

Faith & Justice October Newsletter

Prison Ministry

St. Thomas More is working with the Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry to collect underwear and socks for inmates who are in need of clothing. The Camden Jail provides the jumpsuits for the inmates, but not the underwear.



Many of the incarcerated have no money and no family or friends to provide the underwear. Also some come in with underwear in such a condition that it must be disposed of. Therefore there is nothing to give them upon release. What is needed is White Crew socks for men and women. For females – white sports bras and white briefs. For males – white tee shirts and white boxers. All sizes are needed. Drop off at the Faith & Justice Display in the Gathering Space --- Place in the basket provided. See the attached flyer.

Knights of Malta Pen Pal Program is also available. If you're interested or have questions, email us stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com. We're thinking of forming a support group for this important work.

Diocese Hunger for Justice Event - October 22, 9-2 pm, Church of the Holy Family Acquin Center, 226 Hurffville Road, Sewell

Exploring hunger in our country and our world and long term solutions. Entrance fee: non-perishable food item to support the food bank. Registration closes on October 14 <https://camdendiocese.org/hfj>. See the attached flyer.

The logo for "CHOOSE LIFE" features the word "CHOOSE" in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font above the word "LIFE" in a much larger, bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

October is Right to Life Month

Every October the USCCB considers more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Read about at <https://www.usccb.org/events/2022/respect-life-month>. For example, for Moms in Need, there is a short reflection which connects our personal call as Christians to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy with care for moms and respect for life.

Refugee Families

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to work with Catholic Charities to assist Refugee families with their food related needs. Three families no longer need assistance because they returned to work from an illness or found new employment. Each of these families are so grateful for the help they received in their brief time of need. Most refugee families are one illness or brief unemployment away from poverty. Currently, St.VdeP is assisting two Afghan families who recently came to the

US. One family got the name of an Afghan man in Sicklerville and asked him for help. He did not know them but took them into his own home until he found them a place to rent. They are a family of 7 (5 children - 4 are in school and one is a pre-schooler). None speak English. The father lost his vision in one eye. They come from a very remote part of Afghanistan and have a big adjustment to life in the US. ***Matthew 25:31-40 "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."***



Presentation on the "All Africa Conference—Sister to Sister"
Thursday November 3rd at 7:00PM—Parish Meeting Room

Sister Rosemary Jeffries is the executive director of the All-Africa Conference: Sister to Sister" (AAC:SS) which was formed in 2002. The African women religious expressed to the North American Sisters their need for assistance in addressing the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Shortly after 2002 a meeting was held and the African Sisters themselves suggested creating the All-Africa Conference to empower women religious in Africa through education, training, and networking.

Sister Rosemary in her presentation will explain how this Conference functions, and share the mission and goals of the Conference which has enriched Religious Sister from both Continents.