

**Status of Implementation of
Synod Initiative VI:
“Social Justice: Living at the Service of God’s Reign”**

Origin of the Report

At its January 26, 2008 meeting, the APC considered a proposal to offer Cardinal Mahony six reports, one on each of the Initiatives of the 2003 Synod. The six reports would outline the work done throughout the archdiocese in implementing the six Initiatives. The APC appointed an ad hoc committee¹ to study the council’s ability and willingness to undertake the reports. At the May 10, 2008 meeting, the APC heard the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. It had developed an extensive template for creating the reports and urged the APC to undertake them. The APC endorsed the reporting proposal, and identified Synod Initiative II (participation and accountability) as the topic of the first report and Synod Initiative VI (social justice) as the second report.

Scope of the Report

The APC established a committee² to develop the report on Initiative VI. The committee worked through the Regional Pastoral Councils and their Social Justice Committees to help it learn about regional and parish efforts to implement Initiative VI. Information on archdiocesan social justice initiatives was also given by the Office of Justice and Peace. The committee developed a survey instrument which was sent, over Cardinal Mahony’s signature, to each of the five RPCs and faxed to all 288 parishes. The instrument used the language of Initiative VI, asking each parish how it invites people to “build a world of communion and justice”. The survey referenced the synod documents as a way to think about our participation in building such a world: “ ‘Justice’ is the activity of creating a world in which all may grow—with particular attention given to the poor, the weak and the wounded...In striving for justice in society and in the Church we continue a long tradition of ministering to the disadvantaged and striving to transform unjust structures.”

In parishes, there is often not a clear distinction between activities which are focused on charity and those which are more justice-related. The committee decided to ask parishes to report on both types of activities in an effort to carve a distinction between the two, sometimes overlapping, types of activities. Under the charitable/outreach category, we asked parishes to indicate if they had a food bank or pantry, a St. Vincent de Paul ministry or any other kind of ministry that specifically ministered to the poor. Under the social justice category, we asked parishes to report on the existence of social justice ministries, Pax Christi, and community organizing initiatives. Under this category, we also asked parishes to describe any social justice education that takes place. The survey also included a category focusing on the existence of active collaborations with civil and religious institutions, as well as any examples in the past year of activities to transform unjust structures.

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The committee decided not to address specifically the second level pastoral priority concerning a more equitable distribution of resources (finances and personnel) to assist poorer parishes and schools, or the second pastoral strategy concerning establishing salary structures that provide for a just living wage and benefits, including health, retirement, and unemployment for both part-time and full-time Church personnel. Both of these require a coordinated archdiocesan response rather than a response from the individual parishes (although many parishes have formed sister parish relationships and provide support in a number of different ways to less affluent parishes and schools).

Development of the Report

The five Regional Pastoral Councils used the survey instrument to estimate the extent of the implementation in the five regions of the Synod's call for building a world of communion and justice. Approximately, **91 of 288 parishes reported back, or 31.6%** of parishes in the archdiocese. The table below gives a breakdown of the survey responses by pastoral region. Addendum 1 at the end of the report lists the parishes that responded.

Table 1: Survey Responses by Pastoral Region

Pastoral Region	# of Parishes	# of Parishes Responding	% of Parishes Responding
OLA	77	25	32.5%
SB	37	15	40.5%
SP	67	12	17.9%
SF	54	22	40.7%
SG	65	17	26.15%

Each of the five RPCs submitted a report on their region's implementation of Synod Initiative VI, using the template recommended by the ad hoc committee. The committee has reviewed these individual reports and has synthesized them in the present report. The committee asks the APC to review its synthesis of the regional reports, to reflect on it, and to propose the APC's conclusions to Cardinal Mahony.

This report has been updated as of January 21, 2012 with the input from members of the five Regional Pastoral Councils who were in attendance at the Inter-regional Pastoral Council Gathering.

**Summary of Responses from Parish Leaders Regarding Synod Initiative VI
Communion & Justice: Opportunities at the Parish Level**

1) Charitable/Outreach Activities

The table below indicates the numbers of food banks/pantries, St. Vincent de Paul Ministries and Other Ministries for the poor by region.

Table 2: Numbers of Charitable/Outreach Activities by Region

# by Region	OLA	SB	SP	SF	SG
Food Bank/Pantry	19	9	7	13	13
St. Vincent de Paul	9	11	3	12	6
Other Ministries for the Poor	31	30	17	26	30

Analysis of Charitable/Outreach Activities

Data from the five pastoral regions indicate that 67.03% (61/91) of the reporting parishes have food pantries and 45.05% (41/91) have St. Vincent de Paul Societies. The most interesting support for this category is Other (please see Addendum 2 at the end of this report). These include: supporting missions in other countries (Croatia, Mexico, Haiti, Thailand and a few countries in Africa), providing advice about government and private programs, providing advice to battered women and assistance to the disabled, supporting pregnancy counseling programs, feeding day laborers/immigrant workers, conducting seasonable food and clothing drives, providing health care through fairs and parish nursing, operating a food trailer which delivers food to local food distribution centers, and participating in existing successful programs, e.g. Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, and Crop Walk.

