

## *Cardinals Care*

*Cardinals Care Mission Statement: GO RED! GO CHARACTER! Our community service program at Holy Redeemer puts our character education program, GO RED!, into action and helps to foster a lifelong habit of community service and Catholic values.*

Holy Redeemer School lives out the 4 C's of Courtesy, Compassion, Community and Commitment in daily interactions around the school, in our parish, and in our wider community. One vehicle for living this is through service to others. Students live Jesus' call to love our neighbor whether in Kensington or our wider metropolitan area.

This bulletin describes several new service initiatives, which are in addition to many of the projects that Holy Redeemer has traditionally done at different points throughout the year. The back of this bulletin provides a calendar of all service opportunities, so your family can plan to engage in these events.

### **SOME Snack Bags**

Holy Redeemer partners with So Others Might Eat (SOME) in service to individuals struggling with poverty and hunger in DC. Holy Redeemer provides a monthly meal of a main course prepared by parishioners and fruit donated by school families. Students also decorate and assemble bags of trail mix as a take-away item. This year, all students will make snack bags during religion class once during the year. They will work together to decorate bags and prepare trail mix. They will learn about SOME's clients and pray for the individuals who receive the snacks. You will get an email to sign up to send in an item for the project during your class' month. *Compassion, Community*



### **Cardinals Work**

Holy Redeemer is planning to launch a community service program which would allow our students to offer their time and talents to support the larger Holy Redeemer Community by helping and visiting HR parishioners. Along with their families, HR students can visit with elderly parishioners, read to them, take them for walks and/or help with light yard work such as raking. This service project involves both students and families. If you are interested in signing help or learning more, please email Eileen Mood ([eileenbridget@juno.com](mailto:eileenbridget@juno.com)) or Marti Robey ([jmrobey@verizon.net](mailto:jmrobey@verizon.net)) *Courtesy, Compassion, Community*



### **Mass Greeters**

Students will serve as Greeters outside of all weekend Masses four times this year as a way to provide positive outreach from our school to our parish. Student Greeters will wear their dress uniforms and will stand at the church entrances to offer a smile, hello, and welcome to people coming into and leaving Masses. See the calendar page for the weekends that have been selected. Please look for a sign-up genius to come that will have slots for student participation. *Courtesy, Community*

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### **Shoeboxes for SOME**

In addition to providing monthly meals and snack bags to SOME, Holy Redeemer students fill and decorate shoeboxes with hats, gloves and scarves for the individuals supported by SOME at Christmas. These much needed items help provide warmth and comfort individuals living in poverty. *Compassion, Community*



### **Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive**



Holy Redeemer parish and school participate in the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive, an event sponsored by parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington. During the first week of December, families go out into their neighborhoods and collect non-perishable food items. These contributions are then brought to Holy Redeemer School where families sort and count them before sending them to local food pantries and shelters. Not only did we collect approximately 12,000 cans of food last year for the less fortunate, but families and volunteers engage with one another, serving and making a difference together. *Compassion, Community*

### **St. Camillus Food Drives**

Holy Redeemer partners with St. Camillus Catholic Church's Food Pantry in Silver Spring. This food pantry serves thousands of individuals annually and provides with culturally appropriate and nutritious nonperishable food for families in need. During Spirit Week and for Thanksgiving, Holy Redeemer collects food from the pantry's list of needed food items to help these local families and individuals. For Thanksgiving 2015, the school collected and delivered 100 turkeys plus many boxes of food for packages for families.

*Compassion, Community*



### **Easter Eggs for Children**

Second and third grade students will assemble 1100 plastic eggs with goodies and stickers for the Easter Egg Hunt for children of Wounded Warriors whose families are staying at the Fisher House on Walter Reed's campus. This service project is a collaboration with the Yellow Ribbon Fund. *Compassion, Community*

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### Community Service Calendar 2015-2016

#### **October 2015**

Oct 7 SOME Snack Bags (Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Oct 8 Fruit for SOME (apples)  
Oct 13-16 Spirit Week Food Drive for St. Camillus Food Pantry

#### **November**

Nov 9/10/11 SOME Snack Bags (Pre-K & 7<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Nov 12 Fruit for SOME (apples)  
Nov 8-20 Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Camillus Food Pantry  
Nov 21/22 Mass Greeters (all weekend Masses)

#### **December**

Dec 2-5 Greg Gannon Food Drive  
Dec 7/9/8 SOME Snack Bags (6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Dec 10 Fruit for SOME (apples)  
Week of Dec 14 Christmas Shoe Boxes for SOME

#### **January 2016**

Jan 11/12/13 SOME Snack Bags (1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Jan 14 Fruit for SOME (bananas)  
Jan 31 Mass Greeters

#### **February**

Catholic Schools WeekCup of Joe Project  
Feb 8/9/10 SOME Snack Bags (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Feb 11 Fruit for SOME (bananas)

#### **March**

Mar 7/8/9 SOME Snack Bags (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
Mar 10 Fruit for SOME (bananas)  
Mar 12/13 Mass Greeters  
Mar 14 Easter Eggs for Walter Reed

#### **April**

Apr 5/6/7 SOME Snack Bags (4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Apr 8 Fruit for SOME (bananas)

#### **May**

May 9/10/11 SOME Snack Bags (5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
May 12 Fruit for SOME (oranges)  
May 14/15 Mass Greeters

#### **June**

Jun 9 Fruit for SOME (oranges)