

JOYFUL GIVING DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

SUGGESTED PROJECT FOR LENT AND BEYOND

“What you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me.” Mt. 25.35,40

God has blessed us with so much in this life and let us share in some small ways our resources to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Our goal during this Lenten season is to get closer to Christ our Savior by prayers, sacrifice and almsgiving.

There are practical ways that you can do this:

- a) Participate in parish Masses and special Lenten liturgical services such as the 6:30 A.M. Mass, and Station of the Cross.
- b) Take special time for personal prayer or go on a retreat.
- c) Help build homes for the homeless and the hungry in the Philippines thru “Gawad Kalinga” or GK. (“Gawad Kalinga” means to give care). The goal is to raise \$75,000.00 in two years mainly through sacrificial giving to build 30 homes.
- d) Help support a local need like St. Vincent De Paul.

The idea is to find ways to share one’s treasure with the poor and the needy without deducting anything from the budgeted amount for the parish support. Here are some suggestions:

1. DAD – DOLLAR A DAY.

- Each individual, or family that volunteers gets a piggy bank and commits to deposit DAD - Dollar A Day.
- At the end of each month the piggy bank is collected, the amount properly acknowledged and deposited to Gawad Kalinga (GK) or to your favorite local charity like St Vincent de Paul.

2. KEEP THE CHANGE

- Bank of America or your own bank may offer this program. When you enroll in this program the bank will round up your purchase to the nearest dollar amount and transfer the difference from your checking account to your savings account. You keep the change. The amount you save at the end of the year can be donated to GK or to your favorite local charity

3. CREDIT CARD REBATES

- You may also share you credit card rebates with the needy. The amount saved can be donated to GK or to your favorite local charity.

If you wish to participate in the DAD program, please sign up with Couples For Christ or Lay Carmelite volunteers in the vestibule so we can get the piggy banks for you.