



Year of Faith – Summer of 2013 Living our Faith in Ordinary Time

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” – Luke 10: 36-37

One expression of our living in the spirit of the Gospel message is our consciousness of the needs of others. What better way to share our blessings than to contribute food to restock the pantry shelves of our parishes and community agencies who serve our “neighbors” in economic need in all eight counties of the Cleveland Diocese. During July and August, let’s join together for some “Extraordinary Living in Ordinary Time,” culminating in filling the truck at the **Fest!**

The Fest
August 4, 2013
Center for Pastoral Leadership
Wickliffe, Ohio



PARISH PARTICIPATION IS KEY!

Please join the following organizations of the Diocese of Cleveland – the Year of Faith Committee, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Catholic Charities and the **Fest** – to gather food and other items to fill the shelves of your parish food pantry and neighboring agencies with much needed food and supplies during the summer months when shelves are low. Build upon how your parish already collects items for the poor – through the efforts of the parish St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Social Justice Committee, the Youth and Young Adult Group, or your Parish Deacons. Keep it simple!

HOW WILL IT WORK?

- St. Vincent de Paul & Catholic Charities will provide parishes with lists of needed items.
- Each parish will sponsor a “needed item drive” between Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, August 4 (the day of the **Fest!**)
- Parishes keep the items they need for their parish food pantry shelves. The remainder of the items could go to other area centers for distribution or to fill the truck at the **Fest!**
- Parishes are asked to keep track of their efforts by returning a simple form (along with photos) to the diocesan Year of Faith Committee, so that the generosity of the people of Northeast Ohio can be recognized at the **Fest**, in our Diocese and parish communities.
- **Fest** participants will be invited to bring an item from the list to actually **Fill the Truck!**
- Parishes may wish to contact local businesses so that everyone in the community can participate.
- Questions may be directed to John Litten at jlitten@dioceseofcleveland.org or to Sr. Rita Mary Harwood at rmharwood@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Look for Additional Information Soon!