

WE HAVE A DREAM: A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM

## **JANUARY, 2025 - How Can We Share the Tenets of Catholic Social Teaching**

We began with a prayer.

We discussed how many people are unaware of the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and why this powerful expression of the church's belief about humanity has not taken hold within the life of parishes. Each tenet affirms: racial inequity and injustice are wrong.

We had thought St. V's and St. Leo's joint meeting on the 26th was an opportunity to look with a racial equity lens on how to bring church to our neighborhood, but found out there is a specific agenda and we should go with open minds.

One of this group's goals was to educate ourselves and others about our biases, the history of racism and ongoing disparities. Because of our concern about actions promised by the incoming administration, we studied the seven tenets of CST and discussed how to encourage church leaders to use them to determine which issues are impacted and need our attention.

We decided that our work would be more effective if we joined with other groups in our parish who are also fighting for justice for the underserved. To that end we decided to draft a letter to raise consistent use of CST tenets as common ground for understanding and acting upon our Catholic mandate to take action against injustice. We planned to share our proposal with the Parish Council and form a sub committee with members from several committees.

SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) **Anti Racist Legislative Day** is 1/25 and you may attend in person or virtually. SBCLT (South Baltimore Community Land Trust) invited us to join the rally in Annapolis to show support for **Reclaim Renewable Energy Act (RREA) (HB220/SB10)** Thursday, January 23, 11am till noon .

We closed with a prayer.