



Catholics Confront Global Poverty



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*7719 Detroit Avenue
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Parish Gym*

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The Lenten Season is a time

- To **PRAY** for world peace;
- To **FAST** so that we may join in solidarity with those men, women and children dying every day of hunger;
- To **LEARN** about the love of our merciful God who sees the pain and oppression of his children;
- To **GIVE** of our time, talent and treasure to help heal the brokenness and injustices of humanity.



The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports the relief and development work of CRS in 99 developing countries and also the work of Migration and Refugee Services, the Holy Fathers Relief Fund, and the USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace. While 75% of the Operation Rice Bowl funds help support CRS work in the world's poorest countries, 25% remains in our diocese to help support the hunger and shelter work of Catholic Charities. Last year, the Catholic Charities food and shelter programs provided 3.5 million meals and 70,000 nights of shelter to needy individuals and families.

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