

Sunday Reflections and Social Ministry

Advent – 2009

For weekly bulletins, faith sharing groups, prayer at meetings, bible study, lectors,
breaking open the word, outreach actions...
anywhere the word of God calls us to act with compassion, justice, fairness, and love.

Community and Parish Partnerships

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November 29, 2009

“Do what is right and just in the land.” Jer. 33

Early in December, San Jose City Council will decide how to manage a state recall of funds from the Redevelopment Agency. An early proposal called for the whole amount to be taken from the funds designated for affordable housing. Catholic Charities staff spoke up at hearings to ask for a fair distribution of cuts from all programs rather than eliminating this one section. Catholic Charities **social policy agenda** is based on the needs of our clients, and affordable housing is one of five priority issues. www.catholiccharitiesscc.org

December 6, 2009

“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be leveled.” Luke 3

Low-income residents often have few resources to help them overcome obstacles, to level the playing field. **Catholic Charities Community Counseling** recently expanded their services. The low-cost counseling provides behavioral health care to families and individuals dealing with substance abuse, depression and other mental health issues as well as marriage and family counseling. www.catholiccharitiesscc.org

December 13, 2009

“Let the man with two coats give to him who has none.” Luke 3

“Live simply that others might simply live.” (St. Elizabeth Seton) This is the foundation of the **Catholic Charities Donation Station**. We welcome donations of household furnishings and items and personal items including clothing, diapers, backpacks and bicycles. To volunteer at the station during drop off hours, or to donate items contact donationstation@catholiccharitiesscc.org

December 20, 2009

“His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth: he shall be peace.” Micah 5

Every year thousands of children are separated from their families because of war. Those who survive, end up in Refugee Camps. They are alone. **Refugee Foster Parents** provide a home, a peaceful and hopeful refuge, for a teen age refugee. **Catholic Charities** provides a stipend for the foster family, tutoring and counseling for the teen, and a designated case manager. For information contact Coleen Higa, 408-325-5159, or refugeefostercare@catholiccharitiesscc.org



Catholic Social Teaching themes:

The Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation
Rights and Responsibilities, Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Solidarity

