## Let Us Dream: The Path to A Better Future.

We have a great history of justice and charity work at All Saints, but the COVID pandemic has affected us all. Some are not yet comfortable returning to Mass, much less attending public meetings or activities.

I have been thinking about a book I read as we were all hunkering down during the pandemic. It's called:

Let Us Dream: The Path to A Better Future. This is a small book (6 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $5\frac{3}{4}$ ) and 144 pages. Pope Francis wrote this book for American Catholics during the COVID crisis. He tells us we enter a crisis to be sifted, but we do not come out of a crisis the same as we were, but either better or worse. He suggests we need to think about what we experienced,

what we saw and how our hearts were tested. The temptation is to retreat, and Pope Francis says instead we should make things better. "This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek—and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of."

I think it would be immensely helpful to take time to consider his words and how they might apply to us. Things that were important to us before COVID, may not be now and something else may really be where we want to put our energies.

As the new Justice Minister at All Saints Parish, I would like us to start off the new Justice Ministry with both support and discovery. I envision the impact that can happen if many of us take 4 hours out of our busy life to think about COVID's impact and what it means to us, our community and what we should do as a result.

I will facilitate a small discussion group of Pope Francis' book **Let Us Dream** and include time for prayer for justice in the world, in our country, in our community, in our Parish, in our Justice Ministry and in ourselves. We would meet four times before Mass to discuss Pope Frances' book Let Us Dream.

The book is divided into four sessions:

- Prologue first session
- A Time To See second session
- A Time To Choose third session
- A Time To Act and Epilogue fourth session

Times are set to fit into your day if you are already coming to a particular Mass:

St. Joseph Church- Saturday, June 11, 18, 25, and July 2, 2-3:00pm.

St. Anthony Chapel- Sunday, July 10, 17, 26 and 31, 9-10:00am.

St. Anthony Chapel- Sunday, August 7, 14, 21, and 28 3:30-4:30pm.

I will arrange a Zoom meeting series either during the day or evening during the week if there is interest.

There will be sign up opportunities thru the APP or after church the weekend of May 28 and 29. The book costs about \$16.00 new. I have two copies to share.

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