

## **Upcycling Competition at St. Francis Fest!**

### **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 – Just before the Blessing of the Animals**

**Upcycling – Make Something Artistic/Useful Instead of Throwing Things Away** – On October 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. Francis Fest, we will feature **a contest with prizes** for Upcycled items made by parishioners (kids, youth, and adults). Upcycling is the practice of transforming waste items, useless, or unwanted materials into new artistic and/or useful items. So, let your creative juices flow and make something to enter in the competition! Items can be art/craft projects (2D flat art or 3D sculpture), something useful or a combination of the two.

**Prizes – A \$25 gift Card to the ReCraft Creative Reuse Center in Greenville** (<https://www.recraftgvl.org/>) **will be awarded for one project from each age category (kids, youth, and adults)** – The ReCraft Creative Reuse Center is an amazing non-profit store where you can find all kinds of arts and crafts supplies for a fraction of the cost of what you'd pay elsewhere. **It's also a great place to donate items** that you might have lying around your house. You can donate usable arts and crafts materials as well as odd items such as buttons, old jewelry, seashells, old keys, etc.).

**Age Categories** – Kids: up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth: 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and Adults: post high school).

### **INSTRUCTIONS – Please Read!**

1. Upcycled Creations – as noted above, submitted projects can be arts/crafts projects and/or useful items, but they must be made from materials that would otherwise be discarded or recycled.
2. Submitting your creation – Bring your item to Segars Pavilion between 10:00 and 10:45 on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Or you can arrange to drop it off earlier in the week prior to October 4<sup>th</sup> (contact Rod Scott at [rodney.scott@wheaton.edu](mailto:rodney.scott@wheaton.edu) for details on this option). You must complete an entry form (available on October 4<sup>th</sup>) that will be displayed along with your creation for voting purposes. If you wish to do so, you can also bring a one-page description of your creation that includes what it's made from.
3. Voting – anyone attending St. Francis Fest and/or the Blessing of the Animals can vote for their favorite item in each age category. Voters will be encouraged to place a high priority on how creatively each project uses upcycled materials.
4. One entry per person – However, if you've made more than one item, there will be a separate space where additional items can be displayed just for fun!
5. Take your item home with you after the event – Hopefully, your item can be used or displayed by you or someone else you know, so please take it home. If we have to throw items away after the competition, that would defeat the whole purpose of upcycling!