

Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



JPIC Update New Year 2011

Animating and Organising
- Turning Concern into Action

In conjunction with Westminster and Brentwood diocese we have organised a one day seminar entitled "Starting Justice & Peace from the Grassroots" which will be run by the team from RE:generate

RE:generate is an innovative force for motivating Community Organising and Animating. Over the last 20 years RE:generate has informed the thinking of 100s of organisations in Britain. Animating and organising builds networks of customers, clients, volunteers, listeners, social entrepreneurs and activists who will transform their communities for good.

Nottingham diocese Justice & Peace have been using RE:generate for their work, this is the report from their web site: *"Expectations that the day would skill and enthuse the people who attended were born out as Julia Olsen RE:generates Development Officer and Stephen Kearney the Chief Exec facilitated the days workshops in such a way that everyone was led to see and reflect on how participation can be built by listening. In every community there are undiscovered leaders and people whose ideas and hopes can bear fruit in social action"*.

The date is **January 26th from 11am to 4pm**, the venue the excellent and recently refurbished Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral SE1 which is close to Lambeth North, Elephant & Castle and Waterloo stations and served by many bus routes.

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided and we are suggesting a donation of £10 per head towards the costs of the day.

I hope as many as possible will attend. To book a place please contact office@southwarkjandp.co.uk or phone 020 7928 9742 and leave a message.

Urgent Need to Educate Laity
in Church Social Doctrine

The Pope sent a Message to Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, to mark that body's plenary assembly which was held in Rome in November. The assembly focussed on how the Encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" had been received in various communities.

"Only with charity, supported by hope and illuminated

by the light of faith and reason, is it possible to achieve the goals of the integral liberation of man and universal justice", the Holy Father wrote.

Referring to the "fundamental problems affecting the destiny of peoples and of world institutions, as well as of the human family", which are examined in "Caritas in veritate", Benedict XVI pointed out that social and national inequalities "have by no means disappeared. ... Co-ordination among States - which is often inadequate because, rather than aiming to achieve solidarity, it aims only at a balance of power - leaves the field open to renewed inequalities, to the danger of the predominance of economic and financial groups which dictate - and intend to continue to do so - the political agenda at the expense of the universal common good".

The Holy Father stressed the urgent need "for commitment to educating Catholic laity in Church social doctrine". Lay Catholics "must undertake to promote the correct ordering of social life, while respecting the legitimate autonomy of worldly institutions".

"A profound understanding of the social doctrine of the Church is of fundamental importance, in harmony with all her theological heritage and strongly rooted in affirming the transcendent dignity of man, in defending human life from conception to natural death and in religious freedom. ... It is necessary to prepare lay people capable of dedicating themselves to the common good, especially in complex environments such as the world of politics".

The Pope concluded his Message by expressing the hope that the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace may continue "to prepare fresh 'aggiornamenti' of Church social doctrine". In order to globalise this doctrine, he writes, "it may be appropriate to create centres and institutions for its study, dissemination and implementation throughout the world".

"In collaboration with others, seek more effective ways to transmit the contents of social doctrine, not only in the traditional itineraries of Christian formation and education of all kinds and at all levels, but also in the great centres where world thought is forged - such as the organs of the lay press, universities and economic and social study centres - which in recent times have come into being in every corner of the earth". (VIS)

Peace Sunday 16th January - 2011

The theme for 44th World Day of Peace message by Pope Benedict XVI is **Religious freedom - the path to peace**. There is a link to the full text of the Holy Father's Peace day message at www.paxchristi.org.uk

The theme aims to raise awareness about the need for respect and dialogue between religions to build trust, unity and peace. The day offers an opportunity to build on the work of our own Bishops' Conference document, *Meeting God in Friend and Stranger* published April 2010.

Please let people know about Peace Sunday. A simple notice in the parish newsletter or a mention at Mass would be ideal. Posters and cards are available from Pax Christi.

Please also see if your parish could take a collection to support the work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace. At this time last year,

in support of the earthquake victims in Haiti, some parishes took a collection for CAFOD rather than for Pax Christi so our support for the work of Pax Christi this year is even more necessary.

19th January marks the start of Christian Unity Week with the theme *One in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread* (cf Acts 2.42) www.ctbi.org.uk

BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for January 2011 is: "That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society".

His mission intention is: "That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel".

January 14th SMK 'Introduction to Campaigning'

An introductory level campaign workshop is for individuals and voluntary organisations to be held at CVA Resource Centre, 82 London Road, West Croydon, CR0 2TB from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm. To book your place e-mail Mustafa Korel mustafa.korel@smk.org.uk or contact our office. Cost is £10 per individual. Lunch and refreshments are provided on the day.

January 16th- The Compassionate Mind

Professor Paul Gilbert, University of Derby, author of the Compassionate Mind, has an interest in how we can counteract this trend and build more compassionate societies. In this workshop he will explore the impact of kindness and present a model for understanding compassion. 10.30 to 3.30 at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace, 78 Bishopsgate., London EC2N 4AG £25 (£10 concession) Simple lunch provided. marianne@stethelburgas.org

January 19th - Big Society – what does it mean for the church'

Does the Big Society offer churches new opportunities for practical action in our communities and neighbourhoods, for mission and transformation? Where does community organising fit? Will churches end up picking up the pieces? Meet with those at the forefront of the debate and action. 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. (buffet lunch provided). at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, Southwark SE1 To book e-mail john.beaumont@southwark.anglican.org

January 21st Peace One Day - UNA Putney & Roehampton

Filmmaker Jeremy Gilley will talk about this international movement which he launched in 1999 .7.30 pm. at The Community Church Hall, Werter Road (opposite Sainsburys), Putney, London SW15 2LL Contact: Rob Storey 020 3072 0087 or 07776 356 334 - storeyrw@aol.com

January 22nd - One law for the rich - No Law for the Poor. Defend Legal Aid

2 pm - 4 pm A public meeting organised by Kent Refugee Help to raise awareness of the damage to asylum appeals being caused by draconian cuts to legal aid. At St Georges Baptist Church Hall, St Georges Place, Canterbury CT1 1UT For more in formation contact: Kate Adams – mobile: 07826 395433, Email: kadams314@hotmail.com

January 23rd – Campaign Against Arms Trade meeting.

Bringing together groups and individuals interested in taking action against the DSEi arms fair in September 2011. 2pm till 4pm in Friends Meeting House in Euston to book a place or for more information contact Anne-Marie O'Reilly 0207 281 0297 www.caat.org.uk

January 29th - February 6th Poverty & Homelessness Action Week

The theme is 'Who Counts?' - The 2011 will probably not count 'hidden homeless' and destitute asylum-seekers. www.actionweek.org.uk

If you do not have internet access the office will always be happy to print and post any materials referred to in our newsletters and updates and book places at events.