

S.T.E.P.

Steps Toward Eliminating Poverty



COME WALK WITH US at the annual multi-parish walk held at All Saints Catholic Academy in Naperville! STEP raises funds for Catholic Relief Services and local outreach efforts. Raise your awareness through prayer, education, cultural awareness displays and activities. Take action through advocacy opportunities!

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no feet but yours, no hands but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ is to look out on a hurting world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless all now." ~St. Theresa of Avila



THE STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING!

Today 50% of the global population sustains on \$2 or less a day and another 3 billion are likely to be added to this number in developing countries by 2050...**One child dies every 3 seconds from preventable poverty related causes.** S.T.E.P. donates 75% of the collected funds to Catholic Relief Services and 25% to local needs designated by your parish.

**NEXT WALK
IS
OCTOBER 25, 2009
1:30 P.M.**



S.T.E.P. IS NOT JUST A WALK!

S.T.E.P. educates today's Catholics on the social mission of the Church and Catholic Social Teachings, strengthening our identity as Catholics. Our belief is that each person possesses a basic dignity that comes from God. We advance the intrinsic value and equality of all human beings, and strive for systems and procedures that demonstrate fair and equitable treatment of all people.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE S.T.E.P. WALK INCLUDE:

PRAYER - Invites us to open our hearts to God's transforming love and helps us to contemplate the face of Christ in those who are most vulnerable.

EDUCATION - Increases our awareness of the effects poverty has on billions of our brothers and sisters around the globe.

ADVOCACY - All human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. Actions promoting systematic change must accompany charitable ones. Learn about legislative advocacy, why it is important, how to write letters to political leaders, and sign up for advocacy networks. Learn about organizations working to eliminate hunger, and make a personal commitment to work for justice

CULTURAL AWARENESS - Through music, food, activities, artwork, etc. we learn to recognize individuals from other cultures as our brothers and sisters; and feel our oneness with each of them in God's family.