

Catholic Youth Spectacular Corporal Works of Mercy Challenge

Every year we ask you – CYS Participants - to bring specific items and consider a donation during Mass at the Offertory to benefit various organizations that provide Corporal Works of Mercy to those in need (Feed the Hungry, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Imprisoned, Heal the Sick...). In 2010 you brought socks and toiletries for the shelters, baby clothes for St Gerard's, slippers and shoes for Haiti's earthquake victims. At Mass we collected \$4064.21 during the offertory. You also brought 1672 flower bulbs for the opening prayer that made the Seminary bloom with color and hope this past April. This year we ask you to indulge your generosity again and bring what you can on Sept 18, 2011.

Opening Prayer Plant Offering

This year we ask for only one plant from each group – a day lily of any color or a hosta- one that will go into the newly installed Rosary Garden at the back of the building and will bloom throughout the Summer/ early Fall so that you might see it when you return for the next CYS on Sept 30, 2012!!

“Set aside Six” Offertory Challenge at Mass/Liturgy

Can you, will you contribute \$6.00pp during Mass? We will have a friendly competition to see which group can raise the most money per person attending. We expect 2000 participants. If everyone gives \$6.00 (and then you asked parishioners or schoolmates to match you) we can raise a minimum of \$12,000.00 and possibly \$24,000.00!!! The minimum amount will be split:

- \$2.00 (\$4000.00) will go to **Catholic Relief Services**.
- \$2.00 (\$4000.00) will go to the **Catholic Youth Foundation USA**. CYF-USA has been very generous with scholarships for our youth and youth leaders to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC – for youth. Odd years 2011, 2013) and/or the National Catholic Conference for Youth Ministry (NCCYM - for adults- even years. Next one is 2012).
- \$2.00 (\$4000.00) will go toward the \$3 Million **Immaculate Shelter Building Campaign**. Immaculate Shelter has outgrown its current building (this year almost 150 men were staying in a space that normally holds 80 as they took on the “no freeze” clients during the coldest days of the winter) and is in such need of major repairs (its foundation leaks when it rains) that they must build a NEW shelter. If we reach the \$4000.00 goal, we have a generous benefactor who will **match** the Immaculate Shelter Building challenge and will donate it in the name of the CYS youth participants!!

Children Food Backpack Program

Some kids don't have access to food when they are not in school for the breakfast and lunch programs. Nourishment of the brain and body is an important component in learning and this program allows them to take a backpack full of food home on a Friday to take care of those needs over the weekend. Items that are packed in the backpacks include: peanut butter and jelly; pasta and sauce; canned foods such as ravioli, soup, and tuna; instant microwavable meals; taco kits; boxes of cereal; mac & cheese; rice; instant potatoes; juice boxes; and snacks because these are easy for the kids to prepare themselves and can easily fit into the backpacks. However, all donations are appreciated as long as they are nonperishable food items.

Shelter – Immaculate and Southpark Inn

- White athletic Socks
- Winter hats or mittens
- Toiletries