starting from scratch, so how will PSM help us?

PSM is meant to be a resource for further development, not a hindrance to existing efforts that are well established. There are resources that are available to help strengthen your existing outreach ministries.

I keep hearing about PSM Resources, what do you mean by that?

There are many PSM resources that are available to all parishes; such as how to recruit more volunteers, how to structure a meeting to go beyond just reporting, or ongoing spiritual formation resources that are centered on the social doctrine of the Church.

OK, I'm Interested in Learning More about PSM, What Should I do Now?

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Bring a friend!

Download the Flyer. Put it on your fridge so you don't forget!

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