

Holy Spirit Social Justice Committee  
Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 5:30 PM  
Holy Spirit Parish House

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Discussion Items:

1. Opening Prayer
  
2. Comforting the Immigrant

Nothing new on immigration reform

Meeting for legislation for immigrants to qualify for a special license. Cal trans building in Oakland tomorrow.

3. Feeding the Hungry - Paul - Redwood Food Bank, 60+ sign up for free box of nutritional food. Make it available to seniors we interact with. Special store at the new food bank for seniors to get food. Out near airport; people carpool.

Board meeting on Monday. Will change food distribution to make it more equitable. Provide larger families with more food, singles with less.

4. Sheltering the Homeless - Redwood Gospel Mission helping to clear out the downtown area to keep homeless from urinating and defecating in and around the visitors' center. Redwood Mission is really trying to help mitigate the issues. They will move to Sebastopol Road soon. Memorial Hospital now has coded

doors because homeless were finding ways into the hospital for the bathroom and beds.

Large increase of homeless in SR right now. Seasonal? We treat them well here, so they come here. We have a lot of programs to help homeless.

Ordered more 2-1-1 cards, will follow up on the order.

Any women's shelters specifically? Wait list at Catholic Charities. Shortage of beds for the homeless.

Carol-Family Support Center has 31 rooms, not all sponsored by churches. There are ten rooms sponsored by churches. St. Phillip and St. Teresa, St. Eugene's has two rooms, and other denominations.

Last family left and a new family is in on an emergency basis. They purchased two new mattresses.

People who want to donate clothes can bring them to the center or to the Re-Style Marketplace, near G&G market on West College. There are regular tours, must set up in advance. Set up a tour by calling Rebecca Kendall, 528-8712.

Carol Kempton is local Family Support Center contact, 542-5427.

Crossing Jordan is a longer term program who may have had substance abuse and/or experience in human trafficking.

Call 2-1-1, YWCA, Salvation Army.

Catholic Charities Family Support Center short \$400K. Federal Government cut their funding. In the annual campaign you can specify where you want your money to go.

5. Visiting the Prisoner – Get on the Bus two weeks ago. Soledad visit. The one family from Santa Rosa backed out, but John did attend. He saw remarkable reunions between dads and children. Provided with games, ice breakers. Total of about 20 people on a bus. (80 inmates in total spent time with their families.) Must figure out how to target the busses better. Parallel program, Chowchilla Express, is not doing the program next year. They were underbid, and the new company may be unprepared to complete the task.

6. Protecting the Vulnerable – Ken thanked Bill and Mary for the delicious lunch. They brought information from Sonoma County Elder Abuse project. There is a large packet. They would like a month advanced notice. Program is organized by elderly people, will come in, coordinate, and put on a program for the whole parish.

Also, Bill passed out a UC Irvine study on elders, devoted to 90+ active adult population.

Holy Spirit senior group fell apart, but there are a lot of older people. It's

important to get the approval of the new priest and then we can move forward. In late fall, maybe November, host a meeting/presentation/social event. (make signs, stuff bulletin, publicize well, so there's a large turn out). Do we want to invite other faith communities? It's a good idea.

Durable Power of Attorney, advanced health care directive, information should also be handed out. Should be updated every couple of years. Also, bring it to you if you take a trip. Entire medical record can be put on a thumb drive for you to take on a trip with you.

Families looking into nursing homes: 26 page nursing home checklist from Kaiser  
Professional Caregiver Interview form  
Attendant care resource list; home bathing nursing provider, etc. guidelines for hiring help. From social services at Kaiser.

More financial abuse than physical; more subtle and difficult to identify. Also psychological abuse.

[www.agis.com](http://www.agis.com) is a resource.

#### 7. Informing the Uninformed

Make a sign for the front door. Announce meeting at mass.

8. Assisting the sick - add this category to our list

9. Visiting the lonely -

Eucharist to the homebound, offer visiting too.

John Storm