



# Catholic Social Justice Ministry St. Edward the Confessor Community

## A little history...

The Catholic Social Justice Ministry (CSJM) has been a long and active presence at St. Edward the Confessor parish. Projects and activities in the past several years have included:



**SHOES FOR THE POOR.** In 2009, CSJM conducted drive to collect new or lightly used footwear for victims of natural disasters and the poor worldwide. More than 1,500 shoes were collected from St. Edward parishioners and distributed through the Soles for Souls organization.



**MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE POOR.** CSJM has helped the [Illumination Foundation of Orange County](#)'s (IFOC) mobile medical outreach to provide healthcare services to the working poor and homeless among our neighbors. The IFOC medical van offers access to medical care and mental health services for homeless and unstably housed families and individuals to improve housing stability.





**iHOPE HOMELESS OUTREACH.** Among many fundraising activities to support [iHope](#), a local nonprofit homeless outreach agency, CSJM organized and hosted the theater act, "Late Nite Catechism," at the parish hall in December 2001.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** St. Edward CSJM has been involved with [Habitat for Humanity Orange County](#) since 2005, first with a home build in the city of Cypress, then with the "Habitat for Heroes" build in San Juan Capistrano, providing homes for U.S. military veterans. CSJM raised more than \$100,000 and participated in homebuilding activities over a two-year period.



**DEATH PENALTY.** A parish-wide education campaign in preparation for the 2012 California ballot vote on Proposition 34, repealing the death penalty in the state. The campaign included printed educational materials, parish gatherings, and speakers, including Father Greg Boyle, SJ, whose mission has been to work among the gang population of Los Angeles and who established Jobs for a Future and Homeboys Industries with that population. Father Boyle's address to St. Edward's community is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc6B6B29w7s>