The following is a sampling of the mosaic of charitable activities undertaken by selected parishes:

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels

Dedicated Cathedral volunteers provide a thousand meals weekly to several shelters in the LA area. The cathedral provides work for kids (14-18) to work after school through Project WIN (Work is Noble) and supports the LA Guaderia Child Care Center at Dolores Mission, which enables children to stay in school and their parents to seek employment and earn a living.

St. Paul the Apostle

Grade school children provide school supplies for a sister school in south central Los Angeles. The parish also supports the Alexandria Retirement Home for the Sisters of St. Joseph. They partner with the Jesuits at Blessed Sacrament parish for weekly feeding homeless and collect toys and food for the Christmas party for Blessed Sacrament students in the Religious Education Program. The Youth Group participates in the “March for Hunger” and “Aids Walk”.

St. Anastasia

The parish holds a Bundles for Babies collection for a local pro-life counseling center and also holds a baby bottle and diaper collection. The parish school collects school supplies, textbooks and computers, and provides Christmas Giving Boxes for poor children at St. Margaret Center and Alexandria House. The school is also involved in giving Easter baskets and participating in an Adopt a Family program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive for Sun Bridge Convalescent Home.

St. Jerome Parish

Five parishioners work weekly at the Catholic Worker Hospitality Kitchen to prepare meals for homeless and destitute. The parish has provided workers to repaint the school and build kindergarten playground at their sister parish, Mother of Sorrows. They also support their sister parish through a Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas gifts for children in the school and religious education program. The parish also participates in Operation Rice Bowl

2) Social Justice Activities:

The table below indicates the numbers of social justice ministries by region. 53.8% (49/91) of the parishes reporting have a social justice ministry.

Table 3: Number of Social Justice Ministries by Region

Pastoral Region	Number of Social Justice Ministries
OLA	13
SB	5
SP	7
SF	13
SG	11

The table below indicates the number of other social justice activities by region.

Table 4: Number of Social Justice Activities by Region

SJ Activities	OLA	SB	SP	SF	SG
Educational Forums	7	9	4	8	7
Legislative Advocacy	6	4	3	10	7
Service Projects	15	6	4	10	7
Global Solidarity	6	0	3	9	6
International Sister Parish	1	2	1	2	2
Operation Rice Bowl	9	3	1	10	10
Pax Christi	0	0	0	0	2
Community Organizing	9	3	1	3	5

Analysis of Social Justice Activities

1. Social Justice Activities Information

The survey was specific about activities that fall under social justice (attempting to transform unjust structures in our cities, counties, country and world). The activities above were specifically checked by the parishes. It is interesting to note that community organizing (specifically working with organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development) is taking place in **20 of the 91 parishes reporting (21.9%)**. That is significant given that the difficult work of changing unjust laws and structures in the community is being done between parishes and these outside organizations. (According to the Office of Justice Peace, 48 parishes in the archdiocese are engaged in community organizing.)

38.5% (35/91) of the parishes reporting indicate that they have held Educational Forums on social justice. However, it is likely that the amount of social justice education that takes place in the parishes is significantly higher, as several of the other types of activities (Pax Christi, Operation Rice Bowl, and community organizing, for example) reported usually incorporate some kind of educational component.

We did not ask parishes to report whether or not they have used the JustFaith program, as the Office of Justice and Peace maintains up-to-date information on the number of JustFaith programs in the archdiocese (**23 parishes have been engaged in the JustFaith process**). JustFaith is a thirty-week adult educational and formational program which provides a lively and challenging format to read, view, discuss, pray, experience and be formed by the justice tradition that changes lives, inspires faithful witness, and transforms the world through love and service.

2. Activities that parishes have engaged in to transform unjust structures in the past year

It is worth listing some of these activities as they reflect the breadth of issues in the Archdiocese and that there are committed parishioners working to solve these problems: Santa Maria Restorative Justice Taskforce, restoring housing for farm workers, immigration reform, 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Trafficking, Croatian Orphanage, Voter mobilization on propositions, Catholic Legislative Network, Pregnancy Center Walk-a-thon in addition to numerous Respect Life efforts, home foreclosures, support of hotel workers seeking living wage, power plant protest, and microloan program with an inner city parish. At the archdiocesan level transformative activities include Catholic Lobby Day, supporting the CCHD funded organizations in their work, promoting global solidarity through Catholic Relief Services programs for parishes, promoting comprehensive immigration reform through our Justice for Immigrants Campaign, and promoting the number of JustFaith program offerings.

3. Regional Pastoral Council Social Justice Committees (RPC SJs)

The Office of Justice and Peace reports that four regions have established Social Justice Committees, under the auspices of their Regional Pastoral Councils. **One region has determined that they will have a different structure and not one based on committees for each initiative. However,** each of these five RPCs **is to have a** representative on the Justice and Peace Commission of the Office of Justice and Peace. This insures clearer communication among the regions and the archdiocese and also provides the opportunity for the regions to learn from each other.

