

Doing God's Work in Love

A Publication of Holy Cross Justice, Peace, and Human Development Commission

Dear Parishioners,

This newsletter is a follow-up to the Social Action Launching Event held on Sunday, September 9. The Commission attempts to identify emerging parish and community social ministry needs. During this year-long journey the Commission invites you to explore opportunities to serve "our neighbors", learn about their needs and how we are called to try to meet those needs. Each newsletter will keep you posted about volunteer opportunities and upcoming social action events.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The campaign to raise money for the Holy Cross Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway is underway. Every year Holy Cross partners with Catholic Charities to provide Thanksgiving Dinners for families in the Durham Community who are food insufficient. Your donation of \$25 to the "Share Your Blessings Project" will provide a turkey, side dishes, bread and dessert for a family. You can make your check payable to **Holy Cross with Thanksgiving Project on the memo line**. Checks can be placed in the "Share Your Thanksgiving Blessings" envelopes in the pews. Envelopes can be placed in the offering basket from **October 27 until November 11**. The names of families are obtained from Catholic Charities. If you would like to refer a family, please **contact Art LaPerre at artlaperre@hotmail.com or 919-451-3760**.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 4 and 5

Families Moving Forward

Set up, serve, and clean up for the meal. Childcare also needed. Contact Elizabeth Deshaies at egdeshaies@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway

Volunteers needed to unload van of food items, prepare bags for distribution, and carry bags for our neighbors. Report time is 7:30 am. The event ends at 12 pm. Contact Art LaPerre at artlaperre@hotmail.com or 919-451-3760.



MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

Holy Cross is part of a rotational hospitality team at Families Moving Forward. Families Moving Forward offers a temporary home to families with children in crisis of homelessness. The staff works to create a path to stability and self-sufficiency through personalized services and ongoing community support. Holy Cross serves meals to families, clean up, and provide childcare while parents attend mandatory workshops. There is an urgent need for volunteers. If you can give two to three hours an evening once a quarter, **contact Elizabeth Deshaies at egdeshaies@gmail.com.**

As you shop for your groceries, remember the children and families who often go without eating in Durham. The overall poverty rate for Durham is 17%. A single mother with one child cannot qualify for SNAP (food stamp program). Many families must make the choice between paying rent and utilities and can not to afford to purchase quality food or may miss meals. Your donations to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry and to the Interfaith Food Shuttle Backpack Program help to feed families with low food security. Collection bins are in the Gathering Space with a list of food items needed. For more information, **contact Ava Thompson at socialaction@holycrossdurham.org.**