

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

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To our parishioners:

Flowing from God's own preferential option for the poor, our Parish has a long history of Social Outreach. However, from time to time we see people outside the church building, and even sometimes inside the Church, asking for money or food. Others have appeared trying to sell articles, or distribute print materials without permission. Such activities are always disorderly, may even be illegal, and usually foster distrust or divert resources from legitimate outreach.

- Please **do not** ever give cash to anyone on our property. Please **do** donate to our Social Outreach department.
- Please **do not** give food or other goods to anyone except through our outreach offices.
- Please **do** bring dry food goods to Mass and give them to an usher, or bring them to the office.
- Please report anyone distributing print materials on our property.

Our Social Outreach ministry helps a great number of people; over 900 in the month of February alone. We are not refusing charity to the poor, but we must have proper procedures to ensure that money, goods, and services get to those who really need them in a safe and orderly manner. Donations to our Social Outreach Department may be in the form of a check made out to St. John the Apostle Parish and placed in an envelope addressed to 'Social Outreach'. Dry food goods and other materials may be delivered to the Pastoral Offices.

Thank you for your help in this matter, and God bless you for your generosity to the less fortunate among us.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jack McKone