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**The Eucharist Commits Us
to Our Neighbors in Need**

**2018 Diocesan
Social Ministry Conference**

Thursday April 26

Mass: 11:00am

Conference: 12:00pm-5:00pm

Registration before and after Mass

Notre Dame Retreat House,

5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua NY

Why attend this gathering?

- ◆ To reflect on our Eucharistic call to serve God's people
- ◆ To engage with others doing outreach and advocacy throughout the diocese
- ◆ To learn about timely social justice issues
- ◆ To share your knowledge with others
- ◆ To connect as Church beyond your parish

**\$20 registration fee
includes lunch and materials**

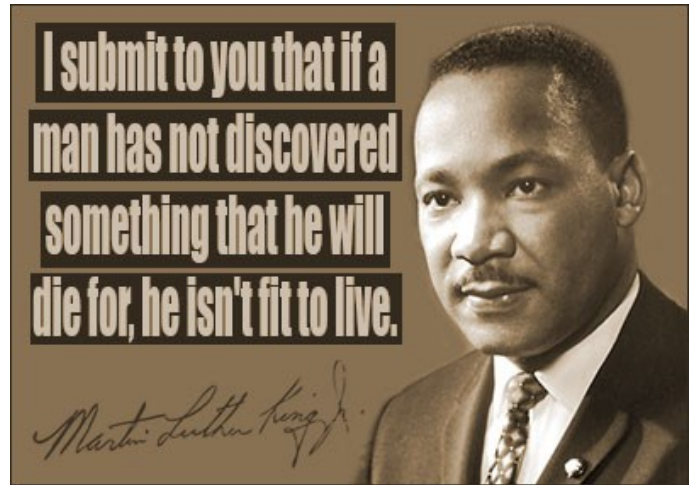
**Registration Deadline:
Friday April 20**

**Contact the Justice & Peace Staff
member from your county to register.**

**Workshops and discussions on
social concerns including
The Opioid Crisis/ Life Issues/
Refugees & Immigrants/
Anti-Hunger advocacy**

**PLUS: Social Ministry success
stories from our parishes**

**Guest presenters include:
Giovina Caroscio, Fr. Jim Hewes
and Deacon Claude Lester**



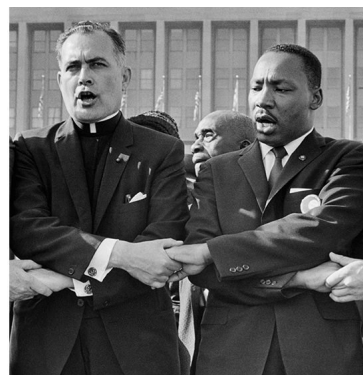
Dr. King's Triple Evils: Racism, Materialism, Militarism

April 4 marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was in Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers, African Americans who were paid poverty wages and toiled under unsafe working conditions.

Exactly one year early, on April 4 1967, Dr. King gave his speech "Beyond Vietnam", opposing the war in Vietnam. His critique of mistaken societal values remains as relevant today as it was half a century ago:

"When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

He called us to root out these values and replace them with wisdom, justice, and love through the "long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world."



*Dr. King with
Fr. Ted Hesburgh,
president of the
University of
Notre Dame, at a
Chicago civil rights
rally in 1964*



Even though he knew there were threats on his life, the night before he died he said, "And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!!"

"It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today."

Remembering Dr. King: Celebrate His Vision, Work for Peace and Justice

"...the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around... But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars."

"...we have been repeatedly faced with the cruel irony of watching Negro and white boys on TV screens as they kill and die together for a nation that has been unable to seat them together in the same schools. So we watch them in brutal solidarity burning the huts of a poor village, but we realize that they would hardly live on the same block in Chicago. I could not be silent in the face of such cruel manipulation of the poor."

"On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway."

True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

"A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war, "This way of settling differences is not just." This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into the veins of peoples normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice, and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

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