

Looking for an idea? Pick an activity and assemble a volunteer force including youth and adults.

Activity ideas include:

- ◆ Stage a food scavenger hunt
- ◆ Host a car wash, raffle, bake or rummage sale and donate proceeds to a food pantry or homeless shelter
- ◆ Sponsor food drive
- ◆ Deliver homemade treats to nursing home residents
- ◆ Plant a garden, donate produce to a homeless shelter
- ◆ Participate in a Feed My Starving Children (www.fmssc.org) or Kids Against Hunger (www.feedingchildren.org) meal packing event
- ◆ Assemble food backpacks or birthday bags (cake mix, frosting, pan, candles, streamers, gift) for homeless shelter children
- ◆ Volunteer at food pantry, homeless shelter, or soup kitchen
- ◆ Pack and distribute "Saint Sacks," a meal and gift for an elderly friend
- ◆ Create your own food-themed project



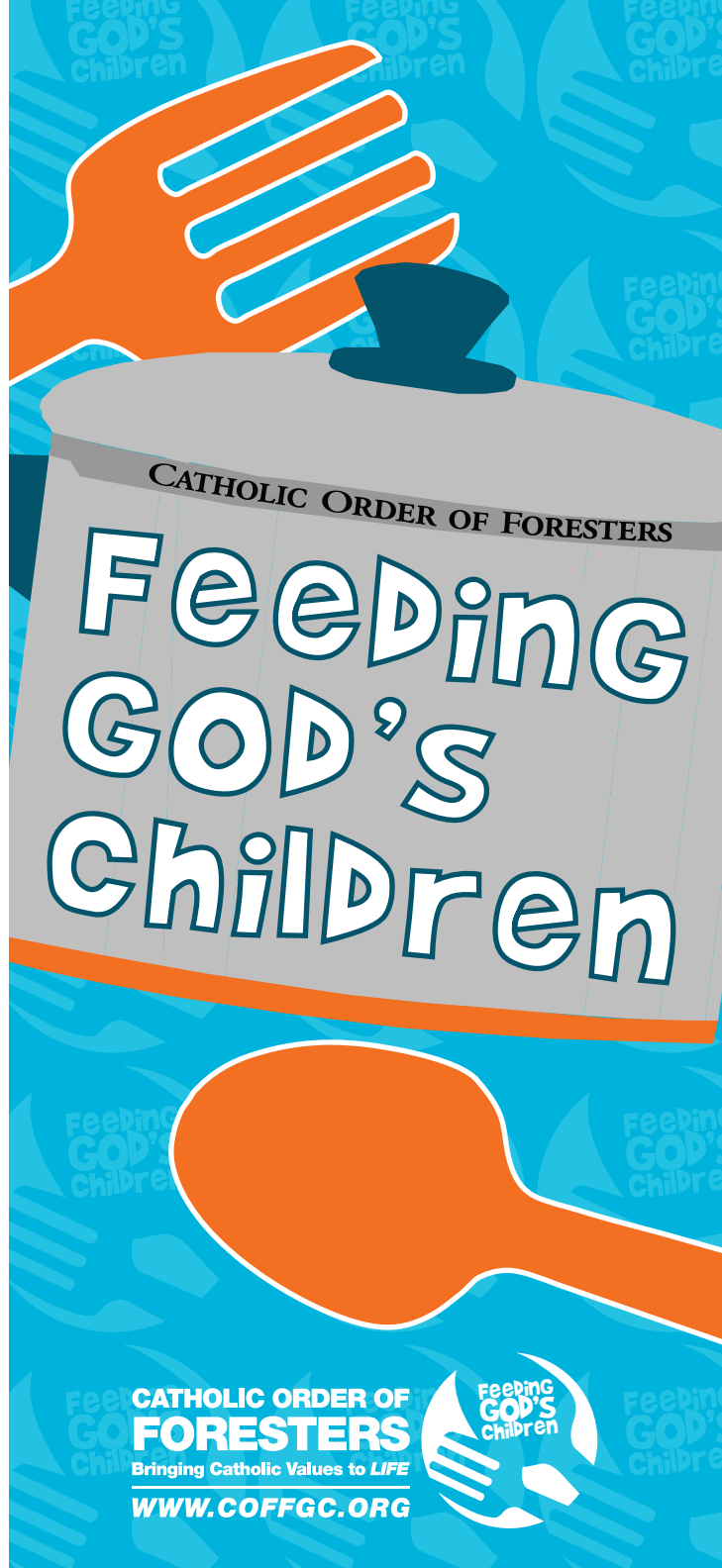
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Make the most of Join Hands Day, help Feed God's Children

"It is humbling when you realize the good accomplished by the many, doing just a little, which adds up to so much." CR Stan Geiger, St. Peter Court 1492, Join Hands Day 2009

Building on 2009's Join Hands Day success (80 courts, more than 3,500 volunteers), COF will again sponsor and provide support materials for *Feeding God's Children*, a program assisting the neediest among us.

What can you expect new for 2010? COF will provide a redesigned T-shirt, bookmark, *Feeding God's Children* wristband, larger full-color announcement poster, and streamlined T-shirt ordering.

T-shirt Order Deadline: March 12, 2010

Whether choosing *Feeding God's Children* or another activity, it's time to get ready for **Join Hands Day—May, 1, 2010.**

Plan

- Pick project
- Organize event
- Recruit volunteers—court youth and adults, parish members, schools, civic organizations
- Publicize—court mailing, church bulletin, school newsletter, newspapers, posters, pre- and post-event press releases, JHD Web site registration (www.joinhandsday.org)
- Hold event on May 1 or, if necessary, a nearby date more convenient for your group

All fillable print materials, including T-shirt order form, press releases, volunteer recruiting letters and fliers, posters, bulletin inserts, etc., available at www.coffgc.org

Encourage Youth Participation

Join Hands Day provides a great opportunity to get youth members involved. Top five incentives for participating—

- Earn service hours
- Help the hungry
- Share time with member and non-member friends
- Receive free T-shirt, bookmark, and wristband
- Enter cash prize drawing

Order T-shirts

Free to member and non-member participants, specially designed 2010 Feeding God's Children **T-shirts must be ordered by March 12, 2010.**

Apply for awards*

- Member Service Awards (\$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25)
- Court Community Benevolence Award (\$500 donated in winning court's name to their JHD activity recipient)

*Only COF courts and members eligible for June's post-event random drawings. To enter, return Join Hands Day participant sign-in sheet (PR-175) by May 23, 2010. Sheet will be mailed with T-shirt order or may be downloaded at www.coffgc.org.