

Therese of Divine Peace, a Roman Catholic parish where ALL are welcome, was born with the dawning of a new liturgical year on December 1, 2007, less than three weeks after her co-founders had been ordained Roman Catholic womenpriests in an historic and well-chronicled sacred celebration in this city's Jewish synagogue, Central Reform Congregation. With the gracious cooperation of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, the Therese community worships in Hope Chapel every Saturday at 5 o'clock p.m.

We are a small, warm & welcoming, and widely diverse community of equals; a viable and growing Roman Catholic community that is neither condoned nor supported by the larger institution of the church we serve. We deliberately began as a parish in order to absorb the fallout as Roman Catholic leaders continue to drive the People of God ~ which is The Church ~ away from their mega-parish institutions. We are the remnant. We represent the Renewed and Reformed Roman Catholic Church ~ not an "alternative" (meaning, non-Roman) Catholic church. Our ultimate goal is true renewal and reform within that larger institution.

We have celebrated baptisms, weddings, anointings, admission to candidacy and ordination rites together. We have open-door community meetings, share potluck suppers, and attend social activities together. We engage in community outreach and in ecumenical & interreligious cooperation, and stand in solidarity with all who are persecuted because of their courage in speaking truth to power. We stand in solidarity with all who have experienced alienation or abuse at the hands of others, especially others in religious institutions. We seek to be sacrament for one another: to live justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with our God; and to be a voice for those who are not heard. We invite you to stand with us, in prayer & worship, holy work, and joy-filled play.