



# AUGUSTINIANS OF THE MIDWEST

## Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel

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Dear Brothers in Augustine,

To encourage Augustinian involvement in projects concerned with justice and peace, especially in Augustinian parishes and schools, the Ordinary Province Chapter of 2018 included a provision for financial support of such projects in Province Program (No.135). A total of \$7,500 can be allocated in support of such projects. Eligibility as determined by the Province Program follows the following criteria:

- Involves Augustinian Friars, Affiliates, Peruvian Missions, or Ministries directly associated with the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel.
- Promote the goal of **systemic change** for a more peaceful and more just society.
  - Systemic change involves uniting and empowering people to meet their common needs and to produce more just conditions, and thus improve the way society is structured.
  - Direct social service, on the other hand, seeks to provide for the pressing needs of individuals and groups while working within the existing power structures of society.
  - Both systemic change and direct social services are virtuous and encouraged. Province Program No. 135 grants, however, may support only those projects that in some way work toward systemic change.
- As noted in Province Program No. 137b, projects can be organized around themes such as human trafficking, poverty, immigration policy, healthcare issues, environmental sustainability, racial equality, and other social issues.

If you or members of your ministry site would like to initiate such a project, or if you are already involved in a project, you are invited and encouraged to submit a written proposal to the Province Commission on Justice and Peace. A successful proposal will include:

- Name of the project and name of the person(s) primarily responsible.
- A statement of the goals and objectives of the project.
- A statement of the actions contemplated to attain the goals and objectives.
- A statement of the nature and extent of Augustinian involvement in the project.
- A budget indicating total amount of money requested and how the money will be spent.
- A copy of promotional material to be used for the project.

Proposals must be received by Monday April 18, 2022. Please submit your proposal(s), either by e-mail to [justice@midwestaugustinians.org](mailto:justice@midwestaugustinians.org) or by postal mail, to:

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Recipients of 2021 Program No. 135 grants are reminded to send a written report on the activities of their project, a copy of pictures or other promotional materials used, and the results which it produced to the Justice and Peace Commission. Having this report is a condition for the Commission to consider any request for funding of projects in 2022.

The Justice and Peace Commission will consider all proposals received and make recommendations to the Province Council, which will make the final decision of awarding grants. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [justice@midwestaugustinians.org](mailto:justice@midwestaugustinians.org).

Fraternally,

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Chairperson, Commission on Justice and Peace