

JustFAITH

Program Overview 2011-2012

Invitation to a Journey

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 Jesus 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 restoration. The Church's history shines with examples of courage and commitment of those who addressed themselves to the needs of our most desperate sisters and brothers.

As the cloud of witnesses tells us, however, it takes personal transformation and a conversion of heart and mind to help us learn how to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. JustFaith offers an opportunity for people to



experience a spiritual journey into compassion and opens the door to experiences that foster personal transformation.

JustFaith provides a lively and challenging format in which to be formed by the faith tradition that changes lives, inspires faithful witness, and transforms the world through love and service. Across the country, JustFaith has proven to be a potent and successful

strategy for expanding and energizing personal commitment to address human suffering. JustFaith participants get involved in their communities at home and around the world to work for change and to be the hands and feet of God, working to feed those who hunger and thirst for a better life.

Program Overview

JustFaith is a conversion-based process that provides a space in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for a more just society. This program serves to strengthen the growing commitment of parishes to be agents of social transformation, mercy and compassion. Participants are exposed to a substantive and demanding course of study and are afforded the privilege of becoming community with other participants. JustFaith is:

Small-group focused → 8-15 individuals

Grassroots-led → Co-facilitated by 2 participants from within your group

An extended commitment → 30 weekly, 2 1/2 hour sessions


Multi-dimensional → Includes prayer, reading and discussion, video presentations, guest speakers, 2 retreats, 4 immersion experiences

The JustFaith program was created by JustFaith Ministries (JFM), whose mission is to create lively, compelling resources that inspire and empower people of faith to embrace God's call to compassion, healing, care, and community.

JustFaith Ministries works in partnership with Bread for the World.



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“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2

The JustFaith Impact

Repeated surveys of JustFaith graduates have shown that the JustFaith journey has been spiritually enriching and life changing for many people. Graduates frequently say that participation in the JustFaith program has been the most significant spiritual experience they have had as an adult. Approximately 90% of JustFaith graduates become engaged in two to three new social ministry activities and/or increase their engagement in areas where they were already committed. There are more than 20,000 program graduates around the United States, and most of them are doing significant work to address human suffering and social crises. They are helping to enhance the social mission of their churches, working within the community to alleviate suffering and poverty and reaching out to the global community.

Getting Started

JustFaith does not require professional staff to facilitate the process and presumes that, in most cases, facilitation will be done by two or more group members. JustFaith program materials are designed so that they can readily be used by co-facilitators, regardless of their previous facilitation experience.

In addition to our user-friendly program documents, we provide extensive materials to assist people with starting JustFaith in their community. Anyone interested in organizing a JustFaith group is encouraged to email info@justfaith.org to receive resources to help in the registration process.

Registration and Program Cost

Registering for JustFaith is simple. You can register your group by visiting our website, www.justfaith.org. There, you can either register online or download a registration form to return to the JustFaith Ministries offices.

Costs for the JustFaith program:

Registration:	\$325 per group (churches with multiple groups pay only one registration fee)
Videos:	\$255 (approx) per group (includes 12-14 videos, which can be used in subsequent years of the program)
Books:	\$155 (approx) per person (includes 10-13 books used throughout the program year)

JustFaith Ministries strives to ensure that cost is not a barrier to any group or individual wishing to participate in our programming. We are happy to speak with you about you or your community's financial need in the hope that all who seek to participate are able.

To learn more about the work of JustFaith Ministries, visit www.justfaith.org or email us at info@justfaith.org.