

Lenten Social Justice Project

Chalice: Child Sponsorship Program

For the past 20 years, Chalice has been enriching lives while restoring hope and dignity to people in developing countries through their Child Sponsorship Program. The staff and students at Madonna Catholic School have decided to raise funds to sponsor a child. At Madonna we are very lucky to have students with diverse backgrounds and many who have joined us from around the world. At Madonna, we are working towards understanding that we are all of God's children, that we are called to love one another, and that we have a responsibility to our fellow brothers and sisters regardless of where they live. Our sponsorship will provide educational support, including school materials, books and fees. Sponsorship will also provide nutritional food, medical care, clothing and footwear, and other basic necessities.

It costs \$444 to sponsor a child for one year. In order to meet this goal, each class is challenged to bring in \$50. Perhaps you can help your child return bottles to the depot, or offer a small reward for helping with chores. Another idea would be to encourage your child to donate some of their allowance so that they can experience the Lenten practice of Almsgiving first-hand. This Lent, consider the Lenten practice of Fasting – and instead of giving something up, consider giving to others.

As a reward, the class that raises the most funds will have the honor of choosing the country of the child we will sponsor. All money raised will be donated to Chalice. Should we raise \$888 then we will sponsor a child for two years instead of one! How amazing would that be?

For more information on this program and other ways to donate to Chalice, please go to: <http://chalice.ca/ways-to-give/gift-catalogue>

Donations will be collected by homeroom teachers from March 10th – March 17th.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!