

St. Peter Catholic Church – Social Justice Ministry Operating Principles

- Our principles and activities are based on the scriptural, doctrinal and theological foundations of Catholic Social Teachings.
- Our central, unifying principle is the “preferential option for the poor,” therefore, we study and act on issues that address the God-given dignity of all people, especially the rights of those who are socially, politically and/or economically disadvantaged.
- We maximize opportunities to assist and work with other parishes, organizations, coalitions and neighborhood groups to participate in collective action around common interests.
- We give priority to strategies that enable people to realize and act on their own potential and realize their full dignity.
- We promote the integration of social justice into the total faith formation of the St. Peter’s parish community.
- We promote ministry membership that is inclusive, diverse and encouraging of future leaders.
- We conduct meetings with mutual respect for and support of each other.
- We promote the continuing education of the Committee and the St. Peter’s community on Catholic Social Teachings and social justice issues.
- Prayer, spiritual reflection and scriptural readings are the animating principles of our ministry and are an integral part of every meeting.