3) Active Collaboration with Civil and Religious Institutions

The table below details the number of active collaborations between the reporting parishes and civil and religious institutions by region. The figures also include civic and religious collaborations indicated in Questions 1 (on charitable activities) and 2 (on social justice activities).

Table 5: Number of Collaborations with Civil and Religious Institutions by Region

Region	Civic	Religious	Total # of Collaborations
OLA	51	104	155
SB	15	31	44
SP	12	22	34
SF	31	5	36
SG	19	18	37

Analysis of Collaborations with Civil and Religious Institutions

It is encouraging to see that most of the reporting parishes have a good number of collaborative relationships with other Catholic and non-Catholic institutions in their search to improve the quality of life for their communities. In most regions, collaborative efforts with religious institutions constitute at least 50% of the total collaborative efforts. The San Fernando Region was distinctive with reverse results: it reported collaboration with civic groups six times greater than that with religious groups.

Most regions have a healthy representation of participation with food banks (these efforts were included in the tally because food banks may be a collaborative effort with other civic or religious institutions). For example, all of the reporting parishes in the Our Lady of the Angels Region participated in food banks/pantries. St. Paul the Apostle makes between 500 and 1,000 lunches distributed each month among outreach organizations serving the homeless.

Ecumenical collaborative efforts (with non-Catholic religious institutions) are also taking place. For example, St. Paul the Apostle initiated collaboration with other Westwood Christian churches, resulting in the establishment of the Westwood Christian Churches Association.

Notable Successes

The reports from the Regional Pastoral Councils, as well as information provided by the Office of Justice and Peace, suggest that the archdiocese has developed a number of successful approaches to Synod Initiative VI. Three deserve special attention:

1. The establishment of the RPC SJs help to ensure that parishes are supported in their development/expansion of social justice ministries. Each region has their own way of making this happen but **they should be able** to effectively utilize the resources of the Office of Justice and Peace. These include presentations in English and Spanish on

Catholic Social Teaching; Establishing a Parish Social Ministry: From Getting Started to Running Smoothly; JustFaith; Pax Christi and Community Organizing. Regions have held: networking days where these resources are presented, workshops and symposia on issues such as the environment, immigration, global poverty, Faithful Citizenship, etc. Several regions have also made presentations to their deaneries about social justice. In some cases, this has helped to bring neighboring parishes together for support in their social justice work.

In addition, a Creation Sustainability Ministry has been established under the Office of Justice and Peace Commission. It seeks to educate and inspire Catholics in the Archdiocese and others in the broader community, to act out of reverence and respect for God's creation.

2. The representation of the RPC SJCs on the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission **should provide** these committees with access to archdiocesan resources and support. This includes specific program information, connection to statewide and national resources, support by the formal membership of the Justice and Peace Commission. One example is the link to JustFaith, a 30 week program that aims to integrate personal spirituality, church teachings and social ministry. JustFaith programs **are in 23** parishes throughout the archdiocese.
3. Advocacy is a key component of social justice. Parishes, through their RPC SJC contacts, have become more involved in this work as they learn about and becoming involved with: 1) CCHD funded groups that engage them in this work locally; 2) the California Legislative Network from the California Catholic Conference; 3) Catholic Lobby Day which 50-100 Catholics from the Archdiocese attend yearly; 4) the national advocacy efforts (USCCB, CRS, and Pro-Life Activities). In addition, approximately 48 parishes in the diocese are involved in community organizing with organizations such as ONE-LA/IAF, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) and PICO.

Challenges

A continuing challenge is to identify individuals in parishes interested in social justice and working with them to help establish a parish social justice ministry. This challenge is compounded in one region by not having an identified social justice committee to be a resource for their parishes. RPC SJC members in all regions have noted that the controversial nature of many social justice issues requires **Pastors/PLDs** and parishioners who are willing to be courageous “champions”. Many Catholics are still not aware of the basic principles of Catholic social teaching and often resist social justice initiatives because they think the Church should not be “political”.

It is of course unclear whether the small percentage of completed surveys speaks to a lack of interest in social justice at the parish level and/or it just not having a high enough priority in a busy parish office. It is our hope that the regional social justice committees can follow up with the parishes that did not respond to help them provide the survey information. This information will help the regional social justice committees be more effective in helping these parishes form or expand their social justice ministries.

1. Communication with Pastors/PLD's. There is a feeling that information comes to the parish (primarily from the Archdiocese) that is not always communicated to parishioners involved in that matter and/or the general parish. Parishioners want to feel informed so they can serve the church better. It was suggested that Pastors/PLD's engage the parishioners in communication, sharing his/her vision is for the parish and then working together to accomplish that. Building that relationship will bring many benefits. (in Recommendation #9 below)

2. Communication with the Office of Justice and Peace. There is recognition of the significant transition that has occurred since 2011 with a new Archbishop as well as a new Associate Director of the Office of Justice and Peace. The Office of Justice and Peace has a Commission comprised of 15 regular members and one representative from each Regional Pastoral Council (from the Regional Social Justice Committee if existent). That link assures that clear communication can happen between the two groups. The RPCs would like to understand the ideal profile/makeup of the Commission and how the regular members are chosen. In addition, as of the 2012 Inter-regional gathering, there is not representation on the Commission from each RPC. The RPCs want to insure that they have a member on the Commission and would request that the Office consider scheduling Commission meeting days, times and locations to make it easier for regional reps to attend the meetings, given the geographical distance of the diocese.

