



SOUPMOBILE

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

The SoupMobile is a "mobile" soupkitchen that was founded in 2003 on a wing and a lot of prayers. We are a faith based 501c3 non-profit charity that "Feeds and Shelters: people who are homeless in Dallas, TX. Our Mission Statement is three simple words, spoken by Jesus morae that 2,000 years ago: "FEED MY SHEEP."

SoupMobile has four primary Missions:

1. **Feeding the Homeless:** Annually we serve more that 200,000 hot , hearty and healthy meals to people who are homeless in Dallas, Texas. We are a "mobile" soupkitchen and take the food to people who are homeless, in area where they congregate.
2. **Sheltering the Homeless:** We have a modest transitional housing program called SoupMobile Village. The Village is a series of group homes which are designed to be "supportive housing." Each unit is specifically designed to take mend, women, or families who are homeless, off the streets and put a roof over their heads, help them get jobs and eventually return them as working, productive members of the community. Our housing program provides a "hand up" not a "hand out."
3. **Christmas for the Homeless:** Every Christmas and event calls "Celebrate Jesus," the SoupMobile takes 500 homeless men, women and families off the streets and put them up at the spectacular downtown Dallas Omni Hotel for Christmas. They all receive new clothes, fabulous gifts, lots of love and we hold a huge mega banquet for them and in their honor. Most important is that when our 500 homeless guests wake up on Christmas morning, its in a warm safe bed at the Omni, not in a cardboard box under a bridge somewhere. Mare than 2,500 volunteers come to help wih the event each year. Christmas volunteer sign-ups start November 1st each year at www.soupmobile.org
4. **Christ for the Homeless:** On November 1, 2015 we opened the doors to SoupMobile church. It's a "one of a kind" church. That's because at SouMobile Church the homeless are the "members " and when you and I attend we are their "guests." A revolutionary concept to be sure, but one that we think is long overdue. The homeless have NEVER had their own "home" church—UNTIL NOW! Every Sunday at 11:00am SoupMobile Church 2423 S Good Latimer Dallas, Texas 75215 is filled to capacity with our homeless members and guests from the community. The homeless have been called the largest un-evangelized population in the United States. We believe that Christ is for everyone—including the homeless! SoupMobile Church is non-denominational, but 100% Jesus based. In addition to the offer of Christ every week, the church also offers a wide variety of serviced, like Job skills training and hunting.

SoupMobile Motto: Only a life lived for others, is a life worthwhile!

Information for Seton Service Days event—Nov. 18, 2017 SSD coordinator—Jeri Phillips 214-695-2214

Seton Work site coordinator — _____ Volunteers: Check in at Seton Church at 8:00am, to get info about the day & Mass. Then, after Mass, head to Rm 116 in the Seton Faith Formation Center...finish about Noon. Service activity will be: shopping for and bagging up cookies, til about NOON

Things to bring: Wear your Seton Service Days T-shirt (*or get one at 8:00am check-in at the church*), comfortable "closed toed" shoes, refillable water bottle, lunch or snacks (*if desired*)

AND COOKIES TO DONATE TO THE CAUSE, if you can!!!

Seton Service Days — BEFORE... DURING... AFTER...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT and DISCUSSION with Group or Family

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world”

(St. Teresa of Avila)

Things to think about before you head to your worksite: Do I know who else is going to this site? Do we know what we are scheduled to do there? Have we exchanged info & planned a route? What things am I most excited about? What things am I a little anxious about?

Questions for Agency Representative: Who is served here? What do you do for people? How are you funded? What is your job? What part does our community play in your agency? What will we be doing today?

Things to think about while at the worksite: How am I different from the people we serve today?...How am I the same? What are some of the reasons that an agency like this is needed? Am I learning something new today?...information?...skill?

Things to talk about after the work is completed: What did we do today? Where did we see Christ today? What did we learn about ourselves today? To which of the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching did we make a connection today (*can be more than 1*)? Did what I do today make use of the gifts/strengths I have?...if not, what could I do differently next time? Is there anyway for me and other to help work toward eliminating the need for an agency like this (*advocacy*)? How can I continue to serve others (*direct action*)?... on my own? ... as a family?... as a faith community?... as a civic community?... as a global community?...

7 key themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and Episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we wish to highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. (This summary should only be a starting point...)

Life and Dignity of the Human Person – The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity for the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. We believe that every person is precious, that **people are more important than things**, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Call to Family, Community and Participation – The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. **We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society**, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Rights and Responsibilities – The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, **every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities**—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable – A basic moral test of a society, is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers – The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the **right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.**

Solidarity – We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. **We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.** Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

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.