

Lord, when did WE see?



hungry **thirsty**
a stranger **naked**
sick **in prison**

Amen I say to YOU,



...brethren?

Matthew 25 : 40

"Do we tend to stay closed in on ourselves, or do we let the Holy Spirit open us to mission?"

Pope Francis



How do I get started?

To make a donation to the Life & Justice Campaign, to obtain a grant application*, to volunteer your time and talent, or to simply learn more:

www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org

Mail:

Life & Justice Campaign
Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
PO Box 419037
Kansas City, MO 64141

peace **solidarity**
subsidiarity **respect**
dignity **thank YOU!**



* Applications must be received by Dec. 31 to be eligible for grants in the following year.



One holy, catholic and apostolic Church...



Respect Life Office • Human Rights Office

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to share our gifts.**



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What is the Life & Justice Campaign?

The Life & Justice Campaign is a program sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph Office of Life & Justice through which our faithful have the opportunity to support local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life.

How does the Life & Justice Campaign work?

- Donations may be made to the Life & Justice Campaign at any time. A special second collection is taken up in parishes throughout the diocese in the month of August.
- Applications for grants may also be submitted at anytime. To be considered for a grant in a given year, applications must be received no later than Dec. 31 of the previous year.
- All grant decisions are made locally in the month of March by the diocesan Life & Justice Campaign Committee.
- 100% of all donations received by the Life & Justice Campaign each calendar year are distributed locally.
- *Only* organizations that meet all of the published criteria are eligible to receive a grant.
- *Every* organization that meets all of the criteria receives a grant based on a weighted rating scale published on the Life & Justice website.
- Grant recipients are invited to an awards reception in the month of May where they have the option to discuss and to display information about their organization for the rest of the recipients.



Annual Donation & Grant Timeline

Mail & Online Donations / Grant Requests



How can I share my gifts?

There are three ways to make a financial donation.

- On-line at www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org
- Mail check payable to “Life & Justice Campaign” to:

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Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
PO Box 419037
Kansas City, MO 64141
- Annual Parish Collection in mid-August — Check your parish bulletin or your parish office for dates!

You can also donate your time and talent.

- The name, description, and contact information for each recipient organization are published on the Life & Justice website throughout the year. Review the list and contact any organization you think you might be interested in assisting to find out what volunteer opportunities are currently available.
- If you are currently volunteering at an organization, or if you have a favorite organization that you currently support financially, encourage the leadership team to apply for a Life & Justice grant.

Have an even greater impact!

Encourage your favorite organization to apply for a Life & Justice grant and then encourage friends, family members, and fellow-parishioners to make a financial contribution to the Life & Justice Campaign!

To make a donation, to submit a grant application, or to learn more, please visit the Life & Justice website today.

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Who may apply for a grant?

Funding may be requested by any 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, non-profit organization to start a new project or to expand an existing program.

The project or program *must*...

- ...have as a primary goal to directly address injustice toward the dignity of the person or the sanctity of human life.
- ...provide spiritual growth, pastoral care, education, or public policy advocacy.
- ...provide members of the affected group with a majority voice or include a plan to develop leadership skills where applicable.
- ...include steps to empower, or to transfer decision-making authority and responsibility to, the group being served in order to break the cycle of vulnerability as much as possible.
- ...be located within the geographic boundaries of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The project or program *must not*...

- ...have, and must not expect to have, significant sources of private or public monies for the duration of the initial Life & Justice grant funding period.
- ...use grant monies to provide direct financial support to projects or programs not listed in the application.
- ...use grant monies to provide direct financial support to other organizations or to any candidate for political office.
- ...use grant monies to support any communication, activity, project, or event that opposes, or is inconsistent with, the teachings of the Catholic Church.

A single project or program may receive no more than a total of three Life & Justice grants.

