

## Parish Partnership Quotes – Profiles in Giving

“Our Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring this program with the help of the K of C and Religious Ed Dept. It is technically not a Parish Program even though most of our parishioners are contributing. We will not be sending money, only goods that are needed.”

“We wish to raffle off two quilts and donate the money for your parish along with sending down a child’s quilt made by the children from St. Rita’s; It would be a one time project now with the possibility of additional projects in the future if we can get enough support.”

“Parish has consolidated so would like to donate hymnals, Sacramentaries, lectionaries, etc. Will be on retreat in Mobile, AL week of November 14. Will deliver goods directly to Diocese of Biloxi.”

“We are a regional school affiliated with 3 parishes. We want to partner with a school; we are working independently of our supporting parishes. As an Advent outreach, our school would like to provide a school in the region with goods that are needed. Depending on the need and our ability to continue, we would like to develop an ongoing relationship by pen pals in addition to sending needed supplies. It would be helpful for the school to provide us with a list of items needed.”

“This is the parish where Catholic Extension got its start 100 years ago with Fr. Francis Kelley. Our former parish secretary has two sisters who use to live in Our Lady of the Rosary parish. If possible I would like to partner with them. Helping relatives of one of our parishioners would mean a lot to us.”

“St. Henry's is a very small parish in the Adirondack Mountains. It is not wealthy, but its parishioners are dedicated and anxious to help in any way that we can. We will send funds as available. We are planning fundraisers. We would also like to send goods, such as: a used Mac iBook, printer and programs and other items, which may be needed. We have an altar, pulpit, chalices, linens, candlesticks, etc.”

“While our numbers are small, we are a vibrant and giving community of believers with big hearts. While we try to do some financial support, what we would really like to form is a personal relationship with another parish. If we could have an address where we might be able to ask for specific needs of the people, we would be grateful. We are thinking that we could provide things as needed. For example- as people start getting on their feet we could do a collection for bedding or if they need toasters or other small items. To be 'pen pals' has also been suggested.”

“We are a community that was completely flooded in 1997. 70% of parishioner’s homes were flooded. The parish school (K-12) had to be rebuilt. Our town is 8,000 people but a

city of 40,000 is across the river/state border from us. We would be interested in being connected with a parish that has an elementary school so that our elementary school could adopt them and do special projects for them. Our parish high school is making alternative contacts to adopt a high school.”

“We are really hoping to involve our school & RE children in this partnership. We want to give them the experience of connecting with people who really need their help. We would like to look at establishing a longer term relationship with a parish.”

“Our donations will primarily be coming from the children in the Religious Education Program. We are interested in having children help children, if possible. We checked that it would be a one-time donation, however, if the response is good, we may be able to provide more. If you can be specific as to what the children in the parish(es) need in the form of "goods," such as clothing, books, toys, toiletry articles, school supplies, that would be helpful in our efforts. Thank you for this opportunity.”

“As a parish, we are looking for a two year commitment as a trial period to establishing a long term relationship. We are looking for a parish who would have needed help in any circumstances and for whom Katrina has magnified that need. At this point we would consider a pledge of \$750 quarterly as well as perhaps two visits yearly by members of St. Mary's Parish to help with any parish needs. We would like to establish an ongoing relationship of interaction, which would include sharing bulletins, information and other parish exchanges. We prefer a parish with a school and would like our school children to be involved in the relationship, establishing communication with the sister parish. A parish that is in the more northern part of the area most devastated by Katrina would be good, but not an absolute necessity.”

“Learning that we were part of the Diocese of New Orleans in 1803, we felt a tie and a wish to help. Our Pastoral Council is also interested in other ways to support a parish - through youth group or individual families.”

“We are in the process of building a new church for about 1000 people. We could possibly send some people down to help in some way. We have an active Habitat for Humanity group here. We also are helping build a parish in India-but not going there. Also I could trade places with pastor in MS for a weekend to come here and speak to people.”

“We have a soup kitchen & active St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our Gothic 1886 Church burnt down in 1993. Our contemporary church was rebuilt in 1997. We would first like to commit \$1,500.00 to a parish in need. This does not mean this will be a one-time donation. As we enter into a relationship perhaps further contributions would come. We also have available a 1994 Dodge 15 passenger van that is in good working order that we would be willing to donate. I would be willing to drive it down to a needy parish. If you had a St. Mary parish in need then we wouldn't even have to remove the St. Mary's lettering on the van.”