

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of Peace, Justice & Integrity of Creation is to move the work of justice through education, advocacy and action rooted in our Sister of Charity charism which calls us to be agents of change.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead



TAKE ACTION!

- ◇ Call for an international immediate effort to stop the ongoing genocide in **DARFUR** and **CONGO!**
- ◇ Call to implement a plan for responsible withdrawal of our military men and women serving in **IRAQ** and **AFGHANISTAN**.
- ◇ Call for U.S ratification of CEDAW (U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against **WOMEN**.)
- ◇ Call for urgent action on **EARTH CHARTER**.
- ◇ Call Congress persons to redirect resources to meet **HUMAN NEEDS** at home and in developing nations.
- ◇ Call for change in unjust **IMMIGRATION** policies and unfair trade agreements.

Call or E-mail:

Sen. Sherrod Brown: 202-224-2315
Web: <http://brown.senate.gov>

Sen. Rob Portman: 202-224-3353
Web: <http://portman.senate.gov>

Cong. Steve Chabot: 202-225-2216
Web: <http://www.house.gov/chabot/>

Cong. Jean Schmidt: 513-791-0381
Web: <http://www.house.gov/schmidt/>

For persons outside of the Cincinnati area contact your senators and representatives at www.senate.gov or www.house.gov.

For More Information, Contact:

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PRIORITIES

Five issues have been identified as priorities of the congregation:

- ◇ Earth
- ◇ Women in Church and Society
- ◇ Active Nonviolence
- ◇ Political and Church Systems
- ◇ Anti-Racism



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

WHO WE ARE

Established in April 2004, the Office of Peace, Justice & Integrity of Creation has a coordinator, administrative assistant, advisory board and committees dedicated to specific issues.

Louise Akers, SC, Coordinator

Louise Lears, SC, Leadership Liaison

Advisory Board

Barbara Busch, SC

Peggy Deneweth, SC

Barbara Huber, SC

Mary Ann Humbert, SC

Joanie Schaffer, Associate

Terry Thorman, SC

Vicki Welsh, Associate

Rita Wesseling, Associate

Mary Ellen Williams, Associate

Louise Akers, SC, D. Min.

Sister Louise presents numerous workshops, courses and reflection days on justice issues. Past ministries include justice education and advocacy in high school and university levels. Her justice ministry also included parish coordinator in the Archdiocesan Social Action Office of Cincinnati, founder and coordinator of Cincinnati's Inter-community Justice and Peace Center, and social concerns director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Within these three roles, S. Louise initiated experiential education for parishes, educators and those in leadership roles. International experiences include: Malawi-Africa, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico, Cuba, Czech Republic, East/West Germany, Italy, Spain and France.

WHAT WE DO

- ◇ Offer presentations and programs pertaining to peace, justice and integrity of creation
- ◇ Support and promote groups working for peace, justice and integrity of creation
- ◇ Provide educational resources and materials related to priority issues: earth, women in church and society, active nonviolence, political and church systems, and anti-racism
- ◇ Work for legislative change in policies that harm human rights and earth

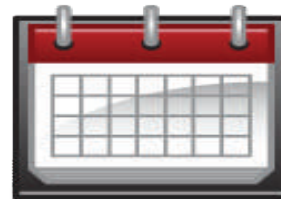


GET CONNECTED!

Please visit our
Web site at

www.srcharitycinti.org/opjic.htm
to browse our information including:

- ◇ Peace and Justice—mission statement and priorities
- ◇ About Us—Staff, Advisory Board and Speaker's Bureau
- ◇ United Nations—Non-Governmental Organization Representative for the Sisters of Charity Federation
- ◇ Congregational Stands—the Sisters of Charity public statements on justice concerns; e.g. War, Death Penalty, Immigration, Congo
- ◇ Action Alerts—updated information on Darfur, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, Immigration, and Congo
- ◇ Related Links—listing of Cincinnati, national and international organizations committed to human rights and the environment
- ◇ Calendar of Events—current opportunities to become involved and/or develop awareness of particular concerns



SAMPLING OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Alternative World Views

Annual Mary of Magdala Prayer Service

Catholic Social Teaching/Issues

Climate Change

Immigration

Political Agendas and Gospel Values

Violence Against Women

Women in the Church

COLLABORATION

Local Groups

Coalition for the Homeless

Contact Center

Dayton Peace Museum

Drop Inn Center

EarthConnection

Franciscan Peace and Justice Office

Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati

Our Daily Bread

Peaslee Neighborhood Center

Su Casa

The Women's Connection

Wilmington College Peace Resource Center

Working in Neighborhoods (WIN)

Xavier University Program for Peace and Justice

National/International Groups

Call to Action

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice

Center of Concern

Comboni Missionaries

Future Church

Leadership Conference of Women Religious

National Conference for Catechetical Leaders

NETWORK, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby

Quixote Center

Women's Freedom Forum

Women-Church Convergence

Links:

www.srcharitycinti.org/opjic/links.htm