

Youth for Life, Justice and Peace

Ideas to promote and support life and to preserve the dignity of: the unborn, pregnant women, mothers and babies, immigrants and refugees, the mentally ill, the indigent, the aged, the homeless, the imprisoned, and the dying.

Helping the unborn, pregnant women, mothers and babies promotes respect for the value and dignity of human life from conception and shows how abortion is never an option. Sponsor a project such as a diaper drive, baby food drive and baby shower and then donate the proceeds to an organization which focuses on helping mothers. The youth minister calls before hand and asks them to explain the work they do to the youth.

- **The Gabriel Project** - parish-based crisis pregnancy intervention. Call 713-225-5826.
- **Casa de Esperanza de Los Niños, Inc.** - homes for children in crisis situations due to abuse and neglect and the HIV/AIDS virus. Call 713-529-0639.
- **Casa Juan Diego** - Houston Catholic Worker - house of hospitality for immigrant refugees, women and Spanish-speaking battered or pregnant women. Call 713-869-7376.
- **Magnificat House** - serving the homeless and the long-term mentally ill. Founded on the belief that all people should be treated with dignity and that everyone deserves a place to call home. Call 713-526-9231.
 - + **Our Lady of Divine Providence** - residence for families
 - + **Emmanuel** - crisis center for infants and children to seven years. Licensed facility for infants and children whose mothers are incarcerated or in special need. Call 713-529-4231.
 - + **Bethany House** - for women with AIDS and their children.
 - + **Susanna** - residence for women with children
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - offers food, shelter, clothing, etc. to those in need. Sixty-nine parishes have active conferences. Call 713-741-8234.
 - + **St. Vincent de Paul Village** – Provides exceptional housing over 1 ½ years for those who qualify with services to help residents return to work and self sufficiency. For Social Services, call 281-447-3511; for Housing call 281-931-1972
- **Covenant House, Texas** - temporary crisis shelter for teens under 21, many are runaways, throwaways, drug users, and prostitutes. Call 713-523-2231.

- **Villa de Guadalupe** - Associated Catholic Charities - transitional residence serving women and their children. In addition to housing, it provides counseling and self-reliance by teaching budgeting skills and financial responsibility. Call 713-227-9981.
- **St. Joseph Inn** - Associated Catholic Charities - temporary and safe refuge for children from infant to eight years in Galveston. Call 409-765-5343.

Helping the aged, the mentally ill, and the dying promotes the value of life however difficult the situation the person is in and demonstrates the futility and dehumanization of euthanasia. Adopt a near-by nursing home or hospice and visit the residents on a regular basis or collect towels, toothbrushes, etc. for the mentally ill and indigent.

- **Magnificat House** - serves the mentally ill, but is open to all who are in need. Call 713-529-4231 or 713-524-9231.
 - + **St. Joseph House** - center for job training units for the recovering mentally ill.
 - + **Opus Maria** - center for social adjustment programs for the recovering mentally ill.
 - + **Ave Maria, Bethany, Anawim** - residences for women.
 - + **Gamaliel, Emmaus, Maranatha** - residences for men.
 - + **Morning Star Hostel** - residence for men and women with AIDS
 - + **Miryam's Hostel** - overnight shelter for women. Call 713-224-1373
- **Diocesan Nursing Homes, Hospices and Residences** - visit the facility served by your parish or call the Office of Aging Ministry at 713-741-8712.

Helping the homeless, immigrants, refugees and the imprisoned promotes the inherent dignity and value of all human persons. Create toiletry boxes by collecting personal care and toiletry items for individual use, collect bibles and Catholic books and magazines in English and Spanish for distribution at correctional facilities.

- **Correctional Ministries** - Greatest need is volunteers to visit inmates. Call the jail office at 713-755-5326 or Fr. Ron Cloutier at 713-741-8732.
- **Special Youth Services** - Volunteer coordination for at-risk youth and juvenile detention. Call 713-741-8725.
- **Diocesan AIDS Ministry** - complete case management and counseling services and volunteer coordination in compassionate response to those affected by HIV/AIDS, including family and friends. Call 713-874-6650.

- **Unaccompanied Juvenile Foster Care Programs** - Associated Catholic Charities - temporary homes in the United States for youths 10-17 years running from strife in their homeland; in care until reunited with their family; part of service to refugees and immigrants. Call 713-526-4611 ext. 6425.
- **Our Daily Bread** - programs for the homeless of Galveston. Call 409-765-6972.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Village** - housing for 6-18 months for families with working parents. For Social Services, call 281-447-3511; for housing call 281-931-1972.
- **Wellsprings** - transitional residence in confidential location for homeless and/or abused women between ages 30-50 years capable of full-time employment. Call 713-529-6559.
- **Villa Guadalupe** - Associated Catholic Charities - transitional housing for homeless and battered women and their children. Call 713-227-9981.
- **Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.** - residential care, professional counseling and education for high risk women. Call 713-228-0125.
- **Centro Padre Jack Davis** - Houston Catholic Worker - residential care, professional counseling and education for immigrant men. Call 713-869-7376.