



SALT AND LIGHT

Mission Statement

To advance Our Lady of the Lake Parish toward deeper understanding and greater participation in social outreach activities based on Catholic Social Teaching.

In 1993, the U.S. Bishops stated, "... Our parishes should be measured by our help for the hungry, the homeless, the troubled and the alienated in our community and beyond...Catholic teaching calls us to serve those in need and to change structures which deny people their dignity and rights as children of God."

Salt and Light was born out of Our Lady of the Lake's response to this call. The committee includes a staff representative, members of the Pastoral Council, and members of the parish community.

Goals of Salt and Light Ministry

- Have every parishioner understand and be aware of Catholic Social Teaching principles and role of Salt and Light ministry
- Incorporate Catholic Social Teaching into parish worship, education, groups: liturgies, religious education of children and adults, faith formation and sharing
- Promote cooperation between groups within parish and help coordinate selected outreach activities across parish
- Commit to and establish a plan to act locally, nationally, and internationally

Seven Major Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person

“Human life is sacred and human dignity is the foundation of a moral vision for society.”

Call to Family, Community

“Human beings are social beings. Our participation in our families, our communities, and in society is a reflection of our faith.”

Rights and Responsibilities

“Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.”

Option for the Poor

“A basic moral test of any society is how our most vulnerable members are faring.”

Dignity of Work

“Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation.”

Solidarity

“We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.”

Care for Creation

“We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.”

Taken from *In the Footsteps of Jesus*

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