

*faith*FULL Food Drive 2018

Top 10 Ministry Ideas

How can we get our parish or school involved in the food drive?

Here are just a few ideas to get you thinking.

1. Brown Bag Project: reach out to local supermarkets to get their brown bags. Attach an 8.5 x 11 copy of the poster with food items to buy (available at camdendiocese.org/faithfull). Hand bags to Mass goers and at any ministry gatherings (CCD, etc.).
2. Invite parishioners/students to count how many individual fruits and vegetables they have at home. Invite them to donate one can per item in their home.
3. Gather with adults to watch the hunger documentary "A Place at the Table." Discuss it afterward.
4. Youth Groups: Participate in a "Food Fast" activity with free resources from Catholic Relief Services. Visit <http://foodfast.crs.org> to learn more.
5. Invite Knights of Columbus or other group to ask for donations at super markets. Hand a copy of the poster to shoppers on the way in and collect cans on the way out. (Permission from supermarket required.)
6. School can give "dress-down day": students get uniform-free day in exchange for a food donation.
7. Schools can charge can of food as admission for a sporting event.
8. Invite different grades of faith formation classes to collect food. Grade with the most food collected wins a simple prize. Connect the project to the "feed the hungry" corporal work of mercy.
9. Invite ministry leaders (RCIA, CCD, pastoral council, etc.) to select one food item for their participants to bring to the next gathering.
10. Include a hunger fact in the announcements in the weeks leading up to the drive. Find hunger facts at www.foodbanksj.org.

