



## Share the Cross 2022



During our Lenten journey, we can make a difference by "sharing the cross of Christ" in a personal way. Below is a *sample* of suggestions. More information will be in the bulletin during Lent. Select the cross of your choice as part of your Lenten journey. The following Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles lists ways in which we help those in need and build community at SJB. Due to COVID, we are limiting the actual crosses to be picked up after weekend Masses. Each week a specific cross will be highlighted. Crosses will be located near the exit doors in the rear of the church.

The crosses are color coded as follows:

**Call to Family & Community & Participation**

**Dignity of Life**

**Care for God's Creation**

**Solidarity**

**Yellow**

**Orange**

**Green**

**Purple**

### Call to Family & Community & Participation:

➤ *How can we participate together in Christ's mission?*

- Participate in the SJB Parish Food Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to benefit the St. Camillus' Food Pantries. Bring non-perishable food items to Knights of Columbus food collection the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Dry goods are preferred. If you have a question or need more information, please email Brian Murphy at [oliverb1960@gmail.com](mailto:oliverb1960@gmail.com).

*"While building up the Church in love, the Christian family places itself at the service of the human person and the world, really bringing about the 'human advancement' whose substance was given in summary form in the Synod's Message to families: 'Another task for the family is to form persons in love and also to practice love in all its relationships, so that it does not live closed in on itself, but remains open to the community, moved by a sense of justice and concern for others, as well as by a consciousness of its responsibility towards the whole of society'."*

— St. John Paul II, The Family in the Modern World (Familiaris Consortio), no. 64

### Dignity of Life:

- Help our formerly homeless veterans with move in supplies: Donate \$50 for a complete set of pots and pans, or a complete set of bed linens. Donate \$30 for a complete set of dishes and flatware. Contact Cynthia Norris at 301-622-1122.

*"In human society one man's natural right gives rise to a corresponding duty in other men; the duty, that is, of recognizing and respecting that right. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other."*

—St. John XXIII, Peace on Earth (Pacem in Terris), no. 30

## Solidarity:

- St. Pierre in Baradères, Haiti: Donate money to pay teacher salaries & provide lunches for our Secondary School students and teachers. Make checks payable to SJB and put Haiti Secondary School on the memo line. For more information, please visit our website [sjbssparish.org](http://sjbssparish.org).

*"The solidarity which binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another, and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist."*

—St. John XXIII, Mother and Teacher (Mater et Magistra), no. 157

## Care for God's Creation:

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. In conjunction with the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, the Archdiocese of Washington has launched a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan. This Action Plan is the work of the lay-led C4CC and the Archdiocesan Office of Social Concerns. The Plan offers strategies for individuals, parishes, schools, and other institutions to work toward protection of the earth, our common home, and all human life.

*"A Christian who does not protect creation, who does not let it grow, is a Christian who does not care about the work of God; that work that was born from the love of God for us," Francis continued. "And this is the first response to the first creation: protect creation, make it grow."*

*Pope Francis 2/9/15*