Jesuits West Seattle CORE

Our Mission

Inspired by the Jesuit Catholic faith, Seattle CORE aims to work in collaboration and solidarity towards the vision of a beloved community bound together by the spirit of truth, reconciliation and right relationship with all people.

Our Vision

Jesuits West Seattle CORE, a collaboration of Jesuit works, is impelled by our shared Catholic Faith, Jesuit Charisms, and the needs of our community and our world to hear the call for Racial Equity. We endeavor to learn, organize, advocate and act with the BIPOC community on Racial Equity issues at all levels where we have the capacity to be effective. We do this with careful prayer and discernment in relation to our individual organizational missions and in collaboration with the other Jesuit Works in Seattle, the Province, our Nation and our World so that our collective voices can be a more powerful force for change. We also hope to stand in solidarity with other Catholic, Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular organizations in carrying out this mission.

Jesuit Works Included in the Seattle CORE.

Seattle University, Seattle Preparatory School, Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, Ignatian Spirituality Center, Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life Puget Sound, Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest, JVC Northwest, Ignatian Spirituality Project and St. Joseph Parish. For Advocacy we are linked with the **Tacoma and Spokane CORE**.

Our Focus in 2021-2022

Our focus in 2021-2022 will be Restorative Justice, our continuing work for immigrant justice, and collaborative work with the other Jesuit Regions (Tacoma and Spokane) in Washington State.

Our Work with Local BIPOC organizations

We have formed relationships with two local BIPOC organizations focused on Restorative Justice: Community Passageways (<u>https://www.communitypassageways.org</u>) and Choose 180 (<u>https://choose180.org</u>). Both organizations provide preventative and diversionary services to youth and young adults in our area designed to keep them out of the criminal justice system. Our intent is to join with them as an ally, supporting their work with CORE resources, introducing them to local resources like St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Community Services and Peacemaking and Healing Circle Initiative and advocating with political leaders for laws and policies that support their work and the aims of Racial Equity and Restorative Justice.

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