

The True Fasting (Faith in Action) Campaign

When: February to April 2013

Target: Catholic Youth in Zimbabwe and Diaspora

AIM: To mobilise young people to ACT on their FAITH by practically engaging in works of charity and justice during the lent period.

“Empowered by the Spirit, and drawing upon faith's rich vision, a new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God's gift of life is welcomed.”

- Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day Homily, 2008

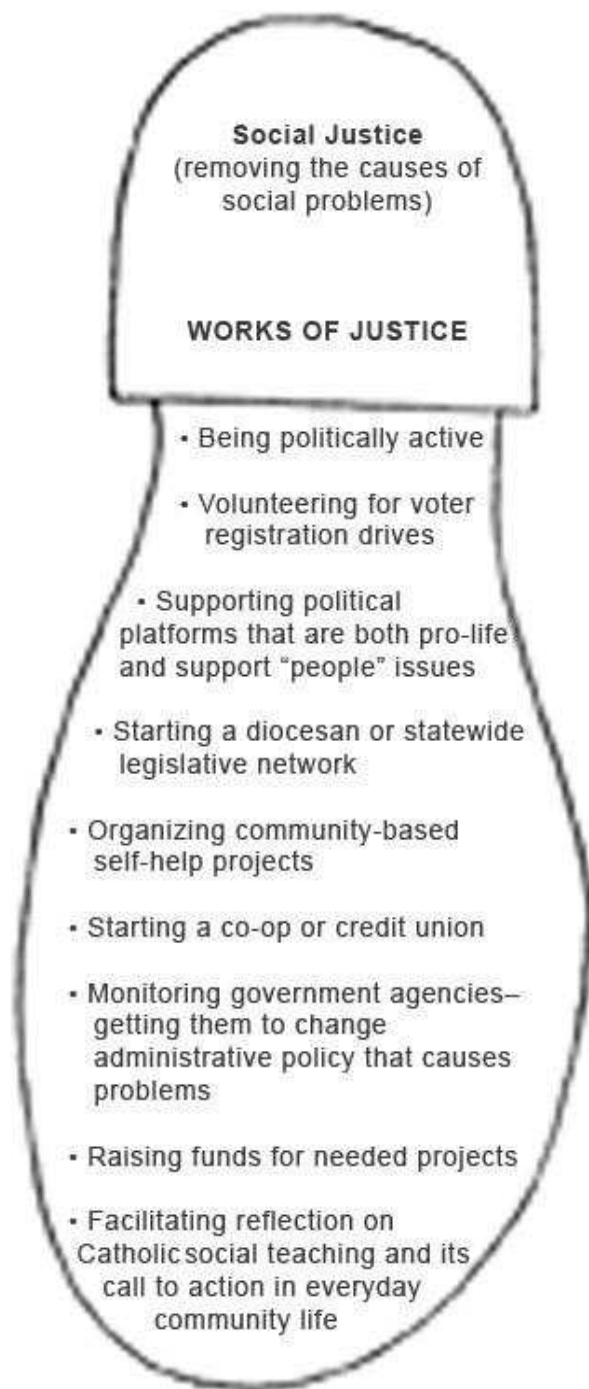


The Two Feet of Social Action

The various ways we can respond to the poverty we face in our society have been summarized by CCHD as “The Two Feet of Social Action.”

The left foot is charitable works, helping people survive their present crisis. When we lead with this foot we are providing food, clothing, shelter, and resources: sponsoring a poor child to go to school; helping to pay rent or other necessities; or helping people get access to public resources (Here clean water in Zimbabwe is becoming a serious issue especially in the high density areas).

The right foot is social justice/systemic change, working to remove the causes of the problems. When we lead with this foot we are working with people who are poor to secure decent jobs, organizing with them to be effective in the political arena or in getting businesses to treat them fairly, helping with voter registration drives, and getting government agencies to change policies that impede people who are poor from achieving their fair participation in government protections and assistance.



Create Awareness on following Social Justice Issues:

Domestic

- Poverty

- Economic Justice
- Citizenship
- Environment
- Family issues
- Health Care – HIV and AIDS
- Housing - Homelessness
- Political violence
- Human Rights Abuse

International

- Global Poverty
- Human Rights/Religious Liberty
- Global Trade
- War and Peace