

St. Joseph Parish Justice & Peace Committee



Bread for the World

Stop!! To help people suffering from hunger and malnutrition: this may be the most important thing you ever read!!!

You may have heard some of us from the Justice & Peace Committee of St. Joseph Parish talk about Bread for the World. It is a national non-denominational Christian organization that works to lobby Congress and the President regarding issues that help hungry and poor people. The way they do this is interesting: through grass root organizing, church groups, single citizens, and clubs, connections are made with our nation's Senators and Representatives that try to convince them to support laws that are targeted at helping the poor and hungry.

There are two ways to create change for the poor in the world: one is for private charities or individuals to give money or food directly. There is a place for this at times. However, it usually can't be done on a large enough scale to help enough on a global level. The other way is to have the government pass laws that systematically help people in need. This results in huge improvements for the poor.

Does Bread for the World get results? Last year at St. Joseph Parish, we had an opportunity, after the

Masses to write letters along with Bread for the World members across the country to our Congressmen regarding the Farm Bill, which was finally passed in June of 2008. Bread for the World staff in Washington, D.C. also worked long and hard to improve food assistance through Congress. When it was passed, there was a 10.8 billion dollar increase in U.S. nutrition assistance that was not there on the previous farm bill.

Please join us and Bread for the World in November to write a short letter to our Congressmen regarding upcoming food legislation. We are told that 5 letters on the same subject is unusual and really gets a Congressman's attention. We can all help end hunger.

Do we have any legislation to list Cheryl?

Thank You,

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