There seems to be a lack of clarity about the activities and responsibilities of the Commission and the RPCs. The RPCs believe they have specific responsibilities arising from the Synod and their Bishop. They want to insure that they continue to maintain and own their priorities while working in collaboration with the OJP. They want to be clear on what the current priorities and activities are of the Office and the communication of these with the RPCs. This could include dissemination of minutes from the Commission meetings. They also need to know what resources are available to them from the Office and how they can use the Office for resources. This lack of clarity could certainly be a result of the transitions that were mentioned above. But the RPCs (as communicated by those at the Inter-regional gathering in January 2012) would like to see improved communication in general between the Office and the RPCs and specifically clarification about the roles and responsibilities of each group. (in Recommendation #4 below)

3. Communication among Regional Pastoral Councils. There is clearly a need for the regions to communicate with each other (best practices, challenges, new ideas, etc.) and these inter-regional gatherings are just one way to accomplish this. Again much of this information can be passed through their representation on the Justice and Peace Commission of the Office of Justice and Peace but there may be a need to find additional ways to insure communication happens. (in Recommendation #13 below)

Recommendations

In short, the regional reports have indicated three directions in which the archdiocese should continue to place effort and resources: (1) Development and/or distribution of replicable

programs and activities to help build the capacity for parishes to be effective in their social justice ministries; (2) Strengthening the relationship through its liaisons between the Regional Pastoral Council Social Justice Committees and the Office of Justice and Peace to ensure the flow of communication and resources between these two groups to ensure that the parishes have access to capacity building and educational resources (*see challenges*); (3) Encouraging strong collaborative partnerships between parishes and civic and religious organizations to strengthen parishes' ability to advocate, organize and educate around social justice issues, and to extend and deepen their charitable outreach activities.

As a result of the January 2012 Inter-Regional Gathering, additional/more specific recommendations have been suggested:

1. Focus on the sustainability of social justice committee in parishes. Consider a rotation of leadership for this parish ministry.
2. Address the inequalities within the ministries in the parish (e.g., age, gender, marital status, finances, sexual orientation). Ministries may not always be open to new people, thinking differently. More cooperation needs to be fostered and developed.
3. Parishes need to provide a more integrated approach to teaching Catholic social teaching to its parishioners.
4. Clarify role and work of the OJP vis-a-vis the RPC (and reps on the Commission). A representative from each regional pastoral council must be appointed to the Office of Justice and Peace Commission and attend the meetings in order to work more closely together.
5. Follow up with Parishes that did not respond to the social justice survey. Get information from Regional Bishops from the recent viability study; only 91 responded to the survey – need to reach out to parishes that didn't respond. Process can include having regional Bishops send a letter to Pastors/PLD's letting them know the Regional Social Justice Committee will contact him/her about social justice then the RPC will follow up with Pastor/PLD. It is suggested that the RPC's should look at the viability study presented to the Archdiocese for updated information on social justice.
6. As parishes are currently focused primarily on charity activities, the RPC recommends placing increased focus on justice issues. Perhaps for the next 5 years Pastors/PLD's could be asked that justice work take a heightened priority. Consider encouraging Pastors/PLD's to place a social justice minister on the parish staff in either a paid or volunteer position.
7. Recognize diversity of parish populations when looking towards the implementation of social justice programs. Different programs are more or less suitable in different parishes (JustFaith, community organizing, advocacy, etc.)

8. Provide tools and support for those speaking out about social justice issues/ministries to help them deal with resistance/apathy.
9. Find ways to ensure that social justice information is disseminated to parishioners at each parish and not only supply the information (faxes, posters, e-mails) to the Pastor/PLD where it may not get communicated. Also work more intentionally with Pastors/PLDs. Ask the Pastor/PLD what his/her vision is for the parish and work with him/her on that. This will build trust.
10. Create Facebook page and other social media to get the word out about social justice issues. The Office of Justice and Peace has a weekly newsblast that is available through their website. Use telephone tree and the Tidings to communicate.
11. RE: Synod initiatives – drop the numbering system, as it seems that social justice is the 6th priority.
12. In the style of “Pastoral Council Training”, implement social justice training on a continual basis plus monitor that training and its results when it is put into practice. Possibility of students earning a certificate in coordinating social justice ministries. It would be helpful if the Office of Justice and Peace could create a description of what a social justice coordinator needs to do when running a social justice program in a parish.
13. Implement a means to communicate inter-regionally regarding social justice issues and programs in addition to RPC representation on the Justice and Peace Commission.

In addition to these recommendations, we need to do more work as an archdiocese to ensure that priests, religious and laypeople are all educated and informed about the importance of Catholic social teachings and the fact that social justice is a constitutive element of who we are as Church.

