

## Programs for DYMs on Social Justice

### **Oxfam Hunger Banquet**

This activity can be tailored to a larger or smaller scale, either done at a regular youth ministry meeting, or made a parish-wide event put on by the young people. This event educates the participants on the global hunger crisis, and shows them the uneven distribution of wealth in our world through experiencing it on a small scale.

1) Website for the free, downloadable planning kit and resources:

<https://www.oxfamamerica.org/take-action/events/oxfam-hunger-banquet/>

2) Email address: [actfast@oxfamamerica.org](mailto:actfast@oxfamamerica.org) (Questions)

### **Sleep Out**

This is an awareness activity for the young people where they can spend the night like that of a homeless person. Although the homeless will not be affected directly, the experience will plant a seed in the participants to start acting toward change and advocacy in the problem of homelessness.

1) Website for the planning the Sleep out: <https://www.sleepout.org/>

2) Email: [sleepout@covenanthouse.org](mailto:sleepout@covenanthouse.org)

### **CRS Rice Bowl**

This activity happens during Lent to encourage Catholics around the world to pray, fast, learn, and give. Most local churches are sent cardboard boxes for all parishioners to collect money. 75% of the money goes to Catholic Relief Services and the other 25% stays within the Diocese to help local efforts. This is an easy activity that requires very little planning, but can be accompanied by teaching and encouraging the youth at youth ministry meetings.

1) Website: <https://www.crsricebowl.org>

2) Email: [info@crs.org](mailto:info@crs.org)

### **SERRV Sale**

Founded in 1949, SERRV International is one of the first fair trade organizations in the world. Their mission is “working to empower over 8,000 artisans and farmers every year by selling their beautiful handcrafts.” Their website contains a variety of handmade crafts and other items made by artisans around the world, available to the U.S. at a fair and just price. The proceeds go to both the artist and SERRV International.

Website: [https://www.serrv.org/crs\\_handcraft](https://www.serrv.org/crs_handcraft)

1) Email: [orders@serrv.org](mailto:orders@serrv.org)

### **Letter Writing Campaign through *Bread for the World***

This is an activity that teens can do online. *Bread for the World* provides email templates corresponding to current issues that young people can send to legislators. This gives young people the opportunity to participate in government policy and empowers them to further social change in our society.

1) Website for information on the *Bread for the World* Letter Writing Campaign.

<https://www.bread.org/write-congress>

Email: [bread@bread.org](mailto:bread@bread.org)

2)Contact Information for the Oxfam Campaign

Email at [info@oxfamamerica.org](mailto:info@oxfamamerica.org) or (800) 77-OXFAM ; (800)-776-9326