

# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE

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# 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.



Education helped Florida Catholic Media staff develop the Long-Sleeve Relief Drive 18 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 almost 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.

And yes, thanks to the knowledge from that pepper, everyday Catholics can help men and women who put food on their tables. Florida Catholic Media Spearheads the popular drive that officially begins Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) and runs through Holy Thursday (Apr. 6). 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.

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.

For more information, contact us by email at [LSR@thefloridacatholic.org](mailto:LSR@thefloridacatholic.org), call 407-373-0075 or toll free 1-888-275-9953.

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



# COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF ORLANDO

<p><b>All Souls Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i>            3280 W 1st Street            Sanford, FL 32771</p>	<p><b>Annunciation Parish</b>  <i>SVDP Truck, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month,            10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i>  <i>Parish Drive: March 16</i>            1020 Montgomery Road            Altamonte Springs, FL 32714</p>
<p><b>Ascension Parish</b>  <i>Parish-only Collection</i>            2950 N Harbor City Boulevard            Melbourne, FL 32935</p>	<p><b>Catholic Charities of Central Florida</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i>            1711 N. Semoran Boulevard            Orlando, FL 32807</p>
<p><b>Corpus Christi Parish</b>  <i>SVDP Truck, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month,            9 a.m. – Noon</i>  <i>Parish Drives: March 7 &amp; April 4</i>            1050 Celebration Avenue            Celebration, FL 34747</p>	<p><b>Divine Mercy Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            1940 N Courtenay Parkway            Merritt Island, FL 32953</p>
<p><b>Farmworker Association of Florida</b>  <i>Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i>            1264 Apopka Boulevard            Apopka, FL 32703</p>	<p><b>Farmworker Association of Florida</b>  <i>Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i>            111 Fountain Drive            Pierson, FL 32180</p>
<p><b>Good Shepherd Parish</b>  <i>February 25 &amp; 26 (at Mass)</i>            5900 Oleander Drive            Orlando, FL 32807</p>	<p><b>Holy Family Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i>            5125 S Apopka Vineland Road            Orlando, FL 32819</p>
<p><b>Our Lady of the Lakes Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            1310 Maximilian Drive            Deltona, FL 32725</p>	<p><b>Resurrection Parish</b>  <i>SVDP - St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference Drive</i>            4798 S Florida Avenue, #147            Lakeland, FL 33881</p>
<p><b>Resurrection Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            1211 S Vineland Road            Winter Garden, FL 34787</p>	<p><b>St. Andrew Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i>            801 N. Hastings Street            Orlando, FL 32808</p>
<p><b>St. Ann Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul - Outside Blue Bin</i>            1001 S 10th Street            Haines City, FL 33844</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            820 Marcum Road            Lakeland, FL 33809</p>



# COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF ORLANDO (CONTINUED)

<p><b>St. James Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            215 N Orange Avenue            Orlando, FL 32801</p>	<p><b>St. John Vianney Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            6200 S Orange Blossom Trail            Orlando, FL 32809</p>
<p><b>St. Joseph Parish</b>  <i>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Drive</i>            532 Avenue M NW            Winter Haven, FL 33881</p>	<p><b>St. Margaret Mary Parish</b>  <i>Parish-only Collection</i>            526 N Park Avenue            Winter Park, FL 32789</p>
<p><b>St. Mark the Evangelist Parish</b>  <i>SVDP Truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month,            8 a.m. – 11 a.m.</i>  <i>Parish Drive: March 14</i>            7081 SE Highway 42            Summerfield, FL 34491</p>	<p><b>St. Patrick Parish</b>  <i>SDVP Truck, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month,            10 a.m. – Noon</i>  <i>Parish Drive: March 1 &amp; April 5</i>            6803 Old Highway 441 S            Mount Dora, FL 32757</p>
<p><b>St. Stephen Parish</b>  <i>Parish Women's Guild Drive</i>            575 Tuskawilla Road            Winter Springs, FL 32708</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Aquinas Parish</b>  <i>SVDP Truck, 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend of every month</i>  <i>Parish Drives: March 3 &amp; 4 and            April 1 &amp; 2</i>            700 Brown Chapel Road            St. Cloud, FL 34769</p>
<p><b>St. Timothy Parish</b>  <i>SVDP Truck, Last Thursday of every month,            7 a.m. – 11 a.m.</i>  <i>Parish Drives: February 23 &amp; March 30</i>            1351 Paige Place            Lady Lake, FL 32159</p>	<p><b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>  <i>St. Bernadette Conference Drive</i>            1648 Ocean Shore Drive            Ormond Beach, FL 32176</p>
<p><b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store</b>  <i>Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>            770 S. Orange Blossom Trail            Apopka, FL 32703</p>	<p><b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store</b>  <i>Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>            601 E Highway 50            Clermont, FL 34711</p>

# COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

**Catholic Charities - St Francis Center**

*Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*  
100 W 20th Street  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

**Catholic Charities - Stuart Office**

*Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*  
3232 SE Dixie Highway  
Stuart, FL 34997

**Farmworker Association of Florida**

*Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.*  
29 S Maple Street, Unit A  
Fellsmere, FL 32948

**St. Joseph School**

*Kindergarten's Social Justice Project*  
*Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*  
1200 East 10th Street  
Stuart, FL 34996

**St. Mary Parish**

*Parish-only Collection*  
1200 E Main Street  
Pohokee, FL 33476

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**

*Tuesday - Saturday,*  
*9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*  
697 SW Biltmore Street  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**

*Monday- Saturday,*  
*10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*  
3757 S Military Trail  
Lake Worth, FL 33463

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**

*Monday- Saturday,*  
*9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*  
5480 85th Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32967



# COLLECTION SITES

DIOCESE OF VENICE

<b>Farmworker Association of Florida</b> <i>Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.</i> 29 S. Maple St. Unit A Fellsmere, FL 32948	<b>Our Lady of Light Parish</b> <i>Parish-only Collection</i> 19680 Cypress View Dr Fort Myers, FL 33967
<b>Catholic Charities - Bethesda House</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.</i> 1670 4th Street Sarasota, FL 34236	<b>Catholic Charities - Clare House</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</i> 5597 Sunrise Drive Ft. Myers, FL 33919
<b>Catholic Charities - DeSoto</b> <i>Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</i> 1210 East Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Bradenton, FL</b> <i>Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.,</i> 719 Manatee Ave E Bradenton, FL 34208
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Bradenton, FL</b> <i>Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.,</i> 719 Manatee Ave E Bradenton, FL 34208	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Sarasota, FL</b> <i>Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.</i> 2711 Mall Drive Sarasota, FL 34231
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Naples</b> <i>Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i> 3196 Davis Boulevard Naples, FL 34104	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store – Bonita Springs</b> <i>Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.</i> 3725 Bonita Beach Rd Bonita Springs, FL 34135
<b>St. William Parish</b> <i>Parish-only Collection</i> 601 Seagate Drive Naples, Florida 34108	



# SPECIAL REQUESTS



In addition to long-sleeve cotton button-down shirts, the Florida Farmworker Association are also requesting the following supplies. *Please only drop these items off at the Florida Farmworker Association offices after contacting Finn at [FWAF\\_AmCorps@floridafarmworkers.org](mailto:FWAF_AmCorps@floridafarmworkers.org).*



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