



PHONG TRÀO THIẾU NHI THÁNH THỂ VIỆT NAM TẠI HOA KỲ
The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in the U.S.A (VEYM)
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MEMORANDUM

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To: League of Chapters Chaplains and Chapter Chaplains
League of Chapters Executive Committees and Chapter Executive Committees

Subj: 2021 National Day of Apostolic Work

As Catholics and VEYM members, we are called to be Christ's disciples to go forth and do apostolic work in an effort to share God's love. One of the ways in which we can help ourselves and others experience God's love is through prayers and acts of charity. Through charity, not only we increase our love and respect for our less fortunate brothers and sisters, who are also God's creation, we also increase our love for God.

With the COVID pandemic limiting food production, food pantries/food banks/homeless shelters across the country are experiencing a shortage of canned foods to help the needy. In the spirit of sharing Christ, the National Executive Committee invites all Chapters across all Leagues of Chapters actively partake in this year's **#cansforChrist** food drive to share the love of Christ to the hungry.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty you gave me drink..." Mathew 25:35

Beginning on December 10th or earlier through the month of December, all Chapters are invited to start a **#cansforChrist** food drive at their Chapter to donate to their local food shelter, food bank, food pantry, or homeless shelter. The goal for this food drive is to garner participation from every VEYM members to reach our goal of 20,000 canned food items or any nonperishable food item (averaging 1 food item per member).

Overview: **#cansforChrist** food drive

- a) Communicate and initiate the food drive at your chapter
- b) Record # of items received
- c) Use collected items to build a baby Jesus Manger
 - a. Post to Facebook and IG using **#cansforChrist** and tag @veym.usa.tntt
 - b. Headquarters components will vote for best photos to win top 3 cash prizes:
 - i. 1st Place, \$500; 2nd Place, \$300; 3rd Place, \$200
- d) Donate the collected food items to local food shelter, food bank, food pantry, or homeless shelter (please take photos to share with VEYM)
- e) Send recorded # of food items received and relevant photos to Tr. Kenny Nguyễn, Ủy Viên Xã Hội, Ban Chấp Hành Trung Ương, at Kenny.Nguyen@veym.net by January 15, 2022.

By ourselves, we are just individuals, but together, we are a movement. Let us come together to offer our gifts to the Infant Jesus through feeding the hungry, let us **#cansforChrist**. For questions regarding this initiative, please contact Tr. Kenny at the info above.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. May Jesus, through the prayerful intercession of Mary and the saints, bless you and your apostolic work always.

Attested,

Fr. Francis Xavier Nguyễn Thanh Bình, SVD
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Signed,

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