As we mentioned in the “Scope of the Report”, we have not addressed two elements of Synod Initiative VI: a more equitable distribution of resources between parishes and schools the establishment of just salary structures and benefits. It is our recommendation that a separate committee be established to review and report on these two areas in collaboration with the appropriate Archdiocesan departments and advisory boards.

Conclusion

The numerous social justice ministries and activities in the archdiocese are evidence that many parishes are taking seriously the recommendation of the Synod’s Initiative VI to provide a social justice ministry “to raise the consciousness of parishioners by educating and informing them on various issues of social justice.” That effort is being witnessed throughout the regions. There is a great deal of enthusiasm at the regional level to insure that parishes are supported in their social justice ministry efforts. The regions are also reporting growth in this ministry in parishes that did not provide a survey report.

ADDENDUM 1

Parishes that completed the survey by region:

OLA Pastoral Region (25 parishes)

Ascension, Los Angeles
Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Christ the King, Los Angeles
Good Shepherd, Beverly Hills
Holy Name of Jesus, Los Angeles
Holy Spirit, Los Angeles
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Los Angeles
Our Lady of Malibu, Malibu
St. Agatha, Los Angeles
St. Anastasia, Los Angeles
St. Anselm, Los Angeles
St. Anthony Croatian, Los Angeles
St. Augustine, Culver City
St. Brendan, Los Angeles
St. Cecilia, Los Angeles
St. Frances X. Cabrini, Los Angeles
St. Jerome, Los Angeles
St. John Chrysostom, Inglewood
St. Martin Tours, Los Angeles
St. Paul the Apostle, Los Angeles
St. Peter Italian, Los Angeles
St. Sebastian, Los Angeles
St. Thomas the Apostle, Los Angeles
St. Timothy, Los Angeles

San Fernando Region (22 parishes)

Blessed Junipero Serra, Lancaster
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Santa Clarita
Holy Family, Glendale
Holy Redeemer, Montrose
Holy Trinity, Los Angeles
Mary Immaculate, Pacoima
Our Lady of Lourdes, Northridge
Our Lady of Peace, North Hills
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sun Valley

Our Lady of the Valley, Canoga Park
Sacred Heart, Lancaster
St. Bede, La Cañada Flintridge
St. Bridget of Sweden, Van Nuys
St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda
St. Clare, Santa Clarita
St. Didacus, Sylmar
St. Finbar, Burbank
St. Francis Xavier, Burbank
St. Jane Frances de Chantal, North Hollywood
St. John Eudes, Chatsworth
St. Joseph the Worker, Canoga Park
Santa Rosa, San Fernando

San Gabriel Region (17 parishes)

All Saints, Los Angeles
Assumption, Los Angeles
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pasadena
Dolores Mission, Los Angeles
Holy Family, South Pasadena
Our Lady of the Assumption, Claremont
Our Lady of Victory, Los Angeles
St. Camillus, Los Angeles
St. Dorothy, Glendora
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rowland Heights
St. Felicitas & Perpetua, San Marino
St. Frances of Rome, Azusa
St. John the Baptist, Baldwin Park
St. Louis of France, La Puente
St. Luke, Temple City
St. Madeleine, Pomona
St. Stephen the Martyr, Monterey Park

San Pedro Region (12 parishes)

American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach
Holy Family, Artesia
Holy Family, Wilmington
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Los Angeles
St. Anthony, El Segundo
St. Athanasius, Long Beach
St. Helen, South Gate
St. Joseph, Long Beach
St. Linus, Norwalk

St. Martha, Huntington Park
St. Matthew, Long Beach
St. Pancratius, Lakewood
Santa Barbara Region (15 parishes)

Mission Santa Ines, Solvang
Our Lady of the Assumption, Ventura
St. Anthony, Oxnard
St. John Neuman, Santa Maria
St. Joseph Carpinteria
St. Jude, Westlake Village
St. Julie Billiard, Newbury Park
St. Louis de Montfort, Santa Maria
St. Mary of the Assumption, Santa Maria
St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks
St. Peter Claver, Simi Valley
St. Thomas Aquinas, Ojai
San Buenaventura Mission, Ventura
San Roque, Santa Barbara
Santa Clara, Oxnard

ADDENDUM 2

Other Ministries for the poor listed under response to question 1 on the survey:

OLA Pastoral Region

Seasonal Food baskets
Confirmation Youth Skid Row
Give Away blankets & jackets
Old convent turned into Social Service Center-Referral to Govt.& Private agencies (2 parishes)
Queenscare Partnership
Easter and Thanksgiving Food Drive
Volunteering at other Food Pantries
Downtown missions through parish groups & schools
Dispense nonperishable foods
Help sponsor St. Roberts Center,Ocean Park (2 parishes)
Soup kitchen (3 parishes)
Holy Child Association-Holy Spirit School
Health Cabinet
Clothing distribution (2 parishes)
Deliver food & clothing to needy
SOS-Feed the homeless & Mexican Mission
LA VOICE
St.Martin de Porres Society
Adopt a Croatian Orphanage

