

An annual Single or Multi-Parish event that responds to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters in our global family by raising funds for hunger, poverty, and disaster relief, as well as, developmental assistance.

For more information on how to get involved, or how to have your parish and community sponsor an event contact the Diocese of Joliet Peace and Social Justice Office www.paxjoliet.org or 815-834-4028.



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Steps Toward Eliminating Poverty

A Walk
and Awareness-building event



A Program of Prayer, Education,
Charity and Justice from the Diocese of
Joliet and Catholic Relief Services



It's Not Just a Walk!



Prayer, Education, Cultural Awareness, and Advocacy

activities along the route
bring each walker to realize:

- The extreme struggle 50% of our brothers and sisters around the globe take to survive everyday
- The reasons why poverty exists and its related issues
- We are all **one** in God's family and are each responsible for insuring resources, justice, and dignity for **All** of our brothers and sisters.
- The steps we can take toward eliminating poverty

The guarantee of one's prayer
is not saying a lot of words.
The guarantee of one's petition
is very easy to know:
How do I treat the poor?
—because this is where God is.
The degree to which
you approach them,
Or the scorn with which
you approach them—
That is how you approach
your God.
The way you look at them is



the way you look at God.

*A Reflection by
Archbishop Oscar Romero
Martyred March 24, 1980*

Today 50% of the global population sustains
on less than \$2 a day; and another 3 billion
are likely to be added by the year 2050.

The Walk itself symbolizes the walk
our suffering brothers and sisters must make
everyday to find water and food in their daily
struggle for survival. Other activities along
the way helps us to grow in solidarity with
Christ's option for the poor:

Prayer

Opens our hearts to God's transforming love.
Helps us to contemplate the face of Christ in
our vulnerable,

Education

Increases our awareness of the effects poverty
has on over 50% of our global family.

Cultural Awareness

Sharing a meal, listening to music, looking at
pictures are some the ways we can feel
solidarity with those we have never met.

Advocacy

Actions promoting systemic change must
accompany charitable ones. Learn about
legislative advocacy, why it is important, how
to write letters to political leaders, sign up for
advocacy networks, organizations working to
eliminate hunger, and make a personal com-
mitment to work for justice.



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