

6 Things One Can Do to Help Bring About Peace and Justice

"If you want peace, work for justice." Pope Paul VI and "No justice, no peace!" the Hip Hop Movement

- 1) Support African American institutions in Baltimore:
 - a. St. Frances Academy, 501 E. Chase Street. Baltimore, Maryland 21202 410-539-5794 (Offer to volunteer or send financial support)
 - b. Subscribe to the AFRO American Newspaper to increase your awareness of life in the African community (call 410-554-8200 or go online to afrosubs.com)
 - c. Eat at a restaurant or shop at a business owned by persons of color
- 2) Actively support the canonization of Mother Mary Lange, founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence:
 - a. Pray for the canonization of Mother Lange, there are prayers cards which feature wording to that effect
 - b. Send letters to Archbishop William Lori and to Pope Frances calling for fast tracking the canonization of Mother Lange. Address for both can be found online.
- 3) Research and support candidates for political office and issues against war and militarism. Study the backgrounds of those seeking office and any initiatives calling for further engagement in military engagement and/or spending
- 4) Research and support candidates for political who pro children, pro education (such as contained in the Kirwan Commission recommendations) and pro recreation.
- 5) Question the operations of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and your local parish: who is hired? Who is business contracted or done with? Is there diversity - ask the questions and pursue answers and advocate for change.
- 6) Join or support organizations that fight for racial justice such as: the Baltimore Racial Justice Circle, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SUJR Baltimore's the local chapter) and the Office of Black Catholics for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Have the courage to work for change. Let your work be the prayer for peace and justice.