

## The Peace and Justice Ministry

We at St. Vincent's parish aim to be a distinctly social justice church, heeding the call of Matthew 25 to care for the most vulnerable and forgotten. The call of justice, however, goes beyond just care of those in need. It requires us to act against the forces and structures that create that need to begin with.

The P&J Ministry was created in the early 1980s. Originally, it was named the Peace Ministry. Some of the original members were Bernadette Cronin-Geller, Joe Shane, Jim Lafferty, and Tom Weir. Its original intent was for St. Vincent's to declare itself a nuclear free zone. Later, the Ministry was renamed Peace and Justice to address issues around welfare. It led to our forming a sister relation with Los Anonas parish in El Salvador and more recently led to the sign out front declaring **Black Lives Matter**. Some of our recent work has been in collaboration with kindred ministries at Holy Cross and Our Mother of Consolation. These efforts continue to this day signaling what new social injustices require our attention.

If you feel called to this mission, please join us.

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