Cardinal McIntyre Fund
Adopt a Family
Catholic Worker
Habitat for Humanity
Meals on Wheels
Alexandria House
Moms Outreach
Jail Ministry
St.Margaret Center-Lennox
Committee for the Poor
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (2 parishes)
Food collection at youth mass
Mission Group

San Fernando Pastoral Region

Bread of Life
Mission in Mexico, Africa, Kenya & Ghana
Orphanage in Thailand
House of Mercy, Guadalupe Center
Brothers Helpers, Loaves and Fishes
City community services for disabled
Amigos de Jesus
Battered Woman's shelter
Footsteps
Divine Mercy
Guadalupanas
Legion of Mary
AV Pregnancy Counseling
Lancaster Community Center
Help with rent, food, bus fare for immigrants
Gifts for children at Christmas both local and Tijuana
Hot meals for day laborers every week
Thanksgiving meals for day laborers/parishioners/local folks
Health Fair
Cardinal McIntyre fund distribution
Haiti Sister Parish
Food for Body and Soul Crop Walk
Lunch for Homeless

San Gabriel Region

Guadalupe Homeless Project
Christmas & Thanksgiving Baskets for low income families (3 parishes)
Levantate y Anda Ministry prepares and delivers breakfast for the homeless in Los Angeles every Sunday

Bread Angels

Food trailer

Creation of international charitable foundations:

- Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation – Haiti;
- Friends of Croix de Bouquet;
- NETW – Uganda;
- ViNA – Rwanda;

Amor y Servicio Ministry helps members of community to find lodging and helps with medications

Temple City Trustee Foundation member for children in need

Pregnancy Help Center - Temple City

St. Francis Shelter.Homeless Coalition Financial Aid

Children's Toiletries for Homeless;

Christmas gift drive for children

Supplies food each month to San Gabriel Mission

Helps sister parish

Assists with Pregnancy Help Center (2 parishes)

Works with homeless shelter for 2 weeks around Christmas

Get On the Bus Prison Ministry (2 parishes)

Volunteer a Financial Support of Mary's Table

Weekly distribution of clothing

Weekday homeless lunch program (with hygiene kits)

Infant care program (monthly distribution of diapers and other baby times)

Referral ministry

Detention ministry to Central Juvenile Hall,

Mission Haiti (monetary and material support for Hands Together in Haiti, including a documentary produced by Holy Family Video Ministry)

Outreach projects to Dolores Mission parish and Homeboy Industries

Fair Trade Committee, including sale of Fair Trade products

Blanket drives

Bus tokens, clothing, hot meals, hygiene items for homeless

Christmas Workshop

ESL classes, computer classes, Medi-Cal info from DPSS

help in obtaining job skills and resume building

Chaplain ministry to LAC/USC Medical Ctr.

Counseling and Fin. Aid for patients

Provide grant writing classes to prospective chaplains to cover preparation for chaplaincy

Un Pueblo Que Camina (informs Spanish speaking community about rights and different opportunities in community — put on health fairs and workshops as needed)

Help organize a monthly blessing for expectant mothers

San Pedro Pastoral Region

Pennies for the Poor

Adopt a Child

Holy Childhood Association

St. Helen School
Christmas gifts & food baskets for needy kids
Comunidad
Parish Nursing
Catholic Charities support
Sacristan Feeds & clothes for the LA poor
Movement for a Better World-Project Achieve
Assist St. Lawrence of Brandisi Food Pantry
Distribute personal care items
Coat collection for the poor
Matthew 25 Ministry
Home build & medical missions to Tijuana
Weekly visits to homeless
Senior home visits
Group visits to gang members at Camp Miller in Malibu

Santa Barbara Region

Catholic Charities – 6 parishes
Mother of Grace Ministry Holiday Charity
Food coupons and gas coupons
Monthly meal for homeless services by parishioners
People Helping People
Catholic Worker
October jackets and blankets drive
Carpinteria Camper Park: farmworker housing
Chapel Court Farmworker Housing
Annual Advent Giving Tree
Cover cost for teens in Youth Ministry activities
Get on the Bus: prison visits by children of the incarcerated
REP Holy Childhood Assn.
DRE visits Chowchilla
Loaves and Fishes
Adopt A Family; Adopt a Student; Adopt a Baby
Monthly food drives
Bicycle Ministry
Winter shelter and hot meal program each Saturday evening
SJ Stations of the Cross, soup/salad during Lent
School of Religion sponsors adopt-a-family – 140 families in LA
Monthly meal program at UMC
Respect Life – 2 parishes
Italian Catholic Federation
Mission Circle
Project Response
Ministry to Sick and Elderly

Help of Ojai
Orphanage in Mexico
Mission Trips

ADDENDUM 3

Specific collaborations with civil and/or religious institutions that improve quality of life for the community listed under response to question 3 on the survey:

