



HOTDOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

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POOR**

**TIME:
MAR-APR**

PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- Have you ever been hungry? What if you didn't have any food to eat? What if you lived every single day not knowing when you will be able to eat your next meal?
- This is a real situation that thousands of people experience each and every single day. People that are homeless and have absolutely nothing but the clothes on their back.
- So what can we do? When we or our parents see this, so we simply look the other way? Or are we genuinely concerned as Christians and want to do something to help, even in a small way?
- Do you know an area downtown in your city that has lots of homeless people? Or perhaps a park where they sleep and hang out?

LET'S NOT LOOK THE OTHER WAY!

OUR CALL TO SERVE

There are options we can choose to do:

- Fundraise and serve hotdogs to the homeless downtown or at a park
- Fundraise and make sack lunches to help another organization
- Volunteer our time to serve the homeless at a local shelter or soup kitchen.

LET'S HELP GIVE HOTDOGS TO THE HOMELESS!



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	WEEKLY THEME
1	<p>Decide: Decide which way to help the homeless.</p> <p>Option 1: Fundraise to buy hot dogs, buns, condiments, and chips to serve to the homeless in a specific area during week 6.</p> <p>Option 2: Fundraise to buy food to make sack lunches to donate to an organization in your community that already serves the homeless.</p> <p>Option 3: Contact a local shelter or soup kitchen to volunteer as a team to help serve the homeless.</p> <p>Contact: Contact the organization you choose to help, or make plans to visit a specific area where homeless are located. It may be good to contact the local park department or authorities and tell them of your plans if you will visit a park to deliver food.</p>	Why do we go to Mass?
2	<p>Budget: Make a budget to see how much money you will need to buy food depending on how many people you want to serve.</p> <p>Invite: Invite parents to help assist with this project and come up with a fundraising plan. You can talk to your pastor to see if he would support you collecting funds after weekend Masses.</p> <p>Plan: Make flyers for fundraiser, poster and start a social media campaign.</p>	Why do we follow the Pope?

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3	Promote: Promote the flyers this week, and hang the posters, and tweet and FB social media to friends, family, or even on the parish website and in the bulletin if possible.	Why do we need to go to confession?
4	Collect Funds: Collect funds this week, after weekend Masses, from friends, family, etc. Promote: Keep promotion going this week.	What place should Mary have in my life?
5	Final fundraising: Finish up collecting funds this week from all sources. Final Plan: Depending on how much was collected, make a plan for how much food can be purchased next week, and how to cook/prepare hotdogs, and logistics for delivery to downtown area or park.	Why do people dislike the Catholic Church?
6	HotDogs for the Homeless! Cook the hotdogs in large pots of water, place in buns and wrap in foil individually. Put them in a cooler to keep them warm. Go to the area and set up a table and joyfully serve the homeless! Make sure to pray for them!	HotDogs for the Homeless! A short Gospel is provided to motivate the boys before this project.

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LOCATION

You need to decide on the locations that you will serve at well in advance (in week 1). Make sure to get some adults / parents involved for advice and help:

- A downtown area
- A local park where homeless are known to congregate.
- Mobile plan - Multiple locations where homeless are (such as under bridges, in parks, downtown streets, etc.)
- A homeless shelter
- A local soup kitchen
- A local organization that collects food / funds to help the homeless.

PROVISIONS

Depending on the type you choose to organize, here are some possible items that may be needed:

- Posters / Flyers for promotion
- Social Media for promotion
- Parish bulletin ad or website for promotion
- Food items for hot dogs and side, or sack lunches and bags/foil
(investigate all prices in advance – calculate per person, but plan to buy in bulk – Costco, Sam's Club, etc.)
- Logistics for transportation (vans, trucks, etc.)
- Tables / chairs – large signs, etc.
- Conquest T-shirts – for team project

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RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Team Members** – Should each have their own responsibility assigned to them, that they are fully responsible for. This ensures that they have their heart in this project and mission to serve the homeless.
2. **Adult Volunteers** – Should have their local diocesan certification for working with youth completed prior to assisting with the project. They should also register with the parish / institution to be volunteer drivers (some require proof of insurance and copies of drivers license.)
3. **Priest** – Ideally, a priest or deacon should accompany the team for this project (if possible) to offer blessings to the homeless, and even sacrament of confession to any Catholic homeless.

CONTACTS

1. **Each Facility or Center Director** where the team will be visiting for the project.
2. **Adult Volunteers** – for chaperones and transportation
3. **Parish / Institution Business Office** – for obtaining permission forms for off-site club activities and certification of adult volunteers. Also for any promotional / fundraising needs.
4. **Priest** – to hopefully be able to accompany the team during the project.

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SPECIAL OPS

1. Adult Chaperones should ensure that the team members are always within their sight. Team members should always work the project in pairs of two or even three, never approach anyone by yourself.
2. Preparing the team for first time encounters with the homeless is crucial. They should not take this lightly, and be shocked and quiet and not knowing what to say or do. They need to receive some sort of coaching ahead of time, preferably by someone who has experience and can share their experiences.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Any type of collection of funds or food to help the poor or homeless could also work. The teens need to have an experience of selfless service and love for others.
- PICS AND VIDEO WARNING: Do not take videos or pictures of the homeless, as this can be disrespectful, instead, take pics and videos of the project preparations, etc.

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ROLL CALL

ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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