

Evangelization News



Evangelization Newsletter #11 March 2023 - Social Justice as Evangelization

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Matthew 25:44-45

The season of Lent is a time for reflection- a time to examine our thoughts, feelings, beliefs and actions. For many it is a time of fasting to enable us to focus on our life and faith. It is a time to think of others.

Joan Chittister, in *The Liturgical Year* (2009), reminds us that:

It is about living in such a way that where we have been is better because we have been there than it was before we came. It is living in the way that Jesus lived - for the sake of the sick in Galilee, for the women in Israel and Samaria and Canaan, for the poor in the temple, for those burdened by taxes in Palestine, for sinners everywhere who knew themselves to be weak and did not pretend to be strong - that determines the holiness of our suffering.

Lent is an opportune time to be more intentional about social justice. What we do for others is evangelization in action. Take a few minutes to watch this video on FORMED: Social Justice as Evangelization

<https://watch.formed.org/evangelization-with-chris-stefanick/videos/dan-rogers-chris-01-ch-21-web>

So how can we evangelize through social justice? Development and Peace-Caritas is a Catholic organization that educates Canadians about the causes of the impoverishment of peoples and mobilizes them to act for change, and supports partners in the global south in the pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political, economic and environmental structures. Look at their website and find a cause to support or initiate an education or fundraising event.

<https://www.devp.org/en/>

There are many opportunities to support those in need in Thunder Bay with your prayers, time and donations of food, clothing and money. Contact a group and make a Lenten pledge to serve others. These are a few local organizations offering opportunities to serve. Make your Lent a time of service, evangelization and spiritual growth.

Catholic Action Centre-St. Vincent de Paul [\(807\) 622-6139](tel:8076226139)

Grace Place [\(807\) 473-3538](tel:8074733538)

Salvation Army (807) 345-7319

St. Joseph Care Group <https://sjcg.net/careers/main.aspx>

Living Well Healing Room [\(807\) 345-1441](tel:8073451441) <https://healingrooms.org/healingRooms.php?location=CA1375>