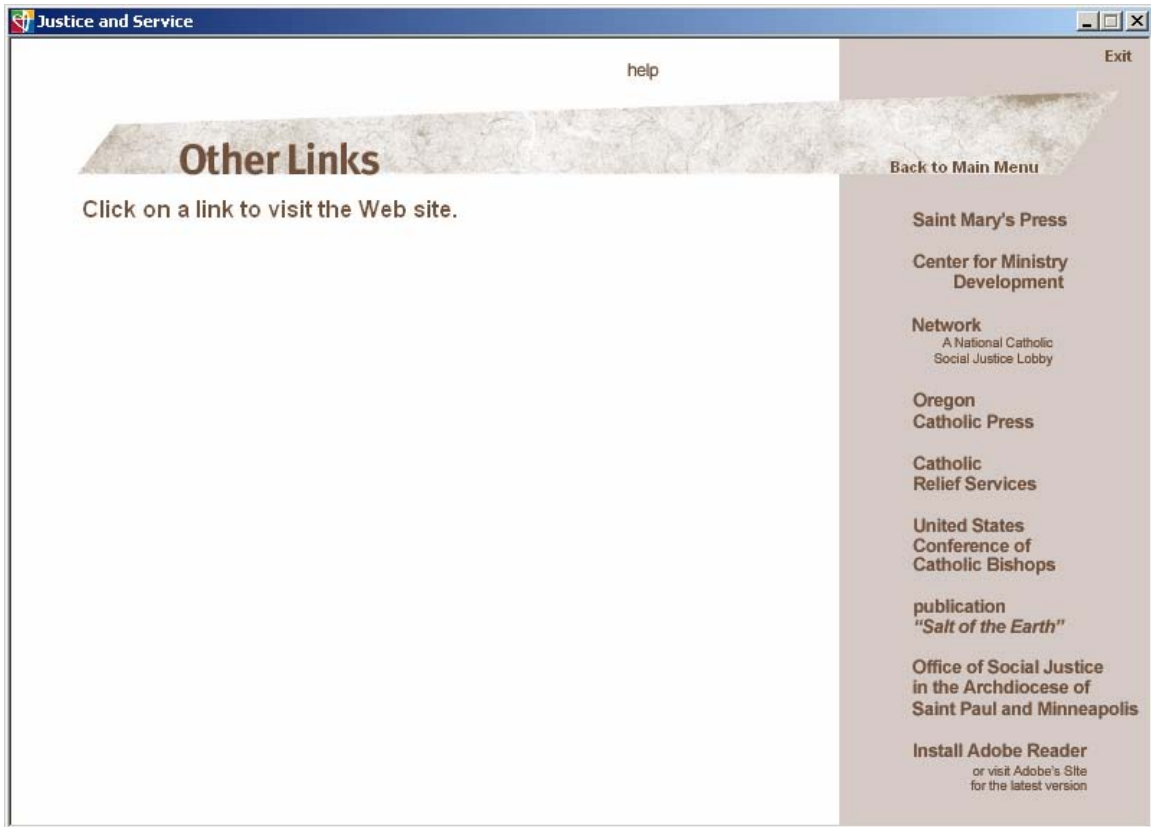


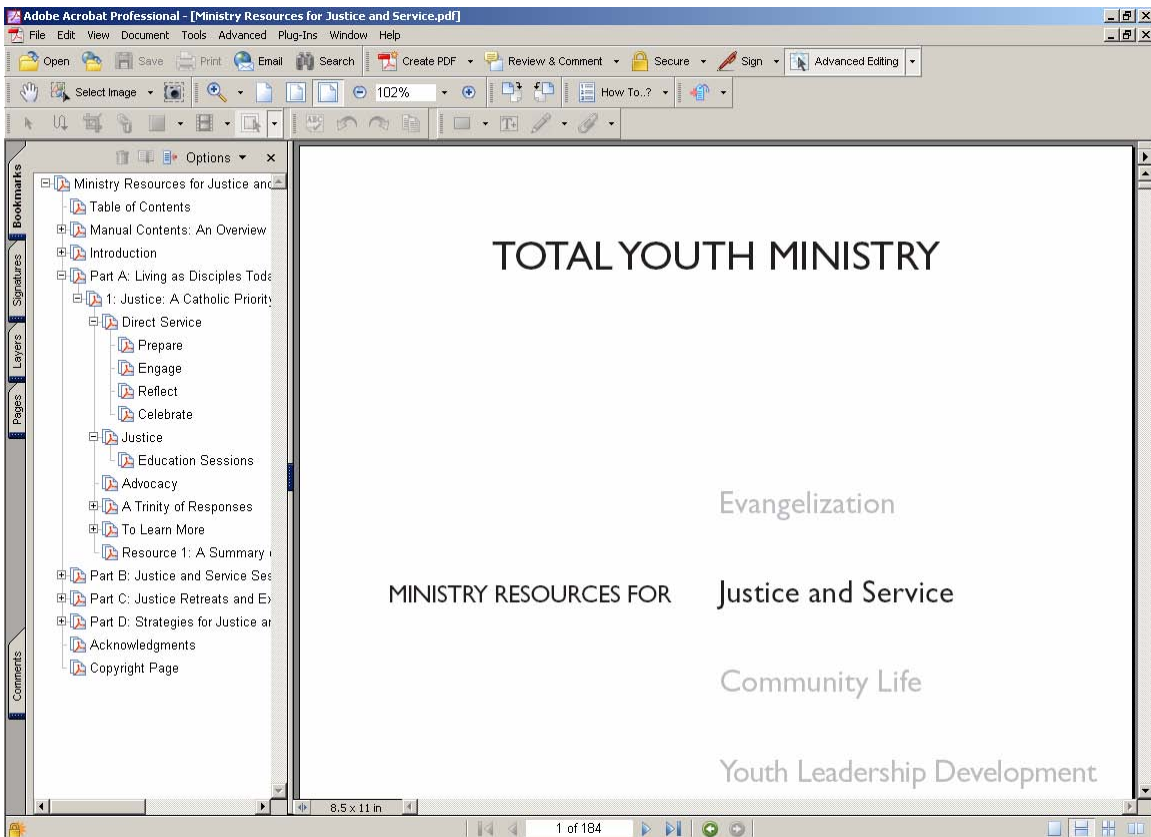
This PDF contains screen shots of the "Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship" CD-ROM. It is not a working program. On the actual CD-ROM, clicking on links open different options.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Justice and Service". At the top left is a "help" button and a search box. At the top right is an "Exit" button. The main content area features a header "Ministry Resources for Justice and Service" with a textured background. Below the header is a paragraph of text: "Ministry Resources for Justice and Service" offers faith communities programs and strategies to engage youth in justice, direct service, and advocacy in faithful, age-appropriate, and proactive ways. This manual contains eight gathered sessions around specific justice issues, an overnight retreat on service to poor people, and two half-day retreats or evening reflections on simplicity and racism. All the sessions utilize the pastoral circle process to immerse youth in a justice issue, educate them on the "why" of injustice, help them reflect on the issue from a faith perspective, and support them in choosing a faith response to combat injustice. At the bottom of the main content area is a link: "Click here to read about the Total Youth Ministry series". On the right side, there is a vertical menu with four items: "manual content", "handouts in pdf", "handouts in rtf", and "other links".

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This screen shot shows the "manual content." It contains the same text as the printed manual (minus the sidebars) in an electronic, searchable format.



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This six-manual series builds on the bishops' vision of youth ministry as outlined in "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997). Offering a rich and challenging vision for Catholic youth ministry, the bishops urge the Church to guide young people toward a life of fullness in Jesus Christ, and to give them the tools to live out that fullness as Catholic Christians.

Whether your parish has five teens or five hundred, this series provides a strong foundation for a year-round, total youth ministry program that aims to empower young people to be disciples of Christ and to bring them fully into the life of the Church.

The following six manuals make up the Total Youth Ministry series:

- "Ministry Resources for Community Life"
- "Ministry Resources for Evangelization"
- "Ministry Resources for Justice and Service"
- "Ministry Resources for Pastoral Care"
- "Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship"
- "Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development"

The manuals contain numerous ideas for gatherings, projects, prayer services, and retreats for high school youth. Each manual also includes an explanation of the component that is its focus, along with practical strategies for connecting youth with their communities and for helping youth connect faith with life.

The following are examples of PDF handouts found on the CD-ROM. Handouts are also available in a rich text format so you can customize them to meet your needs.

