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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ,

As Christians, we are called to serve our Lord God. Jesus reminds us in Matthew:

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

Recall too, Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.”

Our Cursillo experience reinforces our call to action and ministry, be it our vocation to family, church, or community.

Attached you will find a short summary list of ministry and service opportunities for your consideration. Each of these ministries is looking for volunteers. In many cases, Cursillistas like you are active in them. You will find contact names and either email addresses or phone numbers. These are just a few of the many organizations looking for your “hands”.

Please prayerfully consider your involvement with these wonderful organizations. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance! These are great opportunities to team up with your sponsor, your “table” partners, or your 4th day group and make a difference serving others and our Lord. Service with a group of Cursillistas is a lot of fun.

We expect to post this list on the San Jose Cursillo website in the coming weeks and to update it regularly with new opportunities.

Please contact Tom Simpkins or Larry Cargnoni with your feedback with your experiences with these organizations, positive or not. Please let us know your ideas for expanding this list of opportunities.

Blessings,

Peace and DeColores,

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<http://www.innvision.org/>

**Mission:** Provide shelter and resources for homeless families and individuals that lead to self-sufficiency.

**Opportunities:** Organize, prepare, serve meals at one of several residences; perform light-weight facilities maintenance; provide computer lab assistance, computer maintenance, or “usage” seminar; deliver seminars on life skills; assist in Produce Market (set up, tear down) or Donation Warehouse (sort, organize); Individual or groups; frequency varies; looking for a person to lead/organize 1 meal per month.

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<http://kpmifoundation.org/index.php/> **KAIROS**

**Mission:** Share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

**Opportunities:** Bring the love of Christ through Cursillo to Vacaville Inmates (men). Teams form throughout the year and community involvement is important. [Note: Women opportunities are TBD].

**Contact:** Dan Archuleta ([dnjarchuleta68@gmail.com](mailto:dnjarchuleta68@gmail.com)) for more information.



<http://www.tijuanaministry.org/>

**Mission:** Build community with and homes for the people of parish of St. Eugenio in Tijuana.

**Opportunities:** construct 2-3 homes, lead mothers program, lead children’s and teen programs; Individual or groups; Dates for 2014 are July 12-19 (**info meetings have started**). Willingness to learn; Construction skills welcome, not required; Develop and implement ideas for kids and mothers program; Spanish-speaking helpful, not required;

**Contact:** Bob Malone ([bob.malone@gmail.com](mailto:bob.malone@gmail.com)), Joanna Thurmann (408.568.2559), Jesse Perez (408.690.6672) Español



[http://bapaxchristi.freesevers.com/pcsj/pax\\_christi\\_san\\_jose.htm](http://bapaxchristi.freesevers.com/pcsj/pax_christi_san_jose.htm)

<http://paxchristiusa.org/>

**Mission:** Create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence.

**Opportunities:** Local and parish organizing, education, and action that promotes non-violence and non-violent solutions to local, state, and federal issues; Local chapter of national organization; individual or groups; meets 1/month, more often depending on projects;

**Contact:** Stan Taylor ([s.taylor@me.com](mailto:s.taylor@me.com))



<http://www.hospicevalley.org/>

**Mission:** Provide compassionate end-of-life care and grief support.

**Opportunities:** Varies; direct contact with families and patients or work within the organization; special skills may be required: training required for those with direct contact; attending ongoing training and support sessions required; 1 year commitment, 3-5 hours/week;

**Contacts:** Ed Wendler ([edwendler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwendler@sbcglobal.net)) or Victoria Wild (408.559.5600) at Hospice of the Valley.



<http://www.wpusa.org/Interfaith-Council/index.htm>

**Mission:** Educate and mobilize the Santa Clara County religious community to support economic and social justice through social policy.

**Opportunity:** organize and educate religious community members on issues; work to improve the quality of life for low wage workers and their families; individuals or groups; meets 1/month (more often depending on projects);

**Contact:** Stan Taylor ([s.taylor@me.com](mailto:s.taylor@me.com)).



<http://www.pactsj.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PACTSJ>

**Mission:** Address local issues (public safety, immigration, health care, schools) by organizing parishes and communities.

**Opportunity:** work with professional community-support members; create and drive solutions and policy changes to local issues (creating homework centers, address public safety and gang prevention issues, work for equal rights for our undocumented and low-income community). Research issues, educate community and local leaders. Meets once/month (more often depending on projects);

**Contacts:** Find a member organization at: <http://www.pactsj.org/about/member-organizations> or email the Pact San Jose at [pactsj@pactsj.org](mailto:pactsj@pactsj.org).



<http://www.birthright.org/>

**Mission:** Provides caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy.

**Opportunity:** Phone volunteer- work one shift per week ( 2-4 hours) in the office answering calls from women or teens who are or may be facing an unplanned pregnancy; Requires 6 training sessions and monthly staff training meetings; Board Member- Sets policy, guards fiscal health of organization and keeps Birthright true to its charter. Meets quarterly and participates individually in interfacing with the community through marketing, fundraising or networking; Auxiliary Staff- Helps with Birthright work without direct client contact (newsletter, Internet - manage Facebook ads, speak or work information tables at community events or in classrooms, church liaison/contact- keep your church informed as to

how they can help Birthright; prayer chain; help with special events); Spanish speaking plus, but not required.

**Contacts:** Contact Norma or Dave Hammons at 408 353-3326 or [ndhammons@verizon.net](mailto:ndhammons@verizon.net)



<http://gratefulgarment.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GratefulGarment>

**Mission:** Ensure that every victim of a sexual crime who crosses the threshold of a SART facility or who seeks medical attention and/or law enforcement involvement is provided with whatever new clothing, toiletry, snack items and miscellaneous items they may require to reduce any future impact on their being.

**Opportunity:** Board member – set and execute policy, build awareness, fund-raise, steer the organization; Volunteers – sort and package clothing, snacks, toiletry items, help with communication, marketing, outreach; Host a clothing/garment or fund-raising drives; Maintenance– paint, spruce up waiting rooms and facilities

**Contacts:** Lisa at [lisa@gratefulgarment.org](mailto:lisa@gratefulgarment.org) or 408 674-5744



[www.habitatetsv.org/](http://www.habitatetsv.org/)

**Mission:** Build decent, affordable housing for long-term home ownership by partnering with volunteers, the community, and qualified families.

**Opportunity:** Help build homes in the bay area and participate in other activities ([www.habitatetsv.org/get-involved](http://www.habitatetsv.org/get-involved)); individual volunteers or groups; Will train, no experience required; volunteer on per day basis; Register as a group (5 or more participants) later this summer

**Contacts:** Sign up on line: <http://eastbay.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index> . Please contact Larry Cargnoni ([lcargnoni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lcargnoni@sbcglobal.net)), Tom Simpkins ([tomwsimpkins@comcast.net](mailto:tomwsimpkins@comcast.net)) if you are interested in forming a group (1 time or more) and serving together.



Casa de Clara- <http://casadeclara.org/>



**Mission:** A house of hospitality in the Catholic Worker tradition, for homeless women, and women with children. An all-volunteer effort to care for God's *anawim*, the most vulnerable, by offering shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, and referrals for housing, employment, and counseling. A place of welcome where people from all walks of life find their oneness in Christ, through shared work, meals, and fellowship. Address: 318 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose CA 95112

**Opportunity:** Provide meals for 6-8 residents, light maintenance, light office work, giving the full-time staff/administrator a break for a few (2-4) hours.

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