

MINISTRIES OF CHARITY UPDATE #2024 – 5

February 26th, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

We hope your Lent has gotten off to a great start, with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you are looking for ways to have a meaningful Lent, please join your MOC Team as we plan events in which our parishioners can participate by serving the poor, homeless and needy in many different ways. You can read about all of our activities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, and here is your next **MOC Update #2024 -5.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU:

Our recent **“Help for the Homeless”** project to serve the Homeless in San Diego was a tremendous success. Over 40 volunteers worked to sort and pack items, as well as, distribute them to the homeless downtown in early February. Many hundreds of pairs of shoes, socks, pillows, handbags, hats and other items were given to those in need. Over two hundred lunches were served. Every item you donated was given out. If you could only have seen the faces of the homeless as they chose their new shoes and socks. Their grateful smiles and comments we carry back to you.

In addition, many hundreds of children’s underwear were donated to Children and Youth in Transition, in the midst of an emergency call for these items after the recent flooding from the rains in many parts of San Diego. These were a godsend to the many families who have lost so many of their households during this difficult time.

None of this would have been possible without your generosity. You made this possible. May your hearts be full with the grace from your good works! Our hearts are grateful for you! **THANK YOU!!!!**

MILLION MEALS 2024:

Again this year the Deacons of our diocese will support **Million Meals 2024** as an annual Diocesan-wide Diaconate Event. It is scheduled to occur on the **Weekend of June 8th and 9th at Cathedral Catholic High School.**

Please join Deacon Adam and Deacon Jim who will be leading **MME Team Ascension** to help package **1.5 million meals**. We would like to bring a team of 100 parishioners to work on this event. You can go directly to the **Diocesan Website and the MME link** and use the **MME QR code**, to both sign up and donate to support **MME 2024**. This is a fun event for all parishioners, families and children!

The **cost of the ingredients for one and one-half million meals is \$375,000**. This is just **\$.25 per meal**. Please, help support our fundraising effort to make this event successful. You can find MME envelopes in the pews or at our table in the vestibule. **Every dollar helps.**

God Bless, Deacon Adam and Deacon Jim

Rachel's Dinner Service:

Our **next Rachel's Dinner Service is on Tuesday, March 19th**.

Ann could really use help in the prep kitchen, if you have time to help please contact Ann Galbraith (anngalbraith1@gmail.com) or the parish office help support this MOC event.

Future Meeting Schedule:

Ministries of Charity (MOC): March 20th at 7pm in the Pavilion

Caring for the Whole Person (CWP): March 26th 1:30pm in the Pavilion