

Campaign Overview

1. Step Up to the Plate

Issue: Hunger
Values: Faith, Commitment
Timing: Lent

Components:

1. Personal Development Activity → to learn to be helpful and serve others.
2. Fundraising → to help alleviate hunger among children in developing countries.

How It Works:

1. Teacher introduces Chalice in Schools, shows both the Chalice: All about Connections and Step Up to the Plate videos (provided) and explains the activity.
2. Teacher provides each student with a Chalice brochure and a letter to parents to encourage their participation.
3. Students are each given a Days of Lent countdown and 40 stickers. As part of their Lenten observance, students are encouraged to perform acts of service or extra chores every day during the 40 days of Lent (under parental supervision). This fosters commitment to helping others at home and in their community.
4. For each act of service or chore, the parent or neighbour gives \$1, and the student places a sticker to the designated day of the countdown.
5. School sends a cheque to Chalice equivalent to the total collection. Chalice applies this donation to Chalice Children Nutrition Program.
6. Chalice will send your school the next annual Chalice Children Nutrition Program report which will show the wonderful difference your students have made with their efforts.

Teaching Resources:



Letters to Parents



Campaign Introduction Video



Days of Lent Countdown



Days of Lent Stickers

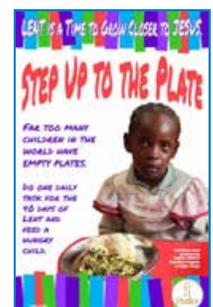
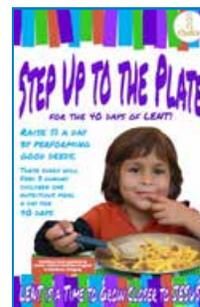
Activity Sheets on USB:
• Colouring Pages



Skype with First Hand Story Teller



First Hand Stories Video



Promotional Posters for the Classroom

Funds raised will provide nutritious meals for hungry children.

Lent - a Time to Grow Closer to Jesus

Commit to Practicing Our Faith During Lent

Lent is a time set aside to help us prepare our hearts for Easter through prayer, repentance, sharing, and sacrifice. The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the eve of Easter Sunday, the magnificent event that shows the realization of our Catholic faith. This equals 40 days, not counting Sundays. These represent the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert.

Fasting, that is sacrificing something in order to focus more on God, is a way for us to accompany Jesus during His special time. When we give up something that we enjoy, it is hard because it requires commitment on our part. It is our opportunity to become closer to Jesus through prayer and reliance on Him.

It is also an opportunity to offer up our sacrifice for others, especially those who have very little. This is one way of participating in building the Kingdom of God.

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8	7	6	5	First Sunday	36	35	Palm Sunday	34	33	
9	10	Second Sunday	11	12	Fifth Sunday	29	30	31	32	
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