Definitions

- **Discrimination:** the act or intention of making prejudicial generalizations about another race in order to accuse or devalue a person of a different race. Discrimination directly influences a person's ability to access services or make a living.
- **Prejudice:** a body of unfounded opinions or attitudes about an individual, or group, that represents them in an unfavorable light.
- **Stereotype:** a generalized set of traits and characteristics attributed to a specific ethnic, national, cultural, or racial group which gives rise to false expectations that individual members of the group will conform to these traits.
- **Racism:** the sin that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of race. It is a sin to make racial characteristics the determining factor for the exercise of human rights.
- **Institutional (or systemic) racism:** when institutions—governments, legal, medical, and educational systems, and businesses—discriminate against certain groups of people based on race, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Often unintentional, such racism occurs when the apparently non-discriminatory actions of the dominant culture have the effect of excluding or marginalizing minority cultures.

(The definition of *racism* on this handout is from *Brothers and Sisters to Us: U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day* [1979], by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, at www.osjspm.org/cst/racism.htm, accessed July 18, 2003. Used with permission.

The remaining definitions on this handout are adapted from information on the Racism. No Way! Web site, www.racismnoway.com.au, accessed July 7, 2003.)

Renewing the Earth Quotes

After duplicating this resource, cut apart these quotations for use by the small groups.



"At its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge. It calls us to examine how we use and share the goods of the earth, what we pass on to future generations, and how we live in harmony with God's creation."

(Renewing the Earth, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, from Pastoral Letters and Statements of the United States Catholic Bishops, Volume VI 1989–1997, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) [Washington DC: USCCB, Inc., 1998], page 397. Copyright © 1998 by the USCCB, Inc.)

"The environmental crisis of our day constitutes an exceptional call to conversion. As individuals, as institutions, as a people, we need a change of heart to save the planet for our children and generations yet unborn."

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"The human family is charged with preserving the beauty, diversity, and integrity of nature, as well as with fostering its productivity. Yet, God alone is sovereign over the whole earth."

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"To ensure the survival of a healthy planet, then, we must not only establish a sustainable economy but must also labor for justice both within and among nations. We must seek a society where economic life and environmental commitment work together to protect and to enhance life on this planet."

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"Our tradition calls us to protect the life and dignity of the human person, and it is increasingly clear that this task cannot be separated from the care and defense of all creation."

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"The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the Church's teaching make us aware that the poor suffer most directly from environmental decline and have the least access to relief from their suffering."

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"But in most countries today, including our own, it is the poor and the powerless who most directly bear the burden of current environmental carelessness . . . Too often, the structure of sacrifice involved in environmental remedies seems to exact a high price from the poor and from workers . . . [they] shoulder much of the weight of economic adjustment."

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"Regrettably, advantaged groups often seem more intent on curbing Third World births than on restraining the even more voracious consumerism of the developed world. We believe this compounds injustice and increase disrespect for the life of the weakest among us."

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"We in the developed world . . . are obligated to address our own wasteful and destructive use of resources as a matter of top priority."

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"Humanity is at a crossroads. Having read the signs of the times, we can either ignore the harm we see and witness further damage, or we can take up our responsibilities to the Creator and creation with renewed courage and commitment."

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"We are charged with restoring the integrity of all creation. We must care for all God's creatures, especially the most vulnerable. How, then, can we protect endangered species and at the same time be callous to the unborn, the elderly, or disabled persons? Is not abortion also a sin against creation? If we turn our backs on our own unborn children, can we truly expect that nature will receive respectful treatment at our hands? The care of the earth will not be advanced by the destruction of human life at any stage of development."

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"A just and sustainable society and world are not an optional ideal, but a moral and practical necessity. Without justice, a sustainable economy will be beyond reach. Without an ecologically responsible world economy, justice will be unachievable. To accomplish either is an enormous task; together they seem overwhelming. But 'all things are possible' to those who hope in God (Mark 10:27). Hope is the virtue at the heart of a Christian environmental ethic, . . . We can proceed with hope because, as at the dawn of creation, so today the Holy Spirit breathes new life into all earth's creatures. Today, we pray with new conviction and concern for all God's creation: Send forth thy Spirit, Lord and renew the face of the earth."

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