

## **SOCIAL MISSION CORE TEAM MINUTES**

December 8, 2004

Members present: Jim Weber, Anna Byars, Bob Friel, Dave Kammer, Christi Eisenberg, Stephanie Beck Borden, Kathy Aerni

Meeting opened with a prayer by Kathy

New Items: Future Social Mission Collections

Stephanie led a discussion concerning the determination of groups, causes and Needs to address in our outreach collections. It was decided to allocate one collection quarterly for a group which promotes systemic change and use the remaining outreach collections to aid groups and causes which provide direct service. AMOS, NETWORK, Bread for the World, Voice of the Faithful and Call to Action are some of the groups being considered for inclusion in our outreach collections.

The SCMT feels it is important to connect the work of groups which lobby or promote systemic change to local groups which provide more direct services in order to educate the parish to the needs of both types of organizations. As with other outreach causes which are supported by Bellarmine, the SCMT would like to have local parish connections to the groups which we support financially in this new effort.

Discussion continued at length and actual scheduling for 2005 will take place at the January meeting. January, 2005 outreach collection will benefit CISE and Bob will coordinate that effort.

Continued Discussions:

- Eye of the Needle was briefly discussed and a possible template was distributed. This quarterly newsletter of SCMT and social mission concerns will be published quarterly, starting in January, 2005.
- A questionnaire proposing an expansion of the Service Network and asking for parish input as to needed services will be distributed at all masses on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Kathy Tepe, a parishioner who volunteers at two homeless shelters, would like to ask for donations of personal care items for these shelters. It was suggested that a box could be placed in the lobby (when construction is complete) and an announcement could be run monthly, encouraging people to bring personal care items, especially if they have the small size ones which are often collected when traveling. She will be asked to coordinate this effort.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2004, at home of Kathy Aerni, 4165 Pillars Drive, Oakley, 871-7803