

Lesson 6
EPIC Action Project: Responding to Community Needs

Selecting a Community Issue
Sample Issue Checklist

Recommended Issue: _____

The issue that we would like to recommend is (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear | Our objectives and outcomes are easily understood. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Measurable | We know when we have achieved our objectives.
The outcomes are easily defined. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doable | We can work to address this issue given the amount of time,
money and resources at our disposal. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important | The people working on the project think it's important and
worth their time and effort. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun | Addressing the causes of poverty is hard work. Choose an
issue that generates enthusiasm for the long haul. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unifying | Avoid issues that will inappropriately divide the community
or unfairly pit one group against another. You may need to work
with these groups again. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent | Ideally, the issue you select should flow from your
understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and should be
consistent with the mission of your school and/or parish. See the
Social Action Project for specific recommendations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive | Many people should be able to be involved in addressing
this issue. Ideally, you will be able to partner with a CCHD-
funded group or other community agency(ies) that are
working on this issue. |