

Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow



JUSTICE & PEACE
COMMITTEE

Introduction to Offering of Letters to Congress St. Ignatius Church Baltimore Sunday, April 7, 2019 after Mass in Ignatian Hall

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"We can't 'food-bank' our way out of hunger. The government must do its part."
— Rev David Beckman, Bread for the World President

St. Ignatius Church and the Justice & Peace Committee joins Bread for the World each year on the mission of ending world hunger. Through the parish's direct service ministries, year-round efforts actively support Baltimore city families facing food insecurity, and through our Justice & Peace Hunger & Poverty subcommittee's advocacy agenda, we work with other congregations, campuses, and community groups to set a policy-change agenda to move us closer to our collective goal to end hunger by 2030.

The Offering of Letters to Congress is a powerful way to get involved in our advocacy work. This campaign focuses on a single issue and alternates year-to-year between a domestic and an international hunger issue. The way it works is simple. It uses the same principles of a monetary offering collected at Mass in which the offering is blessed before being put to use. Starting today (Mar 19) the Justice & Peace Hunger & Poverty subcommittee will introduce several articles and topic papers to help our parish and community learn about hunger issues important to Saint Ignatius and to Bread for the World. They can be found in our *Parish: 'the thought'* e-zine, on our parish Justice & Peace Hunger & Poverty webpage, and in an insert in the parish bulletin.

On April 7, we invite parishioners and the community to join us in Ignatian Hall after Mass to write letters to our members of Congress, urging them to take action on one of the issues we have presented. The letters that are collected will be blessed by our Pastor and then on June 11, members of the parish will personally deliver the letters to members of Congress in Washington, D.C. during the Bread for the World Lobby Day.

You are invited to join us on either or both days. If you would like more information on our Offering of Letters to Congress or Lobby Day, please contact us [online](#). Our first feature article is titled *Who Experiences Hunger?* and serves to educate us on people at a high risk of hunger.

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