

20TH ANNUAL LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE

ASH WEDNESDAY
TO
HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 5 -
APRIL 17
2025



LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE

HOW A STORY ABOUT A PEPPER TEACHES A LESSON ABOUT PESTICIDES

Picture yourself as a farmworker.

You are out in the fields picking vegetables. You get thirsty, and while there is water available there are no cups available.

Bringing your own cup is not an option; it's too difficult to work at a breakneck pace picking vegetables and worry about where you might find a cup. So you improvise. You pick a pepper, cut it in half and use a half as a cup. Was that a good idea?

This is not a made-up scenario. Farmworkers faced with not enough resources to keep hydrated in the fields did just that. But what happened when they did that is they were drinking pesticides within the pepper along with water. This created a lot of health problems for them, and jumpstarted farmworkers and advocates to make sure there was water and drinking cups available throughout the day — especially at peak times when the Florida sun is brutal. So what did we learn from that pepper? That education equals action. But you can take that education even further.



And yes, thanks to the knowledge from that pepper, every day Catholics can help the men and women who put food on their tables. Florida Catholic Media spearheads the popular drive that officially begins Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5) and runs through Holy Thursday (Apr. 17). The focus of the drive is to donate clean, used or new men's and women's cotton long-sleeve shirts that can be used in the fields. Rough working conditions, exposure to weather, many washings, etc., create an ever-present need for long-sleeve shirts, which protect workers from bites and stings from various insects, and from contamination from sprays that help protect crops.

The ideal of “think globally and act locally” is something many people have heard. This annual drive embodies that philosophy as Florida residents open their eyes to poverty in their midst. It creates awareness of the conditions farmworkers face and the vital role they play in the economy. During Lent, parishes, schools, organizations and individuals are invited to conduct local drives and deliver the items collected to one of the many drop-off points around the state for distribution to farmworkers and others in need.

Education helped Florida Catholic Media staff develop the Long-Sleeve Relief Drive 20 years ago as staffers mentally put themselves in the shoes of a farmworker. Working outside in the heat for 10 hours in clothes that are worn the next day and the next day, each day getting more and more saturated with chemicals from pesticides and sun exposure.

That's why Florida Catholic Media began its Long-Sleeve Relief Drive. Since 2005 over a million long sleeve shirts have been donated. That's a lot of shirts — more than 100 tons — but they are necessary. By now, many of those shirts — donated from the back of people's closets — have been used to the “point of no return” and thrown away only because there is another shirt to take its place.

For information on the drive, visit <https://www.thefloridacatholic.org/news/advocacy/long-sleeve-relief/>. Collection and distribution sites are listed on the next pages of this brochure.

For more information, contact us by email at LSR@thefloridacatholic.org, call 407-373-0076 or toll free 1-888-275-9953, extension 202.

To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Florida Catholic Media and mail to: Long Sleeve Relief, P.O. Box 4993, Orlando, FL 32802-4993 or donate securely online at <https://donorbox.org/long-sleeve-relief-drive-2025-2>. ■



COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF ORLANDO

All Souls Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i> <i>(Pick ups every Wednesday)</i> 3280 W. 1st Street Sanford, FL 32771	Annunciation Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck</i> <i>3rd Thursday every month</i> <i>Mar. 20 & Apr. 17</i> <i>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i> 1020 Montgomery Road Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Ascension Parish <i>Parish Drive & Drop Off Site</i> 2950 N. Harbor City Boulevard Melbourne, FL 32935	Blessed Sacrament Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 720 12th Street Clermont, FL 34711
Blessed Trinity Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 720 12th Street Clermont, FL 34711	Corpus Christi Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck</i> <i>1st Tuesday of every month</i> <i>Apr. 1</i> <i>9 a.m. to Noon</i> 1050 Celebration Avenue Celebration, FL 34747
Diocese of Orlando <i>Chancery Building Lunchroom</i> <i>(Diocese Employees Only)</i> 50 E. Robinson Street Orlando, FL 32801	Divine Mercy Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 1940 N Courtenay Parkway Merritt Island, FL 32953
Farmworker Association of Florida <i>Drop Off Site</i> <i>Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i> 1264 Apopka Boulevard Apopka, FL 32703	Farmworker Association of Florida <i>Drop Off Site</i> <i>Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i> 111 Fountain Drive Pierson, FL 32180
Good Shepherd Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck</i> <i>Mar. 8 & 9</i> 5900 Oleander Drive Orlando, FL 32807	Holy Family Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i> 5125 S. Apopka Vineland Road Orlando, FL 32819
Nativity Parish <i>Advocacy and Social Action Ministry Drive</i> 3255 N Ronald Reagan Boulevard Longwood, FL 32750	Our Lady of the Lakes Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 1310 Maximilian Street Deltona, FL 32725

COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF ORLANDO (CONTINUED)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 4000 S. Atlantic Avenue New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169	Resurrection Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 1211 S. Vineland Road Winter Garden, FL 34787
Resurrection Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 333 Terrace Way Lakeland, FL 33813	St. Ann Parish <i>Confirmation Class Drive & St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin (Pick ups every Wednesday)</i> 1001 S. 10th Street Haines City, FL 33844
St. Anthony Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 820 Marcum Road Lakeland, FL 33809	St. James Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 215 N. Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801
St. John Vianney Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32809	St. Joseph Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 532 Avenue M NW Winter Haven, FL 33881
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck</i> 2nd Tuesday every month Mar. 11 & Apr. 8 8 - 11 a.m. 7081 S.E. Highway 42 Summerfield, FL 34491	St. Matthew Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 1991 Overlook Drive Winter Haven, FL 33884
St. Matthew Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 1991 Overlook Drive Winter Haven, FL 33884	St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 869 Maitland Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
St. Peter Catholic School <i>National Junior Honor Society Drive</i> 421 W. New York Avenue Deland, FL 32720	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 2180 S. Kissingen Avenue Bartow, FL 33830

COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF ORLANDO (CONTINUED)

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck, 1st Weekend every month</i> <i>(Friday - Monday)</i> <i>Apr. 4, 5 & 6</i> 700 Brown Chapel Road St. Cloud, FL 34769	St. Timothy Parish <i>St. Vincent de Paul Truck, Last Thursday every month</i> <i>Mar. 27</i> <i>7 - 11 a.m.</i> 1351 Paige Place Lady Lake, FL 32159
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store <i>Drop Off Site</i> <i>Monday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i> 770 S. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32703	St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store <i>Drop Off Site</i> <i>Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i> 601 E. Highway 50 Clermont, FL 34711



A farmworker collects vegetables as part of his daily routine. The need for long-sleeve shirts for farmworkers is critical, no matter the weather, for protection against chemicals and UV rays. (CNS) Guglielmo Mangiapane.

COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

Catholic Charities - St. Francis Center <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 100 W. 20th Street Riviera Beach, FL 33404 (561) 360-3327	Farmworker Association of Florida <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 29 S. Maple Street, Unit A Fellsmere, FL 32948
John Carroll Catholic High School <i>Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica</i> 3402 Delaware Avenue Fort Pierce, FL 34947	St. Joan of Arc Parish & School <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 370 S.W. Third Street Boca Raton, FL 33432
St. Joseph School <i>Kindergarten's Social Justice Project</i> Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1200 E. 10th Street Stuart, FL 34996	St. Rita Parish <i>Parish Youth Group Drive</i> 13645 Paddock Drive Wellington, FL 33414
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 840 George Bush Boulevard Delray Beach, FL 33483	



St. Joseph's School - Stuart, Florida
Kindergarten's Social Justice Project
2023

COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF VENICE

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i> 4171 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34232 (941) 300-0183	Catholic Charities - Arcadia <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1210 E. Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266
Catholic Charities - Naples <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 2210 Santa Barbara Boulevard Naples, FL 34116	Catholic Charities - Sarasota <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 5050 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34234
Catholic Charities - Venice <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice, FL 34285	Farmworker Association of Florida <i>Drop Off Site</i> Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. 415 Rose Avenue Immokalee, FL 34142
Incarnation Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 2929 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota, FL 34239	Our Lady of Light Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 19680 Cypress View Drive Fort Myers, FL 33967
St. Agnes Parish <i>Justice and Peace Committee Drive</i> Mar. 29th & 30th 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road Naples, FL 34120	St. Finbarr Parish <i>Parish Action Committee & Knights of Columbus Drive</i> 13520 Tamiami Trail E. Naples, FL 34114
St. John XXIII Parish <i>Outreach Ministry Drive</i> 13060 Palomino Lane Fort Myers, FL 33912	Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 2850 75th Street Bradenton, FL 34209
St. William Parish <i>Parish Only Drive</i> 750 Seagate Drive Naples, FL 34103	

SPECIAL REQUESTS



In addition to long-sleeve cotton button-down shirts, the Farmworker Association of Florida is also requesting the following supplies. *Please only drop these items off at the Farmworker Association of Florida offices after emailing Rene at rene@floridafarmworkers.org.*



- ▶ Other clean and gently-used clothing items
 - Children's clothes being one the of the greatest needs;
 - Wide brimmed sun hats;
- ▶ Diapers and baby supplies;
- ▶ Blankets;
- ▶ Children's toys;
- ▶ Food donations, such as:
 - Beans, rice, tortillas, maseca, cooking oil, and canned soups are greatly appreciated by our local families.