

## **Everyday Christianity - Share the Cross - Lent 2008**

One of the greatest challenges facing Christians today is how to apply what we hear in Church to what we do in our day- to-day lives. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we have a social mission that is an essential part of what it is to be a believer. Every believer is called to serve the least of our brothers and sisters, to hunger and thirst for justice, and to be peacemakers.

The following 5 Catholic Social Teaching principles list ways in which we help those in need and build community at SJB. Each item is labeled on a cross, located in the 3 baskets beneath the large wooden cross in the Church and near the altar in the Gym. The crosses are color coded as follows: Yellow: Adult, Green: Family, Red: Youth, Purple: Haiti. Select the cross of your choice from the baskets as one way to walk with Jesus during your Lenten journey. All donated items listed will be collected on March 8 and 9 in the Gym.

### **CALL TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY & PARTICIPATION:**

- Come to 10:30am Mass on Community Sunday to share fellowship with new parishioners.
- Attend the Friday Night Supper Talks during Lent held at 6 p.m. in the Lyon Center, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church. Bring a meatless soup and bread to share. Contact Cynthia 301-622-1122 to donate soup and bread.
- Offer free babysitting to your parents or neighbors so they can have a night out.
- Adopt a local fire station or police station. Offer prayers for them and send letters of thanks and encouragement for the services they perform.
- Volunteer to serve as a greeter at Mass. Contact Suzie DeQuattro at 301-384-4074.
- Take the lead in coordinating recycling in your family. Recycle papers, cardboard, cans, bottles, plastic, and batteries. Purchase recycled paper and plastic products. Use energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs in your home.

### **DIGNITY OF LIFE:**

- C-4 Baby Closet-donate disposable diapers (12 lbs or more), baby lotion, baby shampoo, baby food, toddler socks.
- Donate high efficiency laundry detergent, bleach and stain treatment, liquid refill hand soap, automatic dishwasher detergent, sponge mop w/refill, snow shovel, leaf rake, Comet, Mr. Clean, sponges, for Gabriel Home (transitional maternity home for pregnant women in need of shelter).
- Donate Target, Sears, Kohls, Babies R Us gift certificates \$10 - \$25 for Gabriel Home (transitional maternity home for pregnant women in need of shelter).
- Donate restaurant or movie gift certificates \$10 - \$25 for Gabriel Home (transitional maternity home for pregnant women in need of shelter). Bring to the Hall on March 8/9.
- Donate baby wipes and diapers (all sizes), Pedialyte, and multivitamins and over the counter medications, Ibuprofen, Tylenol in small bottles (for children and adults) for the Spanish Catholic Center.
- Donate blankets for new immigrants for the Spanish Catholic Center.
- Donate Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, and Giant gift cards for the Spanish Catholic Center clients to buy prescription drugs.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Donate blank \$10 U.S. Postal Money Orders for prisoners to purchase canteen items at DC Jail. Place money order in a sealed envelope marked DC Jail Money Order.
- Donate self-adhesive 41-cent stamps so that prisoners at DC Jail can send mail to their loved ones. Put in a sealed envelope marked DC Jail Stamps.
- Be an anonymous pen pal to a prisoner at DC Jail. Contact Lou Schwartz-301-652-7896.
- Make a donation of \$25 to the Prison Outreach Ministry for Welcome Home Re-entry Kits for newly released prisoners. Make checks payable to Prison Outreach Ministry.
- Purchase Phone Cards and write letters of support for wounded troops from Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Donate full-size personal care products for the Women's Prison in Jessup: full size body lotion, body wash, Kleenex, **alcohol free** mouthwash, shampoo 2 in 1, soap, toothpaste, baby powder.
- Donate the following items to the Little Sisters of the Poor: full size body lotion, body wash, Kleenex, mouthwash, shampoo 2 in 1.

### **PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR:**

- Volunteer at the C-4 Clothes Closet on Tuesdays or Fridays, from 9-11 am. Call Alyssa at (W) 301-599-2108 x 313 for more information.
- Help sort and restock clothing at C-4 Clothes Closet on Thursdays from 9-noon. Contact Alyssa Sherman, (W) 301-599-2108 x313.
- Prepare casseroles for Zaccheaus Soup Kitchen in DC. Bring to Mass on March 13. Contact Ms. Garland DeMarco for recipes, 301-622-1559. They serve 300 people daily.
- Make a special donation to the SJB Community Fund to help local families with food or prescription drugs, and prevent eviction or utility cut-off. Donate cash or make checks payable to SJB, mark Community Fund on the envelope and put in the second collection on March 1/2.
- Donate toothbrushes, disposable razors, soap, small lotions and shampoos to Shepherd's Table, a center for the homeless in downtown Silver Spring.
- Donate sugar, sugar substitutes, dry beans, and hot sauce to Shepherd's Table, a homeless center in downtown Silver Spring.
- Donate new and used in good condition metal silverware to Shepherd's Table, a homeless center in downtown Silver Spring.
- Donate time to provide meals to the homebound of our community. Contact the Colesville Meals on Wheels at 301-384-7440.
- Donate \$25 to provide a meal for a week for a homebound member of our community. Make checks payable to Meals on Wheels.

### **SOLIDARITY:**

- Donate \$25 to help provide milk for a year for child of the elementary school at our sister parish in Haiti. Make checks payable to SJB, and put Sister Parish Milk on the memo line.
- Donate toothbrushes & toothpaste, Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Advil), for adults and children, hydrocortisone and anti-fungal creams, (generic or name brand) for our Sister Parish in Haiti.
- Donate word find puzzle books, Soduko puzzle books, coloring books, and blank cassette tapes for our Sister Parish in Haiti.
- Donate money to help provide tuition for a child of the secondary school at our sister parish in Haiti. For more information, contact Cynthia Norris at 301-622-1122.