

THE CIRCLE OF FAITH-IN-ACTION

Awareness

- What is my vision of justice in this situation?
- What personal experiences have I had of this injustice? How have these experiences shaped my worldview and my attitudes toward this injustice?
- How does this injustice fit within the worldview of the culture? In other words, what does the culture say is normal here? How has the culture shaped my own worldview?
- What are possible blind spots in my worldview?
- What do the people affected by the injustice and those closely associated with justice efforts say about the situation? What kind of factual information might flesh out my understanding of the issue?

Analysis

- When I make a relationship map, what life-giving relationships do I see as necessary to ensure that justice happens? What is the blueprint for justice in concrete terms?
- How is power used in social structures affecting this injustice? Is it used to build justice (power-with) or to block justice (power-over)?
- How do the values of the Scriptures call us to respond to this situation? * What does God say to me in prayer?

- How do the themes and principles of Catholic social teaching suggest we respond to this situation?
- How can shared power build justice here?
- What might this situation look like if it reflected the life-giving abundance that God wants? How could structures build life-giving relationships in this situation?

Action

- What kind of action is needed to build or transform the relationships necessary for justice? What direct action is needed? What social action is needed?
- How can I act in solidarity with those affected by the injustice?
- Does my action reflect love for those responsible for the injustice, even as it calls them to justice?

New Awareness

- How has taking action deepened or changed my awareness of the situation?
- Where do I go from here in my commitment to justice?

*See handout I–C, “Using the Scriptures in Ethics,” to flesh out the analysis in light of the Scriptures.