



Social Outreach

July 2007

The parishioners of Saint Gabriels should be very proud of the Social Outreach program that we have in place. Social Outreach is at the very heart of what the Christian spirit should be all about. Whether it is preparing and serving meals to the less fortunate, ministering to those in prison or with AIDS, providing gifts at Christmas for the underprivileged and the many, many other services that the dedicated men, women and young people of Saint Gabriel provide, we should all be proud of the work that is being done.

Our Social Outreach program encompasses a variety of different ministries:

Caritas
Richmond Friends of the Homeless
Elder Homes
Prison Ministry
Aids Ministry
Haiti Twinning
Christmas Angels

St. Peters Lunch
St. Joseph's Villa
Sowers of Justice
St. Anthony's Bread
St. Francis Home
Respect Life Advocacy
Food Pantry/Weekend

Tri-Cities Workcamp
Rachel's Vineyard
Crisis Pregnancy
CCHASM
Noah's Children

There is always a need for more people to get involved in these ministries. There is a significant need for help in the following ministries:

Sowers of Justice, Aids Ministry, St. Francis Home, Elder Homes



Our Youth at Workcamp in Petersburg

There is also a need for new leaders to come forward. Many of the ministry leaders have been in their current position for a long time and continue to do a fantastic job. Do not sit on the sidelines and assume that others will do your part. New energy is needed, so please step forward and get involved in one of these ministries. It is a great way to meet some of the wonderful people we have at Saint Gabriels and it helps to build an even stronger faith community. Come aboard and share in the faith journey that many of our people are already experiencing.

Please call the church office if you would like to get involved in one of these rewarding ministries..

Stewardship and You

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- respect for human life - shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish;
- development of this world through noble human effort - physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort work.

(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, page 46 - U.S. Bishops)

Commitment Update

Annual Amount Pledged:	\$ 483,560
Year-To-Date Pledged (Jan -June):	229,221
Year-To-Date Given (Jan-June):	191,659
Redemption Rate: 83.6%	
Total Contribution (Jan-June)	\$ 250,423