OLA Pastoral Region

Police Station South East Division Officer occasional calls and visits to the parish
Green Dots Charter School-Education/Information Forums for the community in regards to the New Locke Charter School
L.A. Voice Clergy Caucus; Hollywood Police Clergy Caucus, Sunset & Vine Business Improvement District Chamber of Commerce
Monthly meetings with various religious groups and other L.A. homeless agencies, focusing on immigration, low income families and the homeless
Local Episcopal & Presbyterian Churches in Beverly Hills
Formation of a group of pastors from the various churches in the area (Christian as well as non-Christian) to address the needs of the community
Collaborating with LAPD in ensuring the safety of the neighborhood
Affordable housing – Mariposa Project through Hollywood Community Housing Development and Council President Eric Garcetti
Parish Hall and School Auditorium used as a polling place for city, state and national elections.
Active with Malibu Interfaith Association to deal with community issues, e.g. emergency housing for the homeless and response to loss in wild fires
Police meetings, worked with Trade Tech to help people train in health care
Work with LA Voice on the housing initiative, bettering the streets in the community and with youth issues
St. Margaret's Center and St. Robert's Center
Culver City Inter Faith Alliance, St. Joseph's Upward Bound and other agencies.
Active member of Windsor Square HOZ and Planning Committee.
Acts as a polling place for city, state and national elections
Regular meetings with local police, fire and council offices
Local secular meetings of mothers and children in the neighborhood
St. Margaret Center and Inglewood Area Ministries Association
Hope Net Services Los Angeles (outreach to homeless)
Respect Life Committee for OLA Region

San Fernando Pastoral Region

Launched the Archdiocesan Creation Sustainability Ministry
Santa Clarita Community Outreach

AV Children's Services with local churches and faith based groups
City regarding redevelopment of downtown Lancaster/other faith group in Pregnancy Counseling Center/ Lancaster Prayer Breakfast
Lutheran Social Services of Southern California
LA Family Housing during Holiday season
City homeless shelter
One LA and others
Closing of Bradley Landfill, Tour of Sun Valley with the Mayor Villaraigosa, CHIRLA
Relief for victims of local wildfires (over 500 homes lost in the parish). Helped them to work with civic and government agencies/70 were helped
Work with LAPD for education, safeguard of parish and community
MEND, Sepulveda Methodist church to help homeless at Thanksgiving
Homeless Coalition, City of Glendale
City of Los Angeles Dept of Aging
Interfaith Council, Police Relations
City of Canoga Park
Valley Interfaith Council/FISH of the West Valley/Olive Crest Foster Family Agency/Red Cross Blood Drive
MEND to help the immigrants

San Gabriel Pastoral Region

Mayor's planning for Boyle Heights (Parish) community on housing, transportation, healthcare
Maintain good relationship with local and state politicians; encourages voter registration; supports and helps anti-abortion groups
Temple City Children Trustee Foundation member
County; YWCA; Sheriff Dept; Consulado Movel
Pastor and Pastoral Associate visit city council meetings for invocation; meet with churches in community for breakfast and luncheon meeting
With other members institutions there are discussions with the Pomona City Council and Police Dept. about sobriety checkpoints; Worked with the Pomona Unified School District to pass a bond measure that will keep up school facilities; continuing to work with the district and the Teachers' Union to resolve differences arising from the budget crisis
Homeless Shelter; Get on the Bus Prison Ministry
Winter Homeless Coalition
The Detention Ministry collaborates with Office of Restorative Justice and Women and Criminal Justice Network, advocating for legislative reform of juvenile justice and prison systems
Through the Giving Bank assist with donations of Christmas gifts to families at Dolores Mission
Fair Trade committee sells Homeboy Bakery baked goods on Sundays
Organizing with Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace (ICUJP) against torture and war; with Death Penalty Focus against Death Penalty
City of LA HIV/AIDS Education/Testing program; Member of National Catholic AIDS Network
Participate in Abrahamic International Peacemaking Initiative
Parish Administrator is part of the Azusa Ministerial Association and parish is part of Azusa Pacific University's community relations council

Participation in City of Claremont Affordable Housing Planning Committee
City of Claremont – Affordable Housing Planning Committee
Claremont Interfaith Council of Churches
Coalition of local churches – supporting monthly Sunday meals for community residents
HOPE Partners – support of shelter and emergency food supplies;
Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity – support of local affordable housing
Alternative Gifts International – Alternative Gift Market.

San Pedro Pastoral Region

Department of Children & Family Services LA County
Support of Hunger Strike in Los Angeles for Immigrants rights
Anti-Abortion Protests
Citizenship classes through Catholic Charities
Churches in Action - Pastors from Churches in South Gate who advocate for the citizens of the city
Participating in the Child Welfare Faith Based Council of the LA County Dept. of Children and Family Services
Parish Nursing in collaboration with St. Mary's Medical Center Community Outreach
Participation with the Los Angeles Catholic Worker on various projects, Downtown Women's Shelter in food and clothing drives
Coordination with St. Monica Parish of Santa Monica on a restorative justice project to visit gang members detained at Camp Miller facility in Malibu

