

# *Just*FAITH *changes people...* *Those people change the* WORLD.

## THE OVERVIEW

JustFaith is offered in partnership with Bread for the World. Those interested in the Catholic version of JustFaith can contact the JustFaith Ministries Office.

*Just*FAITH  
*Empowering  
People of Faith  
to Develop a  
Passion and  
Thirst for  
Justice*

Our Christian faith and Biblical tradition extend an extraordinary invitation to each of us and our faith communities to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. The Good News of Christ is both a comfort and a promise for the poor and, at the same time, a call to those of us who are not poor to be linked with God's vision of justice and reconciliation. The Christian tradition shines with examples of courage and commitment of those who addressed themselves to the needs of our most desperate sisters and brothers.

JustFaith®, a thirty-week adult formation program, offers an opportunity for people of faith across the country to experience this spiritual journey into compassion. Most of us long to be a generous and compassionate people; however, the occasions to explore this tradition in a deliberate and engaging way have largely not been available. JustFaith, now offered in hundreds of churches across the country, provides a lively and challenging format to read, view, discuss, pray, experience and be formed by the faith tradition that changes lives, inspires compassionate witness, and transforms the world through love and justice.

JustFaith was first introduced nationally in 2001. Since then, more than 900 parishes and churches around the country have offered this spiritually enriching process to their congregations.

## THE PROGRAM

Responding to injustices in the world is without argument one of the most challenging messages of our Gospel tradition. JustFaith is a process that recognizes the complexity of the Gospel call to compassion and provides a wide range of compelling resources and experiences to communicate this tradition. The prophetic call to bring justice to a broken world deserves a preparation that honors the difficulty of the task.

JustFaith is an educational experience, a formation process and a spiritual journey. Over the course of seven to eight months, participants gather weekly for prayer, discussion of books and videos, presentations by guest speakers, retreats, and immersion experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the remarkable justice commitment of people of faith. Participants are not only exposed to a substantive course of study but also are afforded the privilege of becoming a small faith community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging. JustFaith is typically facilitated by church members, meaning it does not create added responsibilities for church staff.

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## GETTING STARTED

The cost for a church to register for JustFaith each year is \$300. Churches or groups that use JustFaith are provided a wide range of support services. Comprehensive materials are provided, including a detailed curriculum, facilitation training and directions, prayer materials, retreat instructions and follow-up opportunities. An e-mail discussion list linking all co-facilitators across the country is also provided. JustFaith staff members offer full-time telephone assistance to answer questions and assist with any issues that arise in the process of preparing for or facilitating the program. Other costs associated with the program include books and videos, which can all be purchased from a single source. For more information about the program, costs or for a registration form, contact the JustFaith office or visit the JustFaith Web site, [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org).

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**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live. Bread for the World members write personal letters and emails to and meet with our representatives in Congress. Working through our churches, campuses and other organizations, we engage more people in advocacy. Each year, Bread for the World invites churches across the country to take up a nationwide Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue that is important to hungry people.

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