

Social Outreach Committee Minutes

Pray Room, Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 12:00 pm

Attendees: Mary Ann Jurak, Colleen McKenna, Sharon Armstrong, Mary Haggard, Jane Berkley, Shannon McIntosh, Marianne Brooks, Kathy Rohn, Maggie McIntyre, Jeanette N

- Opening prayer
- The significant contributions of Delores Badar to the committee were remembered
- Creation Care: Jeanette, Sharon
 - Equal Exchange Sale on Oct 4&5 raised \$2001to benefit Balay sa Kabus
 - Litter Pilgrimage: November 8, 2:00-3:30, starting from St. Colman Church
- Community Action Poverty Simulation sponsored by DSAO: Jeanette
 - 5 parishioners from St. Chris have registered as of 10/7
 - A flyer describing the 11/8 event at St. Ladislus was shared
 - Update from 10/10 meeting at St. Ladislus: currently about 35 registrants, optimally, 80 participants are needed; strategies to increase participation, such as inviting more parishes and making the event ecumenical are being explored
- Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Announcement: Jeanette
 - All volunteer opportunities for the Equal Exchange Sale, Thanksgiving Food delivery and Christmas GIFT programs have been filled N
 - Several Thanksgiving Food delivery volunteers have agreed to shift from the 9:00 SOC food collection delivery to the 9:30 PSR and school delivery to St. Pat's
 - Discussion about ways some of the volunteers could continue after the holidays, including making some of the St. Colman deliveries, ensued
- Thanksgiving Food Collection: Mary, Maggie
 - Deliveries: 9:00 a.m. on 11/24 by new volunteers under Mary's direction
 - Drivers are asked to bring butter, but members who would like to donate butter can bring it at to the Parish Center at 9:00 on Nov 24 for inclusion in the delivery
- Christmas GIFT Program: Mary Ann, Jane, Rita, Maggie, Sharon, Gayle
 - Contacts with all the agencies have been completed
 - Tags available beginning on Nov 22 and collection begins Nov 29
 - Sorting Dec 14 at 11:45 am; as noted above all volunteer slots have been filled
- Advocacy: Jeanette
 - Build political bridges and promote the common good by taking the *USCCB Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics* pledge at www.usccb.org/civilizeit; more information following the minutes and in an upcoming bulletin
- Staff: Sharon
 - Trunk or Treat 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23; All Saints Family Night 6:00- 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1
- Closing Prayer
- Respectfully submitted, Jeanette Nappier October 11, 2025

- **A Better Kind of Politics: Take the Pledge!**

As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus' invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all" (no. 80). As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, we can seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (no. 154). We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.

The USCCB has created *Civilize It: A Better Kind Of Politics* as a response to Pope Francis' invitation where individuals, families, and communities can take a pledge to commit to seeking the truth, building bridges, and finding solutions together that promote the common good.

I PLEDGE:

Charity

- To affirm through my words and actions the dignity of every person, each made in God's image. Even those with whom I disagree are made in his image.
- To respectfully listen in order to understand experiences different from my own.

Clarity

- To engage in critical examination to ensure that my perspectives are rooted in truth, that my sources of information are unbiased, and that I do not open myself to manipulation by partisan interests.
- To form my conscience through prayerful reflection, study of scripture and Church teaching, and guidance from reputable experts.
- To reflect on my own values and seek, with others, to identify shared values.
- To be open to the process of dialogue that can require change of perspective—my own and others'—in service to the inviolable dignity of all and the common good.

Creativity

- To be a bridgebuilder who participates in constructive dialogue based in shared values, a mutual exchange of gifts, and the humility to together seek the good.
- To see differences in perspective as opportunities for creative tension which can yield solutions for the common good.
- To work with others in order to identify creative solutions rooted in our shared values.

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