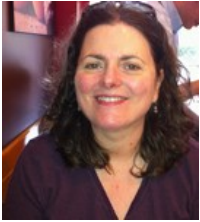


# December 2015 Newsletter



## CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

### A message from Terry Foley



As I write this newsletter, Thanksgiving is only days away, and we are preparing for our busiest time of the year. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, because we take the time to gather with family and friends to reflect on our many blessings. I am grateful for our CPO family of volunteers, clients, and community of supporters who come together 6 days a week. "The risen Christ, Pope Francis says, empowers us to make changes in our lives and in our society. He helps us become his hands and feet in all we do and say" - from "What Pope Francis Says About Jesus." I want to thank you for being my inspiration, by your devotion to helping people with the basics of life: food and clothing.

### *Hunger Never Takes a Holiday!*

Please consider honoring the special people on your holiday gift list by making a donation to our food pantry. Our annual Christmas honor

card campaign is historically our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised \$64,500 to purchase food for our pantry! This year's beautiful card was designed by 1st grader Paige Sundlof from The Franciscan School. Every dollar makes a difference, so please consider honoring your family, friends, teachers, and neighbors in this meaningful way. Check out our website for details on how to order the cards:

<http://cporaleigh.org/ChristmasGiftCards.html>

Thank you for your devotion to serving our less fortunate neighbors. Please continue to keep our ministry and clients in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

*Merry  
Christmas!*



### Words of Wisdom & Artwork volunteer Judy Lamanna

THE HEBREW NAME JOSHUA MEANS "SALVATION." TO JOSEPH, THE ANGEL SAID, "CALL HIS NAME JOSHUA FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS." TODAY WE KNOW HIM AS JESUS.

YESHUA WAS HIS NAME IN GALILEE. HIS NAME CALLS UP THE VICTORY! HE WITH HIS CROWN OF THORNS, SPOKE SO LOUDLY OF PAIN, AROSE IN KINGLY GLORY, DEFEATING DEATH FOR ALL WHO FOLLOW HIM! AS KING AND SON OF GOD, HE RULES ALL TODAY! WHEN WE CALL ON HIM, WE FIND HE LIVES AND BATTLES ON TO SAVE US MOST TRIUMPHANTLY - IN LIFE HERE AND IN A GREAT ETERNAL HOME!

FOR AS THE ANGEL SAID TO JOSEPH LONG AGO, HE SAVES HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. PSALM 71:3 YOU HAVE MADE A COMMANDMENT TO SAVE ME, FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS.



This year's Christmas honor card



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St. Thomas More volunteered on Nov. 4.



Cardinal Gibbons volunteered the afternoon of Oct. 27.



Allscripts volunteered on Nov. 2



**Donation Highlights**

- St. Joseph food drive: 728 lbs. of groceries & \$850
- St. Catherine food drive: 4,002 lbs. of groceries & \$1,970
- St. Luke food drive: 2,214 lbs. of groceries & \$7,755
- NCSU Campus Ministry food drive: 564 lbs. of groceries & \$1,854
- Cardinal Gibbons food/diaper drive: 6,876 lbs. of groceries/diapers & \$120
- St. Eugene food drive: 1,572 lbs. of groceries & \$1,259
- Millbrook Exchange 55+ Club: 278 lbs. of groceries & 224 lbs. of turkeys
- Green Hope High School food drive: 890 lbs. of groceries
- Triangle Dentistry food drive: 538 lbs. of groceries & \$350
- Cathedral School food drive: 198 lbs. of groceries
- St. Francis 55+ Club: 174 items of children's clothing



**Tweet from Pope Francis**

*As Christians, we are called to imitate the Good Shepherd and to help families experiencing difficulties.*





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**CROP Walk Oct. 25**



Above: Dan, Terry, & Chris before the walk

Right: Host Greg Fischel of WRAL at our table



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Raleigh Charter High School helped on Oct. 30.



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**Stats for October**

	<u>Oct 2014</u>	<u>Oct 2015</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Families/Referrals	3,168	2,851	26,428
People served	12,035	10,097	95,342
Total clothing	1,304	975	8,963
Total diapers	838	615	5,076
Total volunteer hours	4,240	4,754	39,791
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	86	156	753
Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year			