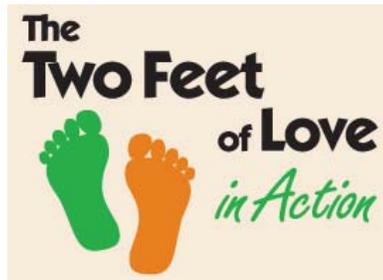


Catholic disciples on mission are called to put Two Feet of Love in Action! This foundational tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways we can put the Gospel in action in response to God's love: *social justice* (addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people) and *charitable works* (short-term, emergency assistance for individuals).



Social Justice "concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 201). We step with this foot when we work to address the root causes of problems facing our communities by advocating for just public policies and helping to change the social structures that contribute to suffering and injustice at home and around the world.

Charitable Works are our "response to immediate needs and specific situations: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for and healing the sick, visiting those in prison, etc." (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 31). We step with the Charitable Works foot when we work to aid or assist others both locally and globally to meet their immediate, short-term needs. Examples include engaging in direct service or providing food, clothing, shelter, or monetary assistance to help those in need.

Call the *Office for Social Ministry* if you want to schedule a workshop in your parish or vicariate on the *Two Feet of Love in Action*.

Email: signacio@rcchawaii.org or phone 808-203-6738 or toll free 1-877-263-8844 ext. 738

Two Feet of Love in Action **Workshop Available to Parishes**

Is your parish or social ministry committee looking for a way to share the message of social justice with your community? Are your parish members struggling to see the connection between social ministry and their lives as Catholics?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Dept. of Peace, Justice and Human Development, has recently updated the "two feet" model which has been used for years to describe two different, but complementary, ways of putting faith in action. A detailed lesson plan, handouts, and step-by-step process for sharing this information are available for download at their website, or by following these links: 2-page handout - "The Two Feet of Love in Action" Guide for Facilitators.

The two linked responses to social needs, the work to remove the root causes and to improve unjust structures (Social Justice) AND actions to meet basic needs and aid individuals (Charitable Works or Direct Service), cannot exist independently. Just as it's impossible to walk smoothly with only one foot, if either of the "feet" of social justice is neglected, our work is incomplete.

The *Two Feet of Love in Action for Teens* Workshop is now available for teens. Call the Office for Social Ministry for more information.