SPECIAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- IHM Parish has two twinning partners. We began twinning with Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Stanton, KY in May, 2010.
  Contact Judy O'Brien
  IHM has been twinning with Cultural Center of Batahola Norte, Managua, Nicaragua Since January, 2000.
  Contact Sue Keefe

- Join the Child Protection Team to end child abuse and protect our children.
  Contact Kathy Weyer

- Leadership Empowerment and Faith Formation Program (LEAFF). IHM has partnered with Holy Name & Church of the Resurrection parishes to promote and support leadership and faith formation.

Social Ministries Commission

Social Ministries Commission Mission

To encourage, support, and demonstrate the Christ-like servant leadership of IHM parish members in their efforts through prayer, advocacy, education and financial and material support of those in need.

For more information:

Mike Schneider, Chairperson
231-4281
Tom Monaco, Vice Chairperson
943-9462
Formation Office 388-4093

For others listed in this brochure, please check your Parish Directory.

Attend Social Ministry Meetings
First Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m.
in the IHM School Library.

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Becoming Active in Justice & Social Action 2011-2012

We Welcome Your Involvement

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

- **Coin Collection** – All coins in weekly collection go to local charities.
- **Food From the Heart** – Bring non-perishable food items to Mass on the weekend before the 3rd Monday of each month. Donations go to the SEM Food pantry.
- **School House Collection – August 6-7, 2011** School supplies for needy children.
- **Coat Collection – October 8-9, 2011** New, or nearly new coats for the needy.
- **Giving Tree – December 3-4, 2011** Take a tag and bring a gift for various charities and needy families.
- **Undee Sunday – January 21-22, 2012** Collection of underwear & socks goes to local charities
- **Baby Shower –May 12-13, 2012.** Bring baby items on Mother's Day. Donated to local agencies serving parents.
- **Christmas in July – July 9-10, 2011.** Take a tag and bring a gift for various charities and needy families.
- **Use Designated Collections Envelopes** St. Vincent de Paul on 5th Sunday and Bundle Sunday Collections in the fall and spring.

Special collections for the Retirement Fund for Religious, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Mission Sunday, Peter's Pence, and Bishop's Overseas Relief Collection.

ADVOCACY / MISSION / CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

- **Sunday Social Issue Forums, Promoting Catholic Social Teaching – Sanctify of Life Series:** 3/1/12 – Fr. Mike Seger (End of Life Issues), 2/28/12, Sr. Helen Prejean, SJ (Dead Man Walking Revisited)
- **Mission Trip -** Join our yearly trip June 7-14, 2012 to the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte in Managua, Nicaragua
- **½ Day Mission Trip Workshop** May 12, 2012 in Holy Family.
- **Expand Your Spirit -** Treat yourself to Social Justice 101. The ***Journey to Justice Retreat*** will be held March 3-4, 2012,
- **Pledge of Non-Violence -** In a tradition begun in 1988, IHM has pledged to be a non-violent community. Pledge on Oct. 1-2, 2011 & use the pledge at home in prayer.
- **Empowerment Fund -** Established in 1988, IHM donates 1% of the weekly offering to empower people. For guidelines or to submit a request, contact John & Barbara Szucsik.
- **Respect Life** deals with promotion & education of the parish & community in respecting life. Contact Jane Elfers.
- **Respect Life Memorial Service/Mass** TBA. **Respect Life Cemetery of the Innocents** March 3-16, 2012
- **Archdiocese Social Action Collaborative –** IHM is one of 30 parishes in the archdiocese working on selected issues each year. 2011-2012 issues are abolishing the death penalty, contact Arelys Madero; and immigration , contact Jim Burridge.
- **Environmental Stewardship -** This committee is working on all issues of protecting the earth. Contact Bruce Berno.
- **Free Store Food Bank/Kraft Mobile Food Pantry**, October 1, 2011. Interparish Ministry joint effort with IHM Parish as outreach for people in need.

STANDING WITH THE POOR

- **Interfaith Hospitality Network –** IHM joins Anderson Hills Methodist Church in housing and feeding homeless families. Families come every 6 weeks and stay one week at A. H. Methodist church and IHM assists with meals, homework, fellowship and overnight helpers for each evening. Contact Jeannine Blatt.
- **Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen –** IHM volunteers to **serve on the 4th Sunday of Feb., April, Aug., & October.** To serve as a worker or donor of food. Contact Andrea Montague.
- **City Gospel Mission Soup Kitchen** IHM volunteers serve on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month Contact Marie Monaco.
- **Annual Multicultural Mass:** October 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Mass
- **Project Education for Batahola**: Contact Melissa Auvil, Bob & Sharon Sanker, Mary Pommert or Jim Vorwald for information on sponsoring students from Cultural Center of Batahola Norte.
- **Living a Faith that Does Justice Dinner:** February 6, 2012, West Heritage
- **Child Protection Team:** ***Stewards of Children Worshop*** – Nov. 30, 2011 & April 18, 2012 in W Heritage, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- **Garage Sale for Batahola & OLM:** April 28, 2012
- **Get Down with Batahola & OLM Dance: M**ay 5, 2012, 8:00-11:30 p.m. in Gym
- **Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate** sold the 2nd weekend of each month, after masses.
- **Social Ministries Retreat:** Jan. 7, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon