

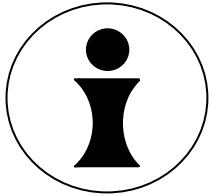


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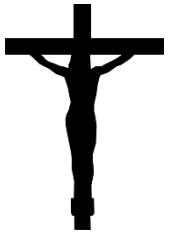
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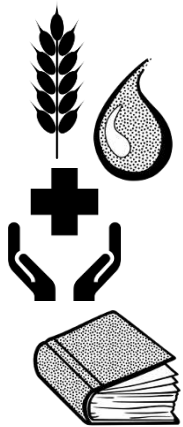
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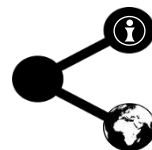
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# Who We Are

**Chalice** is a Catholic charity that supports community initiatives in developing countries, primarily through the sponsorship of children and elders in need. Chalice Canada's mission is **to bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ.**

We work closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities in their efforts to provide care for the many children and elders caught in the dehumanizing grip of extreme poverty. Children and elderly accepted into the sponsorship program are received based on need with no regard for gender, race or religious affiliation. Each of our Sponsor Sites operates under local direction. We believe those who live and experience the difficulties of poverty have the first hand knowledge of the problems and are most capable of responding to its effects.

Chalice places special emphasis on helping to provide children with the chance to go to school and learn.

**We believe that education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty.**



Kenya



Guatemala



Ukraine



India



Check out our **Chalice Canada** YouTube Channel and watch "[Chalice: All About Connections](#)"

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# The Purpose of This Resource

## The President's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are all poor.

When we are sick, searching for a job, mourning the loss of a close friend; when we are alone and lonely and when, if only for a brief time, we long for a friendly voice, a helpful hand, a compassionate ear – in these moments, we are poor. Many of us have encountered a caring person who saw us in our moment of need and who chose to bring Christ to us with a simple act or word of loving kindness, and our sorrow lessened.

**The mission of Chalice is to “Bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ”. How do we do this? Chalice brings people who are struggling with poverty to members of the Body of Christ, young and old, who then respond with donations or voluntary acts of loving kindness. Then Chalice takes these gifts and “pays them forward” to the one struggling.**

The activities in this resource are designed to engage you and your fellow parishioners so that you may notice and understand the suffering of poverty and receive the opportunity to choose to be one of those who bring Christ to the poor.

Furthermore, we hope you and the children in your parish will all experience the joy of helping another person, and how it feels to be kind and considerate people. Saint Francis pointed out that it is by giving that we receive. With the help of this resource and their catechism teachers, the young people who participate in these activities will only need to look at their own personal experience to find proof of this truth.

**I wish you God's grace and joy as you “Bring Christ to the Poor”; may you and your parish community discover that Christ often comes to us in the poor.**

Blessings,



Fr. Pat



Fr. Patrick Cosgrove  
Founder and President of Chalice



# How is the Church “Universal”?

## Catholic in Means and Mission

The word “**catholic**” means “**universal**”. Where does this universality come from? The Church is catholic in **two senses**:

1. **Christ is present in her**, and where Christ is so is the Church. She receives from Christ the fullness of the means of salvation.
2. She has been **sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole world**. Every person is called to this catholic unity of the People of God, because we are all called, by God’s grace, to salvation.

(CCC 830, 831, 836)



**The Church is the Body of Christ**

“The image of the body helps us to understand this deep Church-Christ bond...the body brings our attention to a **living reality**. The Church is not a charitable, cultural or political association, but **a living body, that walks and acts in history... this body has a head, Jesus**, who guides, feeds and supports it. This is a point I want to emphasize: **if the head is separated** from the rest of the body, the **whole person cannot survive**. So it is in the Church, we must remain bound ever more deeply to Jesus... we must **allow Jesus to work in us**, that **His Word guide us**, that **His presence in the Eucharist nourish us, animate us**, that **His love gives strength to our love of neighbour.**”<sup>1</sup>

- POPE FRANCIS

(Audience: Unity in the Body of Christ, 19/06/2013; *Emphasis added*)



## Pray with the Word:

Read **1 Corinthians 12: 12-26** and discuss what it means for the Church to be one Body in Christ Reflect on verse 26: “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” What does this imply?

# Life in Christ

## Living out our call to communion

God the Father calls us his children and he makes us part of his family through baptism. This comes with the responsibility to care for one another and it is through our mutual love that we grow in holiness and help build God's Kingdom on earth.



Chile



Haiti



India

Inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-16), Christ's own poverty, and his concern for the poor, **we are called to love - and live in communion with - those who are poor in a special way.** It is an integral part of our tradition as Catholics to love and serve the poor, and the Church even states that one of our motives for working should be so that we can give to those who are in need (CCC 2444); we are invited to see it, not as giving away what we earned but, as freely giving to the poor what is their due.

Christ enables us to fulfill this radical call to love as he makes us more like himself through our relationship with him, prayer, friendships and relationships, and our active participation in the sacramental life of the Church. He teaches us what authentic love is and what it means to be fully human and fully alive, and he sends us into the world to give hope and love to others.



**“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”**

**- St. Augustine of Hippo**



Part of our vocation is to work towards **creating just societies**, where individuals and communities are able to obtain what is due to them and free to joyfully give to others in return. We are concerned with the common good, and proper exercising of authority in service of the good. Unfortunately, **sinful inequalities** and **open contradictions of the Gospel** exist across the globe and this negatively affects the lives of millions of men, women, and children.

God has given each person **equal and immeasurable dignity**. Respecting one another involves ensuring that our brothers' and sisters' basic needs are met. From the moment we are born we are dependent on others. God has created us for one another, and each one of us needs the help of others in order to live the fullness of life that God desires for us.



We have a **responsibility to be educated**, so that we can lovingly respond to persons in need and help create a **civilization of love**. So that we may be aware of the **truth** of our current situation, let's discuss some of the major inequalities and tremendous needs that exist in the lives of many.







# Material Poverty

In Canada, we are at a place in time where most of our citizens are fortunate enough to have accessible food, water, shelter, healthcare, and free childhood education. We also have many luxuries that make life easier for us — fast-moving vehicles, electricity, and the Internet and other technologies. We can take our lifestyle for granted, because these resources have been easily available to many of us throughout our lives. We are removed from the people who farm our food, monitor our water, make our clothing, or build our infrastructure.



A family's house in Bolivia

## Representative Statistics

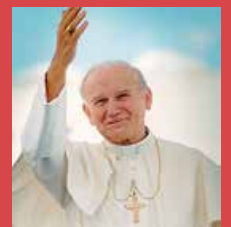
- 767 million people worldwide live on **less than \$1.90** US a day <sup>2</sup>
- **224 million people** in India are living in poverty, more than twice as much as the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest population of people living in a country (Nigeria). <sup>3</sup>
- **42.3%** of the population in sub-Saharan Africa lives in extreme poverty <sup>4</sup>

However, every person has ancestral roots in communities that lived simply or in poverty. When we see people in parts of the world as our family in Christ, we find that many of our brothers and sisters live on very little — sometimes not enough to survive. Cycles of poverty are difficult to break from within; they truly require dedicated charity from people who will humbly accompany those who are struggling and empower them to regain freedom and arrive at a place where they are self-sustaining.

“While an immense number of people still lack the absolute necessities of life, some, even in less advanced areas, live in luxury or squander wealth. Extravagance and wretchedness exist side by side. While a few enjoy very great power of choice, the majority are deprived of almost all possibility of acting on their own initiative and responsibility, and often subsist in living and working conditions unworthy of the human person.”

**- SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II**

*(Gaudium et Spes [Joy and Hope], para. 63)*





# Hunger & Malnutrition

Malnutrition, or undernutrition, is prevalent in developing countries, and this seriously affects **peoples' lives in short and long term ways. It has** lasting effects on a child's health, in that it results in: a weakened immune system; stunted growth; and cognitive ability. The combination of nutrient deficiencies and a weakened ability to fight off infections makes children more susceptible to illnesses.

**Hunger affects a child's ability to** concentrate during school; however, when schools provide nourishing food children may attend primarily because they know they will be fed, but consequentially they will learn and grow.



Philippines

## Representative Statistics

- As of 2016, 815M people in the world were considered undernourished; 11% of the world's entire population is unable to eat enough to live a healthy and active life. <sup>5</sup>
- **<5% of developed countries' populations are suffering from under-nourishment** vs. 12.9% of those living in developing countries; the most severe regions are: Middle, Easter, and Sub-Saharan Africa; and Southern Asia. <sup>6</sup>
- 41% of children in Middle Africa, 31% on Eastern Africa, 23% in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 15.7% of children in Southern Asia, under 5, are undernourished. <sup>6</sup>

"In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor... Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income."

**- POPE FRANCIS**

*(Evangelii Gaudium [The Joy of the Gospel], para. 191 )*





# Access to Water



Water is essential for life, yet many people have little or no access to drinking water. Many children cannot attend school because they need to walk to collect water. Communities need water to clean, cook, grow gardens and farms, keep animals alive... we are all utterly dependent on it. But in North America, we can be blind to our need for water because we have such safe and easy access to it.

**Think about what access to water enables you to do...** drink (hydration), bathe, shave, brush teeth, cook, clean, wash laundry, use the toilet, have a farm/garden...etc.

**Water contamination** by certain bacteria and/or chemicals can affect health in the short-term (e.g. nausea, diarrhea, vomiting) and long-term (e.g. illnesses) , or can cause death

## Representative Statistics

- As of 2015, 844 million people lacked basic drinking services, and 3 billion people lacked basic sanitation services <sup>7</sup>
- About 340K children, under age five, die annually from diarrheal diseases– the 3rd leading cause to poor water conditions, hygiene, and sanitation practices <sup>8</sup>
- More than 1.5B people are affected by diseases, and parasitic worm and bacterial infections due to poor water conditions, hygiene, and sanitation practices. <sup>9</sup>



## Pray with the Word:

Read **Matthew 25: 35-40**, Jesus Calling Us to Serve the Less Fortunate

What does Jesus mean when he says “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”? How can you help serve God through serving others?





# Access to Healthcare

In Canada, most people have family doctors, dentists, and access to regular immunizations and medication for illnesses. Citizens may have to pay **extra if they aren't covered by national health care or insurance**, but overall we have exceptional care for people with injuries, disabilities, infections, diseases, and other needs. There are trained medical staff that accompany birthing mothers, palliative care workers to comfort those who are near the end of their lives, and increasingly greater help for those with mental illnesses. Unfortunately, many developing countries lack even basic health care and treatments, and poor education on health and sanitation practices can lead to increased risks of illnesses or infections. Oftentimes, health problems and even death could have been easily prevented with access to knowledge, medication, and supplies (e.g. mosquito nets to avoid malaria).



Child receiving dental care in Bolivia



Child receiving vaccination in India

- About 830 women die every day due to pregnancy complications. <sup>10</sup>
- In 2016, there were an estimated 216 million cases of malaria, 10.4 million tuberculosis cases, and 1.8 million new HIV infections worldwide; 1.5 billion people needed tropical disease treatment and care. <sup>11, 12</sup>
- As of 2016, there was 36.7 million people living with HIV worldwide and 1 million died as a result of the disease, 71 million people were living with Hep C, and in 2015, 1.34 million people died with hepatitis. <sup>11,13</sup>

“What wealth it is to be in good health, as we are! But we have the duty of putting our health at the service of those who do not have it. To act otherwise would be to betray that gift of God.”

- BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



# Education



Students learning at school (in Kenya)

Knowledge is passed on in many ways, and intellectual growth is necessary for humans to grow in freedom and love. Education also enables people to create and take advantage of opportunities to improve their quality of life and support their family. In North America we have government funded public education, however many countries cannot or do not offer this to students. In countries with public education, there are still barriers that prevent families from affording supplies, books, uniforms, and travel costs.

Sometimes children don't have the funds or space to learn even rudimentary reading and writing skills. It can also be difficult, or impossible, to find funding for college or university. But when children gain valuable skills, they are able to give back to their community by serving others and teaching them to do the same... learning is a profound and invaluable gift for the individual and all people who they encounter.

## Representative Statistics

- As of 2014, about 263 million youth and adolescents were not in school. <sup>2</sup>
- Primary aged girls, are less likely to be in school than boys, globally; out of school rates are the highest in countries with severe poverty <sup>2</sup>
- More than 786 million adults (2/3 women, 1/3 men) have no basic reading or writing skills. Of those over 125 million are between ages 15-24. <sup>14</sup>



Students at school (in Ukraine)

## Pray with the Word:

Read Proverbs 3 : 13 - 18 "Blessed is He who Finds Wisdom"

How is wisdom "more profitable than silver....or gold"? How does wisdom lead to life or peace?

In this scripture passage, the author refers to wisdom as "she". Who is wisdom?

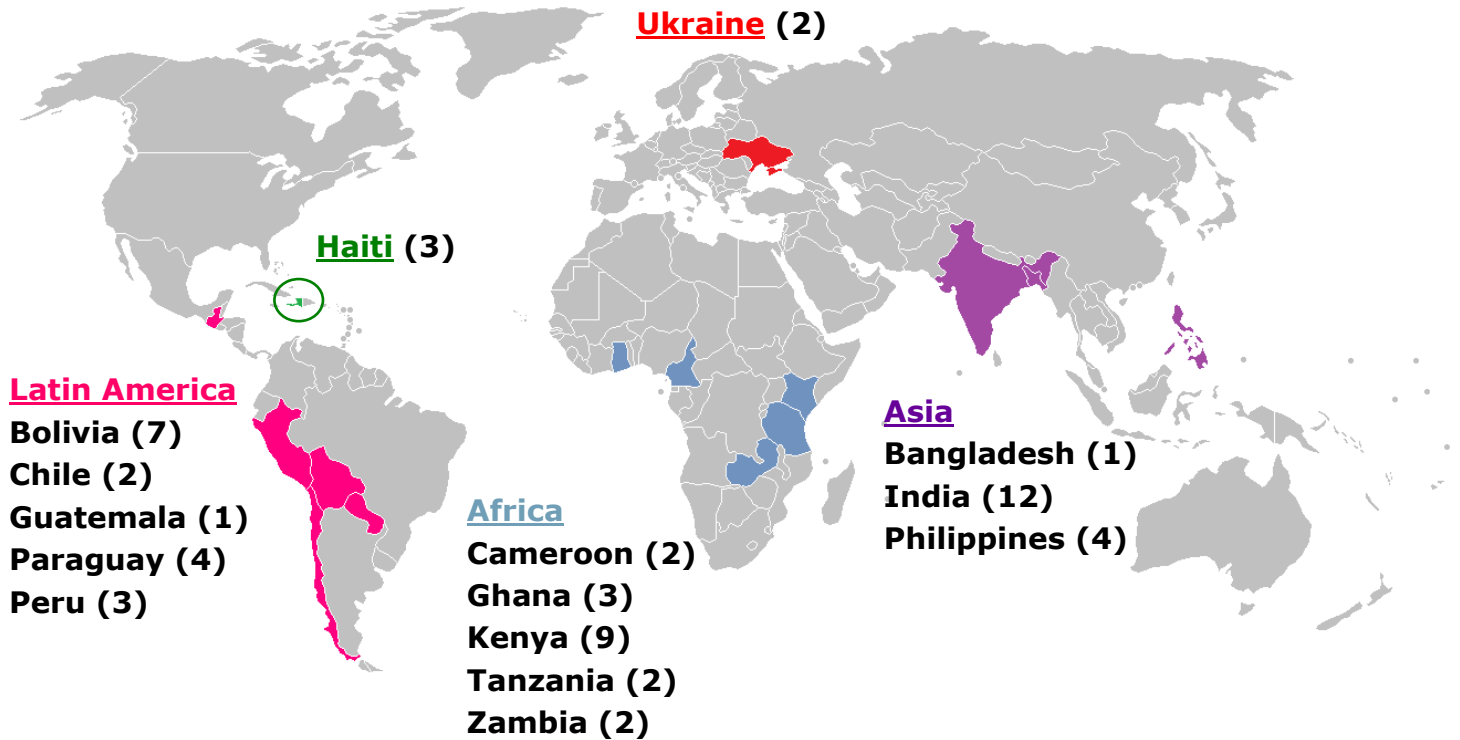
What, or who, is the source of wisdom?





# Where does Chalice serve?

There are **57** Chalice sites in **5** regions, comprised of **15** countries:



Haiti



India



Kenya



Ukraine



Guatemala



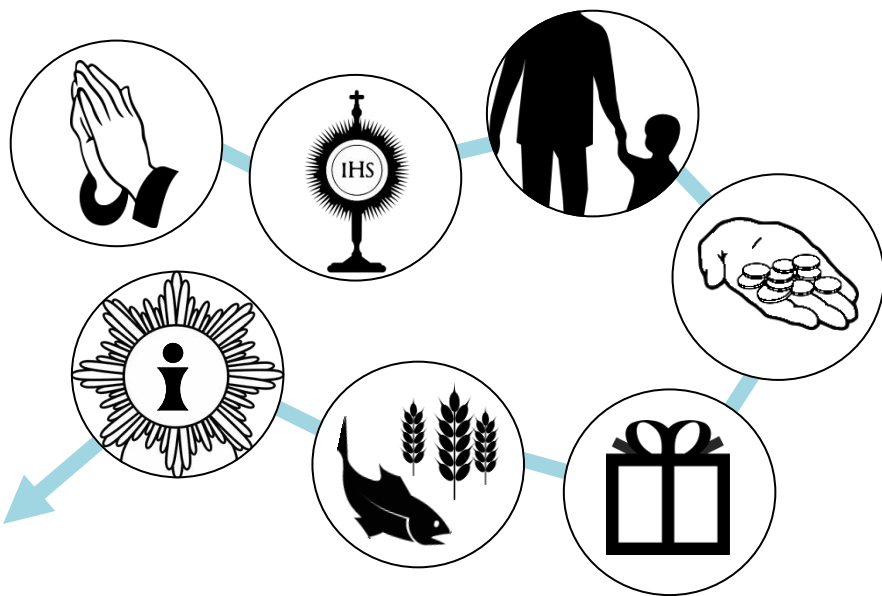
Chalice sponsor sites form **partnerships** with people, at pre-existing organizations, **whose mission and values align with our own**. At these sites, we facilitate child sponsorships and support local communities.

As of 2017, over **50 000 children** are being sponsored through Chalice.

# How can YOU help?

You, and your fellow parishioners (of all ages), have the power to change the lives of people who are oceans and continents away from you; we want to equip you with resources and connections that can **help you help those in need**. **EVERY person can make a difference!** Here are seven simple ways you could choose to contribute to Chalice's mission:

1. Pray With Us
2. Celebrate with a Chalice Chapel
3. Sponsor a Child
4. Pocket Change 4 Change
5. Gifts From Our Catalogue
6. Chalice Nutrition Fund
7. Become a Chalice Champion



We'll also share **other ways** Chalice offers support...

Share some **stories** with you from our Chalice family...

& Encourage you to **get engaged** and **keep learning!**



"It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures."

– ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE



# 1. Pray With Us

Prayer is when we *raise our minds and hearts to God*, and we are welcome to ask Him for good things. It is a gift from God, that allows us to encounter and share His profound, personal love. Chalice has a simple prayer that you can use, especially as you pray for sponsored children and anyone who is in need.

## The **Chalice** Prayer

### **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

Praise the Lord my soul,  
I will praise the lord all my life.  
I thank you Lord, for You are all good,  
Your love endures forever.  
You hear my voice, and turn an ear  
on the day I call.  
I ask you Lord to bless today,  
the one for whom I pray.... [*your intention*]

*Our Father... Hail Mary (3 times)... Glory Be*

### **Missioning Prayer**

Today, O God, keep me from all pettiness; to be large in thought, in word, and in deed; without fault-finding or self-seeking. May I put away all pretense and meet others face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice. May I not be hasty in judgement, and always be generous, taking time in all things, to be calm, serene and gentle. Teach me to put into action my better impulses, to be straightforward and unafraid. Grant that I may realize that it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one. And, O Lord God, let me not forget to be kind.

**Amen**



### **PARTICIPATE**

- Light a candle
- Say a prayer
- Send a card

### **PURPOSE**

- Reach out to people in need of prayer
- Show people that you have prayed for them and that you care for their well being

### **CONNECT WITH...**







- a sponsored Child
- another student
- your family or friends

Visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) and look under: **GET INVOLVED** to **PRAYER** or contact [prayer@chalice.ca](mailto:prayer@chalice.ca) to request resources



# Pray With Us (continued)

## Check out these prayer resources:

-  Ascension Presents
-  Bishop Robert Barron
-  [Lifeteen.com/blog](http://Lifeteen.com/blog)
-  [www.rosarycenter.org](http://www.rosarycenter.org)
-  [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)
-  Matthew Kelly



India



## Listen Along with Chalice

- joy. - For KING & COUNTRY
- Only Wanna Sing- Hillsong Young & Free
- Good, Good Father- Chris Tomlin
- This is Amazing Grace- Phil Wickham
- So Will I (100 Billion X)- Hillsong Worship
- How Great is Our God- Chris Tomlin
- This is Amazing Grace- Phil Wickham
- 10 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)- Matt Redman
- No Longer Slaves- Johnathan David and Melissa Helser
- Thy Will- Hillary Scott & The Scott Family
- Never Too Far Gone- Jordan Feliz
- Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)- Chris Tomlin
- Hills and Valleys- Tauren Wells
- Sparrows- Jason Gray
- Greater- Mercy Me



# 3. Sponsor a Child

Sponsorship is one of the primary ways that you can help a child in need

Each child's experiences and needs are different depending on where they live and their family circumstances. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to collect water, care for siblings, or earn money to help their family.

Sponsorship gives children access to the resources needed to attend school, and their families are able to better afford nutritious food and medical care. Funds are provided **directly to the child's caregiver, so that they can provide what their child needs.**



Your parish community can help change lives through monthly sponsorship!

## Corresponding with your sponsored child

The child you sponsor will write to you twice per year; you will receive a handmade card at Christmas and the annual **site director's report**. **You will also receive a status report, an updated photo, and a personal letter written by your child.**

You can also write to your child, and build a relationship and connection with him or her! You can share about your family, friends, hometown, hobbies, and more.



A child from Chile receiving letters and gifts from her sponsor

Visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) and look under: **SPONSOR**

## The cost of sponsoring a child is **\$37/ month**

And you don't necessarily have to do it alone! You can invite your parish to consider sponsoring children together, or you can organize a sponsorship relationship with a child that your parish youth group or catechism classes help support.



# 4. Pocket Change 4 Change

## An easy way for you to make a difference in the world

Every year your parish community has the opportunity to help those in need. Simply support Chalice in our **"Pocket Change 4 Change"** drive!

A little goes a long way, and each week children can donate pocket change at the collection that will go towards **sponsoring a child** as a parish! Your whole community can make a difference for those in need and **learn the joy of giving**.

*Chalice will send your parish a large "Pocket Change 4 Change" can, upon request!* Contact **dannymacdonald@chalice.ca** for more information.



A Chalice Christmas Tree at St. Maurice Parish in Ottawa

## Advent Christmas Tree

Another option for your parish is the Advent Christmas Tree! You can help set up a Christmas tree in a central location within the Church, and Chalice will send packages containing ornaments and prayer cards.

Packages are sold for \$2, and the person who purchased the ornament can place the ornament on the tree and keep the prayer card as a keepsake.

After the holiday, people who have purchased ornaments can take their ornaments home, and put them on their tree in future years.



"Jesus wills that we give alms to Him as to one poor and needy. He puts Himself, as it were, at our mercy; He will take nothing but what we give Him from our heart, and the very least trifle is precious in His sight."

- ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



# 5. Gifts from our Catalogue

Each year Chalice publishes two **gift catalogues**: Spring and Christmas

**You can choose from many gifts, including:**



Ukraine



Tanzania

- Food for a family
- Farm animals
- School supplies
- Farming seeds and tools
- Bicycles (for transportation)
- Beds, latrines, and other household items
- Immunizations/vaccines
- Medication (including AIDS treatment)
- Mosquito Netting and Malaria/Zika Prevention
- ... and more!

**This is a wonderful way to give two meaningful gifts in one**

*You can honour a loved one by dedicating a gift in their name...*

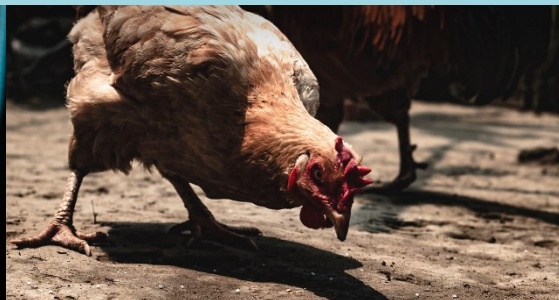
**AND provide a much needed gift for a child, family or community in need!**

[these are beautiful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, Christmas, Mother's/Father's day and other occasions]

When you choose a gift from our catalogue, your friend or loved one will receive a card that describes the gift you've chosen, and show how this gift will help struggling families. You'll know that you have chosen a gift that was desperately needed...it is never a waste of money!



**Vegetable Seeds: \$10**  
(a great gift for a farming family)



**Rooster & Two Hens: \$45**  
(to breed, and provide eggs and meat)



India

**Sewing Machine : \$145**  
(for sewing clothes to wear and sell)

**Single gifts range from \$10 personal gifts to \$3000 community gifts**

Visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) and look under: [DONATE](#) to [GIVE A GIFT](#) to order a gift from our [GIFT CATALOGUE](#)



# 6. Chalice Nutrition Fund

## Help feed hungry children by contributing to the Chalice Children Nutrition Fund



Your gift to the **Chalice Children Nutrition Program** helps provide children and their families at our sponsor sites with *milk, vitamins, and food*, as well as *education* to help foster healthy and prosperous communities. Local leaders are enabled to run breakfast and lunch programs, as well as workshops that teach children, parents, school teachers on proper nutrition, food handling, and personal health and hygiene. Children can have their height/growth monitored, care for dental hygiene, and treatment for nutrition-related illnesses (e.g. deworming). Chalice Nutrition Programs exist at Sponsor Sites in: Africa, Latin America, Haiti, and the Philippines.



Bolivia



Philippines



Bolivia



Kenya

### Sign up to donate \$20 monthly

Just like with sponsorship, you don't have to do this alone! You can also invite your parish community to contribute larger donations to this program,

Visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) and look under: [DONATE](#) for [FEED A CHILD](#)

“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them.  
This is how prayer works.”

- POPE FRANCIS





# 7. Become a Chalice Champion!

Want to do more? Becoming a **Chalice Champion** is a great way to get involved in your local and global community! Start, or get involved in, a Chalice group within your **school** or **parish**.

As a Chalice Champion, you'll have the opportunity to build **interpersonal skills** and become a **leader** in your community. You can hold events and fundraisers that support Chalice, and you will **create something fun for your community while raising funds to help people in need**.



**Come join Chalice in our mission of sharing Christ to people in need, by:**

- Telling your family and friends about Chalice.
- Speaking on behalf of Chalice at social events, etc.
- Being the Chalice contact person at your parish.
- Fundraising for Chalice Community Projects.
- Organizing a Christmas Catalogue Campaign.

Visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) and look under: **GET INVOLVED** for **VOLUNTEER**



## Host an event, change a life!

Host a coffee house, dinner, concert, variety show, dance, bake sale, or any other large or small fundraising event and bring together your community for the good of another. Help change the world... one child, one family, one community at a time!

**Contact us for fundraising ideas: 1-800-776-6855**

# Reflect and Make an Action Plan

Now that you know some practical ways to make a difference, you can make an **action plan!** Reflect on what struck you the most from the "Reality of Poverty" section, and think of what needs you can meet. It is important that our prayers and convictions lead to **concrete actions** — **otherwise, love won't be made manifest** in the lives of those in need!

## My Prayer Goals and Commitments:

E.g. I will pray for my sponsored child during grace before meals.

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## My Action Plan... how I will love and help the poor:

E.g. I will buy Christmas gifts from the Chalice Gift Catalogue or volunteer at a local food bank.

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"Prayer in action is love,  
love in action is service."

- ST. (MOTHER) TERESA OF CALCUTTA



# Other ways Chalice offers support

## Urgency Funds

Chalice collects donations for individuals, families, and communities who are in urgent situations. You can donate to these special funds, which are created when a natural disaster hits a region or when people are in desperate need of resources.

Visit [chalice.ca](https://chalice.ca) and look under: **DONATE** for **DISASTER RELIEF** & **PROVIDE URGENT CARE**

## Human Development Programs

Chalice offers skills training and workshops to caregivers of sponsored children so that they can eventually transition from sponsorship to economic self-sufficiency. These help improve family and community life for our sponsored children and many more people in communities surrounding our sponsor sites. Some of these include:

- WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)
- Skills @ Chalice
- Hope for my Future Program
- eRoots

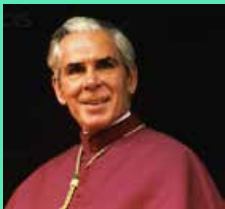


Skills @ Chalice Sewing Program

## Capital Projects

Donations to capital projects help fund the construction of water systems, schools, and houses to improve the communities of our sponsored children.

Visit [chalice.ca](https://chalice.ca) and look under: **DONATE** for **BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES**



“So long as there are poor, I am poor, So long as there are prisons, I am a prisoner, So long as there are sick, I am weak, So long as there is ignorance, I must learn the truth, So long as there is hate, I must love, So long as there is hunger, I am famished. Such is the identification Our Divine Lord would have us make with all whom He made in love and for love.” - **VEN. ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN**



# ... continued

## Chalice Missions bring the Body of Christ together in *story, song and service*

“The many situations of inequality, poverty and injustice, are signs not only of a profound lack of fraternity, but also of the **absence of a culture of solidarity.**”

Message of Pope Francis on XLVII World Day of Peace

**Missions are one way Chalice seeks to inspire this culture of solidarity.**

“**Solidarity...** is not a ‘feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a **firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good.** That is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all’.”

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Para. 193

Missions are opportunities for adults or families\* to:

- **Meet** Chalice’s partners and the families we serve.
- Engage in **service projects** alongside other Canadians with a heart for service.
- Witness the impact of **sponsorship** and share the opportunity of sponsorship with others.
- Collectively raise financial **support** for the communities we visit.
- Become **Chalice Champions** and "Bring Christ to the Poor and the Poor to Christ."

\*Minors need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Ukraine

### TOO FAR to go? **PARTNER with a team!**

Your parish or catechism class can partner with one of our mission teams:

Haiti – November 2018

Paraguay – March 2019

Kenya – July 2019

Raise funds for the community, collect donation items to fill our suitcases, sponsor a child (we can meet them for you!), and get updates right from the mission field.

Opportunities for partnership are limited; contact our Mission Coordinator today:  
joannealbrecht@chalice.ca  
1-800-776-6855



Paraguay



Bolivia



Haiti



Tanzania



Peru

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# Sharing Stories

## Rosaria's Dream Fulfilled Through the Chalice Children Sponsorship Program



Rosaria's sponsorship journey with Chalice began when she was in grade 4. Being one of 6 children in her family, her mother struggled to be able to provide meals for her children whilst also paying for Rosaria's education as well as her two older sisters', only eating twice or sometimes even once a day. Through sponsorship, a huge financial burden was lifted from her family which made it easier to meet their basic needs as well as go to school. With Chalice also supporting a lunch program at Rosaria's school, she was able to get the nourishment necessary

for her to be able to focus on her studies throughout the day.

She received such good grades in grade nine on her exams that she was admitted into the Mukamambo Girl's Boarding school to finish her schooling up until grade 12. Now, she is currently studying Nursing at a well-known school in her area, and fulfilling a dream she might not have been able to otherwise thanks to her sponsorship through Chalice. Rosaria is very grateful for the kindness, love, support and help that her sponsors have given her throughout her sponsorship that she believes has shaped the person she has become today.

## VIDEO: Muchas Mochilas: Amilcar's "Hope for My Future" Success Story

Watch to see how through Chalice's "Hope for My Future Program" Amilcar was able to finish his university degree in Business Development and how he has used his degree to start up his own successful backpack business.



# Continued

## **Hear from Chalice Champion, Deacon Mike Conlin about how he witnessed the selflessness of fellow Chalice volunteers in their ministry bringing “Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ”:**

“My two most memorable appeals were joint appeals I did with two other speakers, Deacon Tom Pillisch (R.I.P., Dec. 2009) and Deacon Ted Macdonnell (R.I.P., Sept. 2011).

When Tom got up to speak at our appeal at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in Etobicoke, he simply looked awful; he started out by explaining his appearance was due to a chemo makeover. But when he started preaching it was the same old Tom we’ve always known. You would look around to see if the walls were caving in or if the ceiling was coming down. It wasn’t just the volume of his talk, but the energy and passion he put into it. Tom was passionate about whatever he was involved in, especially in his ministry as a prison chaplain. He was a strong advocate for prisoners’ rights.

It was a day in June when I picked up Ted Macdonnell at his home in Barrie – he was too sick to drive - to take him to our joint appeal at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sutton West, north-east of Toronto. He did a good job. Ted had been an O.P.P. Officer and his time had faced many hairy and dangerous situations. After ordination, he spent some time in the far north, summer, and winter, as a missionary to native peoples.

Both of these deacons had great ministries, but in the end what was important to them was to get in one more Chalice appeal, to obtain sponsors for some of the poor children living in the Developing World.

Blessings to all our Speakers, Chalice staff, and Chalice volunteers.”



-Deacon Mike Conlin

For more stories, visit <https://www.chalice.ca/blog>



# Connect the dots

Young Children's Activity



Connect the dots and finish the drawing by colouring in the little boy and his meal!



“...I was hungry and you gave me food...”

- Matthew 25:35



# Colouring Page

Young Children's Activity



“...whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst ...”

- John 4:14



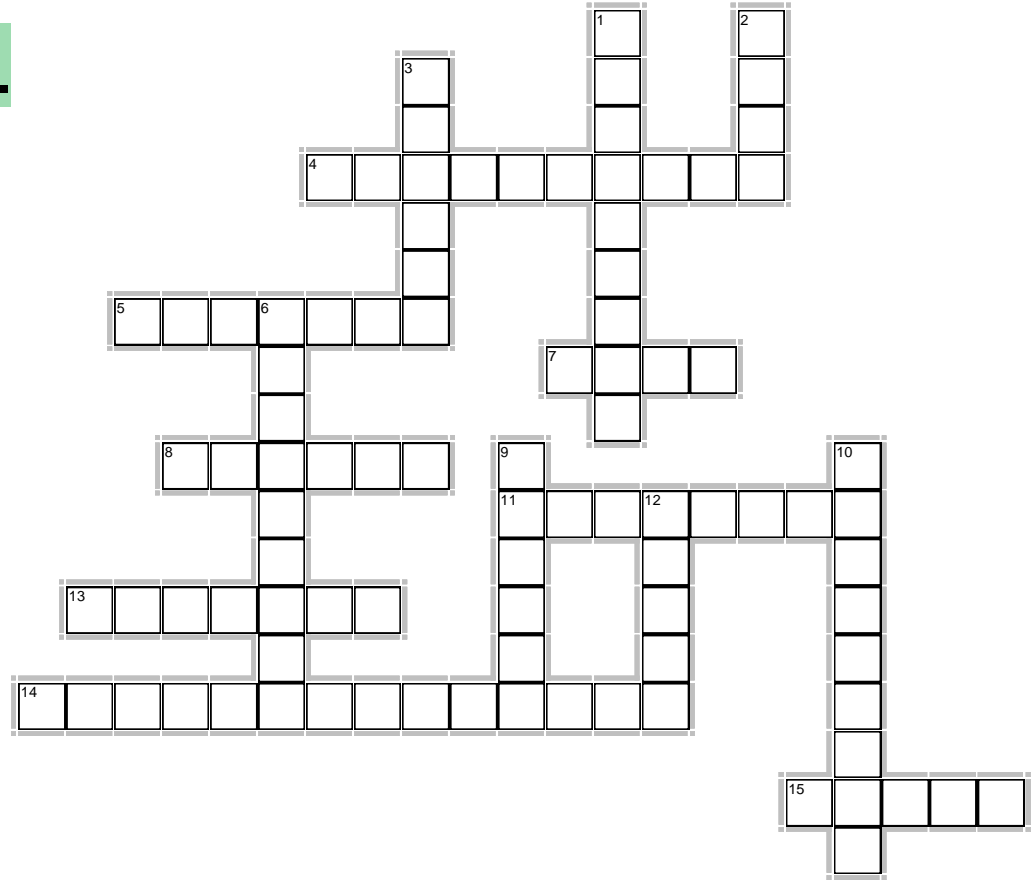
# Chalice Crossword Puzzle

Children's Activity



## Across

4. Not everyone has access to \_\_\_\_\_, when they are in need of medical treatments, immunizations, or medication.
5. If you \_\_\_\_\_ a child, you can help his or her family afford: food, education, medical care, and other needs.
7. Chalice's mission is to bring Christ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ
8. The Church is the body of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. If you become a Chalice \_\_\_\_\_ you can help us in our mission by organizing fundraising events and speaking on our behalf at your school or parish.
13. God has given each person equal \_\_\_\_\_
14. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to be educated about how our brothers and sisters live in poverty.
15. Access to \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary for life, and it allows for good hygiene practices, growing crops, cooking, and more.



## Down

1. Chalice believes that \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty
2. Our vocation as Christians is to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is raising our heart and mind to God
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is important for children's growth and development.
9. 264 million children and youth, worldwide, are not in \_\_\_\_\_
10. The word "Catholic" means \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Corporal and Spiritual works of \_\_\_\_\_ are actions that extend God's compassion and love to those in need.



# Chalice Word Search

Children's Activity



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Look for these words in the puzzle!

**THE CHURCH & HER VOCATION**

Universal  
Sacrament  
Family  
Solidarity  
Mission  
Christ  
Mercy  
Service

**VIRTUES & FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Faith  
Hope  
Charity  
Justice  
Peace

**WHERE CHALICE SERVES**

Bolivia  
Chile  
Guatemala  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Haiti  
Ukraine  
Cameroon  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Tanzania  
Zambia  
Bangladesh  
India  
Philippines

**WAYS TO SHARE IN OUR MISSION**

Prayer  
Liturgy  
Sponsorship  
Pocket Change  
Gift Catalogue  
Nutrition Fund  
Chalice Champion

**NEEDS OF THE POOR AND OF ALL PEOPLE**

Food  
Water  
Education  
Health Care  
Love

NOTE: Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, and diagonal



# Works of Mercy Charades Game

Children and Youth Activity

“Works of mercy” are actions that share God’s compassion and mercy with those in need. There are two kinds of works: Corporal (of the Body) and Spiritual (of the Spirit)

## The corporal works of

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <br><b>Feed the hungry</b>                 | <br><b>Give drink to the thirsty</b>         | <br><b>Clothe the naked</b> | <br><b>Shelter the homeless</b> |
| <br><b>Visit the sick and imprisoned</b> | <br><b>Give money and goods to the poor</b> | <br><b>Bury the dead</b>   |   |

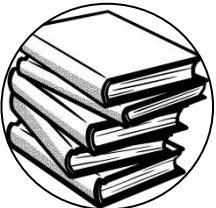





### Charades Guidelines

- 1) Photocopy this sheet and cut out each rectangle along the dotted line.
- 2) Place the works of mercy cut-outs in a hat, shuffle, and have two people act out the work of mercy at a time. The actors cannot use words, and everyone else must guess which work the actors are imitating.
- 3) Whoever correctly guesses the work of mercy gets to act next; a second person can guess whether it is a corporal or spiritual work, and then that person can join in on the next team of two to play charades.

### Alternative Game: Pictionary!

Instead of acting out each work of mercy, try drawing pictures to illustrate each action (one artist at a time). Be creative and try not to copy the images within the circles on the cut-outs too closely! Play on teams and compete against one another to see who can guess the work of mercy first!

## The spiritual works of

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <br><b>Instruct the ignorant</b>      | <br><b>Counsel the doubtful</b>   | <br><b>Urge others not to sin</b>           | <br><b>Bear wrongs patiently</b> |
| <br><b>Forgive offences willingly</b> | <br><b>Comfort the afflicted</b> | <br><b>Pray for the living and the dead</b> |   |





# Prayer for Guidance in Our World

Father,  
Sometimes I feel bewildered by the world.  
I don't understand how there can be such richness beside poverty.  
Help me to be generous and thoughtful of others.  
I feel upset when I hear others' cruel words or see hatred or prejudice.  
Help me to be loving and accepting of all I meet.  
Sometimes I feel down about the pressure on young people to succeed.  
Lord, in this confusing world  
Help me to look to you  
And stay hopeful and happy.

Amen.



## Pray with the Word:

Read **Genesis 4: 1 - 10**, the story of the two sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel

This is the first account of death in scripture, and it happens in a violent act. Why does Cain kill his brother? After Cain lies to God, claiming he doesn't know where Abel is, Cain asks "**Am I my brother's keeper?**". Why do you think Cain decides to deny any responsibility to his brother? Should we be our brothers' and sisters' keepers?





# Share Your Story, Share Your Pictures

We invite you to share moments from your education and fundraising experiences with Chalice! We would love to receive photos of: parish displays, parishioners and catechism classes, and children holding "Pocket Change 4 Change"



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Story: \_\_\_\_\_

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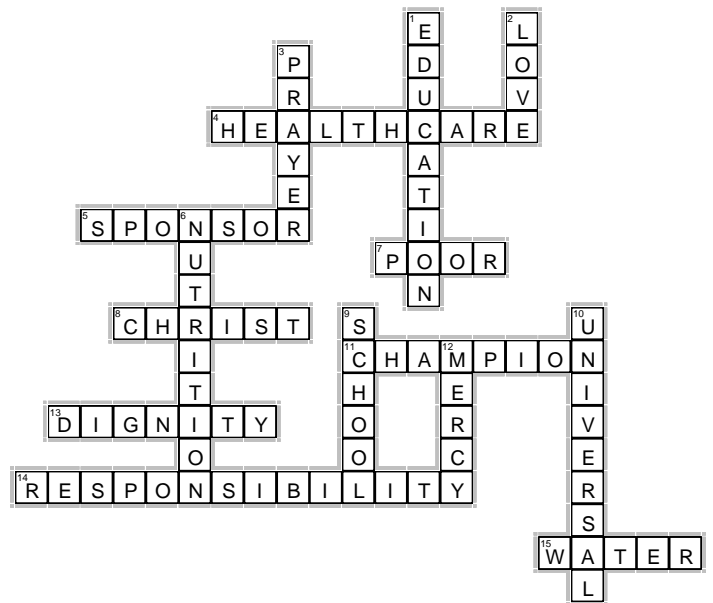
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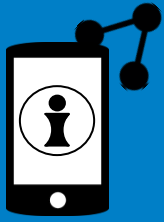
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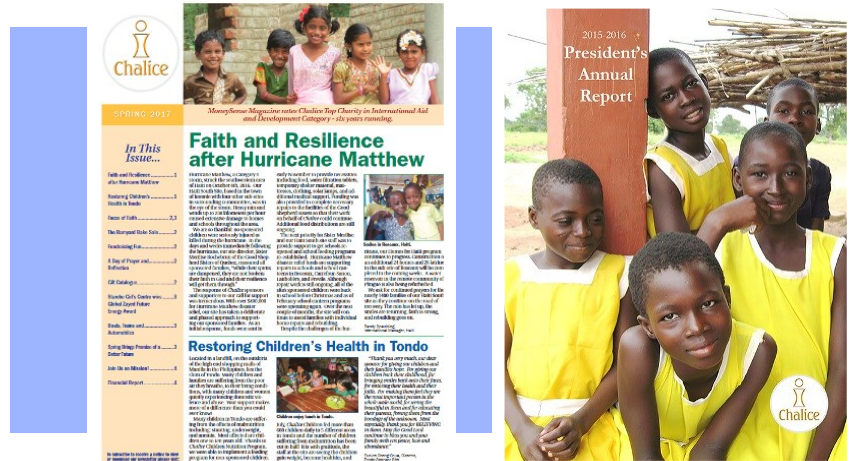
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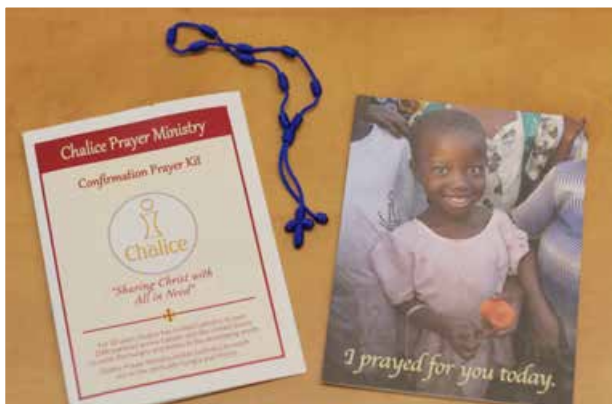
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- Advent tree paper ornaments
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