

Parish Social Ministry Regional Training  
 Nativity of Our Lord Parish  
 Broomfield, CO  
 April 21-23, 2005

Goals, Schedule, Evaluation, & Experience of

**Goals of the Regional Training:**

These goals were identified by the planning team for this specific training.

- That participants leave rejuvenated to continue the work of parish social ministry leaders and that they more fully understand their role as a ministry
- That participants are empowered and trained to be the leaders/coordinators of social ministry in their parish, such that it becomes an organized and integral part of parish life
- That participants have a more developed understanding of Catholic social teaching and Scripture's implications for action on behalf of peace, justice, and solidarity in their communities and beyond
- That participants leave understanding that this is a process that they are not alone in, and that they know where to turn either for resources available for those in need or for parish social ministry consultation

**Goal Outcomes from the Participant Evaluations**

There were 100 participants at this event. Of those participants, 52 people returned their evaluations. This portion of the evaluation relates specifically to the goals.

1. Please rate the following:					
<i>The top percentage indicates total respondent ratio; the bottom number represents actual number of respondents selecting the option</i>	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Not Sure	4 Disagree	5 Strongly Disagree
1. I am rejuvenated such that I am ready to continue the work of a parish social ministry leader, and I more fully understand my role in this ministry.	38% 19	54% 27	4% 2	4% 2	0% 0
2. I am trained to be a leader in the effort to make or to keep parish social ministry an organized and integral part of my parish.	4% 2	71% 35	18% 9	6% 3	0% 0
3. I have a more full understand of Catholic Social Teaching and Scripture and its implications for action of behalf of peace, justice, solidarity, in my community and beyond.	43% 22	41% 21	10% 5	6% 3	0% 0
4. I know that I am not alone in the work of parish social ministry, because of national and diocesan support, but also because of leaders in other parishes. I know where to go when I get stuck doing parish social ministry.	55% 27	33% 16	8% 4	2% 1	2% 1

**Schedule**

Friday, April 21, 2006

7:00P                      Welcome and Prayer

7:30                        Scriptural Foundations of the Catholic Social Mission - Keynote  
*To educate and inspire people by the Catholic social tradition and its witness in the world.*

Rev. Juniper Schneider, Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roseburg, OR

8:30 Reception

Saturday, April 22, 2006

8:30A Prayer

9:00 Parish Social Ministry Foundation – General Session  
*The U.S. Bishop's Statement Communities of Salt and Light is reviewed. The theology and framework are laid out. This workshop will challenge participants to broaden the vision of parish social ministry*  
Dr. Byron L. Plumley Director, Peace and Justice Studies, Regis University

10:15 Break

10:30 Workshop Session A

Track 1: Leadership of Parish Social Ministry: The Vision of Leaders  
*Purpose - Seeing the Social Justice Committee not as the doers of social justice work but the facilitators of social justice work.*  
Tom Ulrich, Director, Constituency Relations and Support

Track 2: Social Action: Social Change 101  
*Purpose - Answer the questions: What is social action? Why is it done? How does it work?*  
Ernest Giron, Vice-President, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Denver

11:45 Lunch

12:45P Workshop Session B

Track 1: Leadership of Parish Social Ministry; Organizing Your Parish for Action  
*Purpose - Put the framework of Communities of Salt and Light in action by building the PSM committee through assessing the needs and resources and strategizing for the future.*  
Tom Ulrich, Director, Constituency Relations and Support Department, Catholic Relief Services

Track 2: Social Action; Community Organizing  
*Purpose - Teach a skill necessary for community organizing. Use a case study to practice the skill using the real status of homelessness.*  
Michael Kromrey, Executive Director, Metro Organizations for People

2:00 Break

2:15 Workshop Session C

Track 1: Leadership of Parish Social Ministry; Engaging the Parish  
*Purpose - How to motivate people to get involved and keep them engaged, empowered and spiritually grounded in the ministry.*  
Sr. Mary Alice Murphy, OLVN, Coordinator, Social Justice Committee, St. Joseph Church

Track 2: Social Action; Legislative Advocacy  
*Purpose - Teach a skill necessary for legislative advocacy. Use a case study to practice the skill using the real status of immigration.*  
Polly Baca, Executive Director, Latin American Research and Service Agency

3:30 Afternoon Break/Reflection

*Purpose - People take time for themselves. In the course of their time, they would be given a note card to write something that was on their mind, a lingering question regarding PSM, or their biggest concern regarding implementing these skills in their parish.*

- 4:15 Pastoral Circle Workshop  
*Purpose: To teach a strategy for social analysis using a replicable framework.*  
Joahim Viens, Ed.D. Director of Theologian-in-Residence, Blessed John XXIII University Parish
- 5:45 Break
- 6:00 Mass
- 7:00 Dinner
- 7:30 The Immigrant Story  
*Purpose – That people have the opportunity to hear the lived experience of immigrants to the United States through real life stories. These stories will be set in the context of theology.*  
Presenters: Marcellina Ottis, Ana Managa, and Pedro Gonzalez  
Facilitator: Fr. Don Dunne (invited)
- 8:30 Reception

Sunday, April 23, 2006

- 8:30A Prayer
- 9:00 Roundtable Sharing  
*The reflections suggestions will be reviewed and a number of themes drawn for topics of conversations for networking.*
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Strategy Session  
*Following a report back, people will get with a group from their parish to strategize next steps.*  
Rachel Lustig, Director, Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities USA
- 11:00 Closing Challenge and Commissioning Prayer Service  
*Purpose: To remind people why we do the work that we do, because of a foundation of the social mission in our faith, and to send them off “to love and serve the Lord.”*  
Rev. Juniper Schneider, Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roseburg, OR