

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 2019

St. Joseph the Worker Social Justice Ministry

Special Points of Interest:

- *Building relationships between ministries at St. Joseph the Worker*
- *Building relationships with faith and community groups in Richmond and Metro Vancouver*
- *Inviting and engaging all parishioners to actions of charity and social justice*
- *Organized and coordinated dozens of events engaging approx. 160 different parishioners*

FIRST STEPS

Listening Circles

- Invited all ministries involved in charity/ social justice to participate
- Learned about the work of the ministries and their successes/struggles, and facilitated interaction among ministries
- Identified and discerned on what issues are important to the parish, and developed priorities

Ministry Fair

- Organized a charity/ social justice ministry fair as a result of listening circles
- Promoted parish awareness of the work of the ministries (MVA, ST. VdP, Refugee, CWL, KoC, Soc. Justice)
- Opportunity for volunteer recruitment/ parish engagement



Display at the Ministry Fair

EDUCATION AND FIRST ACTIONS

CST Workshops

- Coordinated with Faith Formation
- Given to PREP catechists, RCIA team and participants, CWL and other parishioners

Shoreline Clean-up

- Involved approx. 20 parishioners aged 2+ in a shoreline clean up at W. Dyke Road & Williams
- Collected 100's of pieces/several lbs. of garbage/debris which were properly recycled and disposed of
- Raised awareness of our Christian responsibility to care for creation

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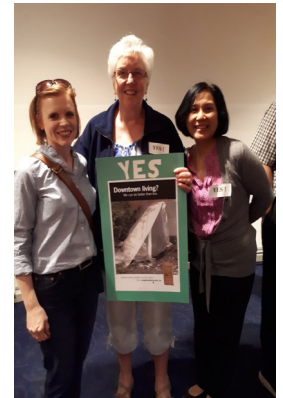
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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN RICHMOND

Temporary Modular Housing

- Took an active role in the campaign for City Council to approve 40 units of supportive housing in Richmond
- Worked with many faith and community groups under the Richmond United for Supportive Housing (RUSH) coalition
- Organized a petition-signing and letter-writing campaign in the gathering space
- Attended information focus groups and panel discussion with stakeholders; organized a St. Joe’s delegation to attend City Council public meetings
- Involved over 50 parishioners (CWL, Youth Ministry, PREP Catechists, greeters, etc.) in the campaign
- Raised awareness of the issue of homelessness in Richmond



In Richmond Council Chambers

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

St. Alban’s Community Meal

- Involved over 30 parishioners to serve and clean up at Tuesday community meals on a regular basis
- Connected with other faith groups and with the community
- Provided parishioners the opportunity to come together for hands-on community service
- Worked with various ministries (CWL, Lay Franciscans, etc.) by offering them outreach opportunities

Richmond Food Bank

- Involved over 20 parishioners (Soc. Justice, Youth in Action) to sort out and distribute grocery items to clients of the Food Bank 4 times

“There were smiles and gratitude of having a decent meal. It was my joy to serve and seeing Christ in each of them”
-Parishioner serving at Richmond Baptist

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY CON’T

Richmond Baptist Community Meal and Grocery Distribution

- Involved over 45 parishioners to prepare, serve and clean up at community meals, and sort out and distribute grocery items every Saturday
- Connected with other faith groups and with the community
- Provided parishioners the opportunity to come together for hands-on community service
- Worked with various ministries (RCIA, Lay Franciscans, Couples for Christ, etc.) by offering them outreach opportunities



Preparing Meals at Richmond Baptist

SUPPORTING THE PARISH



*Display from the 2018
Fall Fair*

Fall Fair

- Hosted a table at the fair to promote our work as a ministry
- Offered outreach opportunities to parishioners
- Partnered with 10,000 villages to promote & sell fair trade goods

- Encouraged parishioners to sign postcards for Parliament to fund Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy

Friends and Families of St. Joe's

- Mobilized volunteers from our ministry list to serve and clean up

at Parish Breakfast and Lunch events

St. Vincent de Paul

- Soc. Justice team members helped with food/toy/grocery voucher distribution at Reason for the Season event

ACHIEVEMENTS

Overall:

- Almost 60 parishioners are on our regular volunteer list
- Involved a total of over 160 parishioners in the work of the ministry
- Engaged parishioners and ministries in new charity and social justice opportunities on a sustained basis
- Actively encouraged new parishioners & RCIA participants to

be involved. They are able to meet other parishioners and become involved in the community.

- Worked with, and built long-term and sustainable relationships with, faith & community outreach groups in Richmond and Metro Vancouver
- Promoted inter-ministry collaboration with those involved in charity/

social justice (CWL, KoC, Refugee, Pro-life, Youth in Action, SVdP, MVA) and other ministries (Youth Ministry, Couples for Christ, RCIA, PREP Catechists, Lay Franciscans, Friends and Families of St. Joe's, etc.)

*"If you want peace,
work for justice"*
-Pope Saint Paul VI

*"We who have a voice
must speak for the
voiceless"*
-Saint Oscar Romero



*Petition for
Supportive Housing*



*Serving meals
at Richmond
Baptist*

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Serving meals at St. Alban's

Our Vision

A Christ centered response and caring to achieve justice and deliver mercy for all

Our Mission

Taking its cue from the long history of Catholic Social Teaching, St. Joseph the Worker Social Justice Ministry is a Christ centered response to issues of justice and mercy in our parish, local and global communities through advocacy and action.

We Value

Justice for all

Respect and integrity

Advocacy to realize equity

2019 GOALS

Looking forward to 2019:

- Build capacity to sustain and expand the ministry's work in the long-term
- Leadership development to grow the team
- Encourage volunteers to take an active role in the ministry
- Engage more parishioners and ministries in the St. Alban's, Richmond Baptist and Richmond Food Bank
- outreach
- Look for new social justice opportunities (Richmond Poverty Response Coalition, Citizens for Public Justice, etc.)
- Promote awareness of global social justice issues (Development & Peace)
- CST workshop for Soc. Justice volunteers
- Sponsor community meals in partnership with other faith groups, and research on hosting a community meal
- Organize another shoreline clean-up
- Continue to build connections with parishioners, ministries and the school, and offer outreach opportunities to them
- Choose opportunities and projects that are concrete and achievable, listening to the parishioners to see



*St. Joseph the Worker's
youth at the Richmond
Food Bank*

what their interests/ concerns are. Continue to use the organizing methods of the Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)