

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE 2011

37TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING & SUNDAY BULLETIN INSERTS

Hunger is one of the world's most pressing problems— affecting over 1 billion people.

It is an intensely personal problem as well. Behind the grim statistics are children and families loved by God, who are deprived of their right to a full life because they don't have enough to eat.



2011 FFHP FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS

- **Aluminum can and glass bottle drive.** Sell at a recycling station.
- **Have a party!** Ask your guests to bring a donation instead of gifts.
- Do you do your own laundry at home? Every time you do your laundry, put \$1.00 for wash and \$1.00 for drying in a special can.
- Kids grow out of their clothes so quickly! Ask for donations of those clothes and host a baby and **kid clothing resale.**
- Ever wonder what to do with your elegant gowns? Have an Evening **Gown Sale!** Offer low prices. Ask for donations of gowns people may have stored and do not plan to use anymore.
- **Resell recycled “empties”.** Ask for donations (i.e. phones, ink cartridges). Many companies specialize in buying recycled products.
- **Game night!** Select fun board games. Entrants pay to play. The winner gets a prize.
- Sponsor special **Coffee Hours** or **Lenten Luncheons.**
- Special **Potluck Lenten Dinners** (i.e. After each Wednesday evening Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, have 5 or 6 people donate and prepare a Lenten meal, charge \$5.00 per plate.)
- **Car wash, Rummage sales or Raffles!**
- **Bakeless** Bake sale: (i.e. Ask for one pastry item from different bakeries and grocery stores in your neighborhood)- have a Bake Sale on Palm Sunday.
- **A-Thons:** A sponsored activity contest in which participants and non-participants join in raising money. The participants do the activity and the non-participants join in pledging money to “sponsor” the participant.
 - Read-a-thon (.50 per book),
 - *Slim-a-thon (.05 per sit-up or push-up),
 - *Sing-a-thon (.10 per song.),
 - *Run-a-thon,
 - *Skate-a-thon,
 - *Bowling-a-thon.
- **Sponsor a Special Dinner:** Advertise any type of dinner you choose. Serve everyone at once, but serve them first, rice, bread, and water. Explain to them, that if they were poor and starving, this is probably what they would eat for dinner or for any meal. For the next ten minutes, speak a little about the starving families in the world. Plan a program, but keep it short. Let them identify with the hungry. It is worth it! If only for a short while make them think this is all they are going to eat. Then, serve everyone the meal that was advertised!
- One family in our Archdiocese decided to have a meal of **RICE** once a week during Lent (the rice meal helped them identify with those they wished to help). The rice was fancied up a bit. When Lent was over, this family decided to continue this practice. The money they saved was placed in their FOOD FOR HUNGRY BOX.
- Use the Lenten Calendar.

Suggested Sunday Bulletin Inserts

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”

St. Augustine

“You give but little when you give your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

Kahlil Gibran

“It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

Mother Teresa

“Share your seed and watch it grow. Then, you’ll know the joy of giving. Share yourself and your whole life. Then, you’ll know the joy of living.”

Joyce C. Lock

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill

If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 21:13

He who is kind to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

Proverbs 28:27

Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Matthew 5:42

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 19:17

When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. That your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:3-4

He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy, he will crush the oppressor.

Psalms 72:4

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Psalms 112:5

He who oppresses the poor man insults his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 14:31

He who feeds the hungry also feeds God.

“Material treasures will serve us for a time and fade away. It is sharing ourselves and our time that creates authentic value; it enriches life with lasting expressions of gratitude and indelible memories. Giving opens our spiritual eyes to the many small blessings before us each moment.”

Steve Brunkhorst

“To give is to love and to love is to live.”

Send your treasures to the heavenly storage room. Deposit your wealth in God’s bank, distributing to the poor, the orphans and the widows so that you can receive a million times more in the Second Coming of Christ.

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we have the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.

People give all sorts of reasons to excuse their lack of charity. Some may say, “hard times.” But if the times are hard for those who have a sufficiency, how much harder are they for the poor? This pretext alone should lead one to give all the more generously.

Saint Theophan the Recluse

