



## JUSTICE AND PEACE PARISH CONTACTS

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

**The main task of a Justice and Peace Parish Contact is to provide a point of contact between your Parish and the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission.**

**This involves receiving the monthly Justice and Peace E-Bulletin and other communications relevant to peace and justice work for your parish or the Diocese as a whole, for which you need to be willing to give an email address (+ optional phone number) on which you can be contacted by the Commission.**

A list of the names of Justice & Peace Parish Contacts is published annually in the Diocese of Westminster Year Book (p167-8, 2022) and on the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission website. You will be invited to confirm annually in September whether or not you are continuing in the role.

Each parish is different, so activities and activity levels can vary extensively across parishes. We therefore encourage you to develop the role in the way that works best for you and for your parish.

Possible options might include:

- To encourage and support the involvement of the clergy and parishioners in prayer, action and reflection on peace and justice. *E.g. advertise Diary Dates in the parish newsletter; propose liturgy celebrations; organise groups to go to events together.*
- Gather more people around you to share responsibility for social justice and/or peace activity and serve as a link between the group and the Justice and Peace Commission. In some parishes this is an actual Justice & Peace Group, but in others the Justice & Peace Contact may be connected to other groups. *E.g. the Parish Council, a LiveSimply working group, a One World Group, CAFOD group, a Caritas project, SVP or Citizens UK.*
- To be aware of the work of groups working nationally and internationally on justice and peace and promote and connect to these where possible. *E.g. Caritas Westminster, CAFOD, Pax Christi, the National Justice and Peace Network, Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development.*
- To meet and network with other Parish Contacts and activists.
- To help foster the formation and engagement in social justice of others in the parish, especially children and young adults.
- Possible areas that might be covered under 'Justice & Peace' include: climate justice and the environment, racial justice, housing and homelessness, refugees and migrants, human rights, international development, beginning and end of life, poverty and unemployment, work and benefits, Fairtrade, ethical investment, equality and diversity, Israel-Palestine, ending the arms trade, nuclear disarmament and promoting peace, as well as the theology and spirituality of peace and justice.