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Social Action

Mission Statement

To support communities of faith in our diocese in acting upon Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

Diocese of Davenport

The Two Feet of Social Justice

The Two Feet of Social Justice logo was the inspiration of Msgr. Marvin Mottet, the first director of the Social Action Department in the Diocese of Davenport.

While standing on a corner near Nazareth House (now Project Renewal) in central Davenport he conceived of



the idea of a Two Feet approach to social ministry.

This approach incorporated both social change and acts of charity. Msgr.

Mottet thought

that just as we need Two Feet to walk, an effective social ministry must include work to address root causes of injustice in society as well as acts of charity to address immediate needs. The Two Feet has become a symbol in many different dioceses, and organizations throughout the world to remind us that both feet of social action are necessary.

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Community and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Options for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

For a copy of the complete text of the *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching Challenges and Directions* in both English and Spanish please contact USCCB at 1-800-235-8722 or go to www.usccb.org/.

Social Action

If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day; if you teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.

Programs Supported by the Social Action Department

Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

- Internship Opportunities
- Iowa Institute for Social Action
- Leadership Development
- Oversees Antipoverty Initiatives
- U.S. Legislative Advocacy

Catholic Charities

- Disaster Relief
- Immigration Services
- Jail /Prison Ministry
- Parish Health Ministry
- Project Rachel Ministry

Catholic Relief Services

- Fair Trade
- Food Resource Bank
- Global Solidarity
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
- World Legislative Advocacy

Deanery Meetings

Faithful Citizenship

Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award

Pro-Life Activities

- End of Life Issues
- Life of the Unborn
- Promotion of Respect Life Campaign

Social Action Commission