

“Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. . . . Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds.”

—Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')*, nos. 179, 219

DISCUSS:

- Q In our families and faith communities, how can we cultivate a sense of responsibility for building a society in which the dignity of each person is recognized and protected?
- Q How does your own participation in one or more communities enable you to contribute toward creating a global community in God's vision of justice?

ACT:

Read about St. Peter Claver parish, in West Baltimore, which seeks to bring faith into conversation with surrounding realities, including violence, racism and policing. In your family, neighborhood, school or faith community, how might you be called to act with others to help shape our local and global communities in God's vision of justice?

SEND:

Creator God, help us to join with others as disciples who seek to live the Gospel and transform our communities. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

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