Santa Barbara Pastoral Region

World Vision
PUEBLO (CCHD funded group)
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Coalition for Non-Violence
Community Faith Groups
Alliance with local police
Sidewalk counseling in front of Planned Parenthood Clinic
Chamber of Commerce
Rotary Clubs
Ministerial Association
Interfaith projects with Lutheran, Community Church & Bahai
Life Centers of Oxnard
Conejo Valley Winter Shelter
Emergency Food & Shelter Programs Local Board
Immigration Rights Training in collaboration with Ventura County CLUE
Parishioners involved in EFSP Board
Part of Winter shelter & meal program for Conejo Valley coordinated by Lutheran Social Service
ACTION
Pastor is on DVO (Downtown Ventura Organization) and was on BID (Business Improvement District) for improvement of downtown area- advocates for homeless

ADDENDUM 4

Activities for transforming unjust structures listed under response to question 4 on the survey:

OLA Pastoral Region

Working with One L.A. on the issue of mortgage adjustments
Green Dot Charter School - Open enrollment/Information Booths at the parish -- a great effort to improve the quality of public education
Health Care - free mammograms for low income women (at parish location)
Voting registration education - right to vote
Faithful citizenship campaign - educational resources provided for unjust/just initiatives
Affordable housing, forum on immigrant fights, citizenship application workshops
Participated on several rallies for immigration reform
Joined La Placita and Dolores Mission on two mile walk to Federal building while doing the stations of the cross
Host the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program which has college students preparing federal and state income tax returns for free to low-income residents
Theological Reflections enabling the pastor and lay leaders to have a better understanding of the needs of the community
Provide workshops on affordable housing and provide assistance in completion applications
Continue to promote environmental awareness through recycling
Participated in program dealing with trafficking
Housing initiative for the City of L.A.
Adoption of Croatian Orphanage, donation support and a few parishioners go to Croatia, and repair/improve orphanage building during the summer.

San Fernando Pastoral Region

Working with One L.A. on the issue of mortgage adjustments
Advocacy on Propositions 4 and 8
Letter writing opposing FOCA
Voter registration drive
OneLA's antifoeclosure campaign
On going advocacy against trash dumping in Sun Valley
Helping the poor to reduce energy bills, assisting housing project
Holy Land Crafts/ Encourage purchase used and of Fair trade Products

San Gabriel Pastoral Region

Working with One L.A. on the issue of mortgage adjustments

Held major symposium in 2010 on Immigration – community leaders attended
La Voice/PICO training for community leadership
The Alianza de Amor Ministry holds classes in social justice and issues related to immigration
Program to buy livestock for families in Africa; wheelchair drives (Knights of Columbus)
Met with the Community via YMCA; LA County office of the Sheriff to fight crime
Have signed petitions regarding right to life issues; FOCA campaign last fall
Youth ministry head many informational campaigns to inform the larger community. They have participated in anti-war rallies and provide information regarding social justice
Respect Life Committee organized FOCA campaign as well as helped organized an event for a local pregnancy center
Ecumenical Walk of Faith on Labor Day
Lenten Soup Meal Speakers,
Alternative Gift Market Sunday
OLA for Life: monthly information table and postcard promotion.
Thanksgiving dinner,
Day Labor dinner,
Support for Damien High School building projects in Tijuana, Mexico
St. Vincent dePaul support of parish in Mexico;
Creation of international charitable foundations:

- Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation – Haiti;
- Friends of Croix de Bouquet;
- NETW – Uganda;
- ViNA – Rwanda;

Interfaith Day of Prayer for Peace
Pomona Avla

San Pedro Pastoral Region

Yearly workshops focusing on the development of Parish Social Ministry in order to engage parishioners in transforming unjust structures
Workshop concerning rights of Immigrants
Regional meeting in San Pedro for all persons working in parish projects for justice and peace
Participated in community protests against proposed power plant within 1/2 mile of local high school
Ongoing activities with the Just Faith program through the Matthew 25 ministry have included the formation of a microloan program to help small business owners in the Watts community fund projects and economic literacy presentations
Community forums with guest speakers to inform the parish about issues of homelessness and the death penalty
Distribution about CCHD's Poverty Awareness month in January
Annual summer family movie series that promotes discussion of social justice awareness issues
An alternative gift market in November to promote and educate parishioners of Fair Trade during the holiday season. The parish now uses Fair Trade coffee in all of the parish facilities

Santa Barbara Pastoral Region

Recite rosary weekly in front of Planned Parenthood Clinic. Pro-life walks; collaboration with other parishes.

Since 2002 Youth Ministry has been involved in World Vision 30 hour famine. Proceeds go to feed & care for children to help tackle causes of poverty & injustice in third World countries.

Holding meetings for Pueblo (CCHD funded group)

Monthly immigration rights demonstrations.

Santa Maria Fighting Back - against methamphetamine use

Santa Maria Restorative Justice Task Force - parishioners are members

Restore Chapel Court Housing development for farm worker housing

October conducts 5 weeks of proposition advocacy + voter registration; in January conducted postcard campaign against FOCA, had guest speaker

Deanery 4 SJ Committee hosted Bishop Solis on immigration at St Mary Magdalen in Camarillo (with Deanery 3)

Parishioners involved with 10 year plan to end homelessness in Thousand Oaks; support affordable housing

Parishioners involved in ending homelessness

Advocacy & Education work with immigrants