

# Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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### Newsletters

This newsletter is all about the youth! From featuring a high school senior who coordinated an education event with IJPC on human trafficking for her capstone to learning more about how our Youth Educating Society members are advocating for the DREAM Act, were inspired by the youth we work with. Click the picture below to read more.

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# Issues

A Newsletter of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

### For Local Senior - Education Ignites Passion

Written by Claire, a Mount Notre Dame Senior



A lot of students at my school run camps for kids or assemble care packages for their senior capstone project. I, on the other hand, wanted to use this opportunity to talk about something that is extremely prevalent in the world today but isn't necessarily talked about enough: human trafficking. In October, I chose to do a presentation called Stop The

Traffick with Samantha at IJPC. This project allowed me to not only educate others, but I learned so much myself. When I gave the presentation, the audience was gasping at the material. That was exactly how I was when I researched it. It was new information to many who attended: it was new to me. Not only that, but presenting itself was a new experience. It's always been a challenge for me to get up in front of people and talk, and that's exactly why I did it. It was definitely a rewarding experience. Working with IJPC has ignited my desire to work for a nonprofit after college. I found so much satisfaction in presenting and my passion for

justice has increased after working with them. Lack of awareness stems from a lack of education, and I want to educate. You don't have to be doing a Capstone project to give a presentation like I did. Agencies like IJPC are more than willing to work with you. If you don't wish to host events or give presentations, attend them! Knowledge is power. I have never felt more empowered to change the world, and I am beyond blessed to have done this project alongside IJPC. If you would like to request an anti-human trafficking presentation for your group, contact Samantha ([samantha@ijpcincinnati.org](mailto:samantha@ijpcincinnati.org)) or call the office at 513.579.8547.

### Critical Issues in Criminal Justice Heads Back to School

Last year IJPC and [Catholic Mobilizing Network](#) created the *Critical Issues in Criminal Justice* program. The program is designed for local college students to learn about the issues of solitary confinement and the death penalty. IJPC brought *Critical Issues in Criminal Justice* to three local universities in the 2016-17 school year. Through funding from the SC Ministry Foundation, IJPC is continuing this program into the 2017-18 school year. Elements of the program that remain this year include a nine minute virtual reality experience of being in a solitary confinement cell, and resources about the death penalty, solitary confinement, and principles of restorative justice. In October, a group of students participating in service learning with the [Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition](#) experienced this program. In addition to the virtual reality, students tested their knowledge in a Jeopardy game. Some questions focused on a recent report from a Harvard Law School initiative, the [Fair Punishment Project](#). The report found that most Ohio inmates are diagnosed with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and other cognitive impairments, and other questioned the morality of execution. The reflections from the students

demonstrated the impact of this experience. Many students were surprised to learn about how much money is used for the death penalty and the cruelty of solitary confinement. One student said, "I feel more responsible in taking steps to make prisons safer, healthier, [and] more humane". IJPC is looking forward to travelling to local area colleges such as the University of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton in the next following months. IJPC welcomes requests to bring this program to more schools or groups. If you or someone you know would like this opportunity, please contact Andrea ([andrea@ijpcincinnati.org](mailto:andrea@ijpcincinnati.org)) or Jennifer ([jen@ijpcincinnati.org](mailto:jen@ijpcincinnati.org)).

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