

CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

CONSTITUTION

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) is a commission of the Bishop of Christchurch to help him promote the knowledge and practice of Catholic social teaching in the diocese.

FUNCTIONS

1. To help the Bishop promote knowledge and understanding of the Church's social teaching in the diocese.
2. To advise and work with the Bishop in implementing the Church's social teaching on questions of justice, peace, development and human rights.
3. To promote in the diocese knowledge of and pastoral concern for relief and development programmes of the Church.
4. To help parish committees on justice and peace as far as possible and appropriate.
5. To work with the Bishop as necessary to prepare statements on justice, peace and development to be made by him or, with his authorisation, by the Commission.
6. To use money allotted or to collect, as appropriate and with permission of the Bishop, funds for promoting justice, development and peace, being accountable for the use of such funds to the Diocesan Finance Council.
7. To be in liaison as appropriate with the National Commission of Justice and Peace and Caritas.
8. To promote the annual Lenten Collection taken up by the New Zealand Bishops for purposes relating to "the development of peoples".

COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE

- The Commission consists of
 - * one person named by the Diocesan Pastoral Council
 - * one priest named by the Priests' Council
 - * up to eight people named by the Bishop of Christchurch
 - * the Diocesan Bishop or his representative.
- The members shall be named for a two year term.

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- The chairperson shall be elected by the Commission from among those members and approved by the Bishop, or appointed by the Bishop at his discretion.
- The Commission shall appoint a secretary who may be from outside its members and who may be employed by the diocese according to financial possibilities. Such an appointment will be made by the Bishop, taking into account the recommendation of the Commission and the advice of the Diocesan Finance Council. A secretary employed full or part time shall submit to the Commission and to the Diocesan Manager an annual budget for approval by the Bishop and undergo an annual audit.
- This Constitution is authorised by the Bishop of Christchurch to replace any other Constitution which may previously have been in force.

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Christchurch
7 September 1994