



Sisters of Providence  
*of St. Vincent de Paul*

**The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Journey**

## Missionary Work & the Social Awareness Committee 1965-1990

Vatican II charted a new course for discerning the signs of the times and a 'preferential option for the poor.'

In response, several Sisters offered their lives and services in Peru and Guatemala, including Sr. Shirly Morris and Sr. Rose Healy, who, upon their return, established the Social Awareness Committee in 1985.

**Sr. Rose Healy:**

*"Institutional violence and social sin were new and frightening concepts. What was even more disturbing was an awakening to the fact that I was part of that system and a conviction that if a person espouses to the Christian ethic her voice must be raised in protest, cost what may. If we really believe that we are all children of the same God, we cannot countenance the great inequalities in our society."*





## The Social Awareness Committee

Justice and Peace Office  
1991-1996

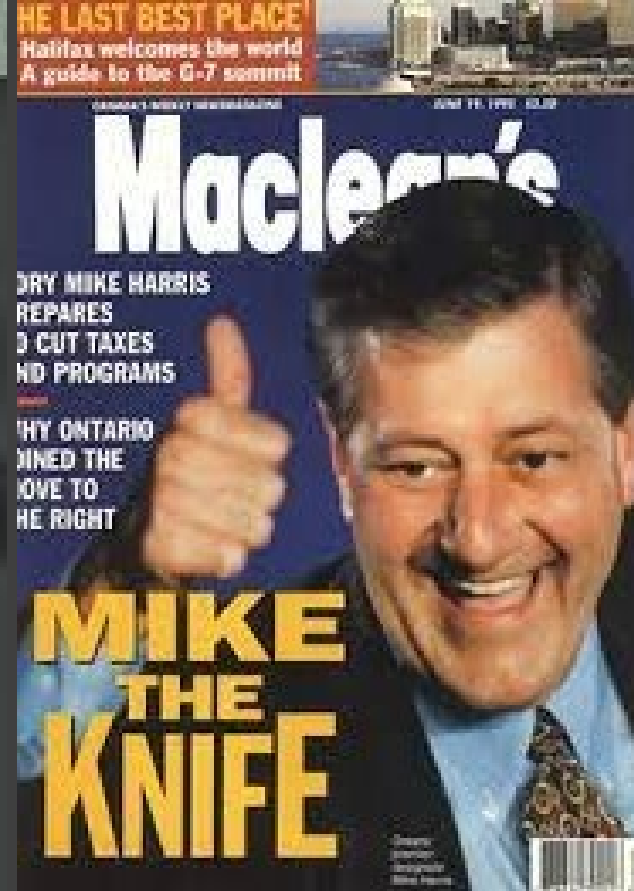
Sr. Shirley Morris became the first  
coordinator

- Welcome immigrants to Kingston
- Workshops
- Letter writing campaigns

In 1995 the Justice and Peace Office  
joined other groups across Ontario and  
began the Silent Vigil in response to...



# Shadow of Harris



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Education



Mike Harris  
Chartwell Retirement

Cuts to social services, health care, education, and infrastructure spending.  
Bumpy roads ahead.





In 1996 Sr. Pauline Lally became the first full-time Director of the Justice and Peace office.

The Sisters came to see social justice advocacy as a necessary and collective response to the signs of our times.

2004 - 2009

Sr. Pauline joins the leadership team, and the congregation hired the first lay staff Director, Jamie Swift in 2004 and Tara Kainer joins the office in 2006.







The Justice and Peace Office  
Justice, Peace and Integrity of  
Creation Office

2009

Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de  
Paul

Congregation Of Notre Dame  
Visitation Province

Sisters of Service

Grey Sisters of Immaculate  
Conception

Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph

Integrity of Creations.






# Silent Vigil

**20 years the Sisters of Providence and supporters stood in front of Kingston City Hall to keep the plight of the poor in front of the minds of policy makers.**

1995-2015

Responding to the needs of the times.





2021

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**The Justice, Peace and  
Integrity of Creation  
Office  
Closed**



# Providence Centre for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation 2022



Catholic Health  
Sponsors of Ontario

## 2019-2024 Strategic Plan

### Goal 1

#### Identify and Respond to Unmet Needs

discerning the signs of the times and a  
“preferential option for the poor.”

