



Saint Bernadette School

November 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas season approaches we are all busy with our spiritual as well as other preparations.

In the past families have been very generous in giving gifts to the staff of our school and we have very much appreciated your thoughtfulness. This year the staff collectively has expressed a desire to forego gifts so that we might share our abundance with those less fortunate. Through a Catholic organization called "Chalice" you can purchase a wide variety of items that can help meet the basic needs of people particularly in third world countries (e.g. livestock, school supplies, school uniforms, water purification systems). There is quite a wide price range as well as a wide choice of items. Donations can be made directly on line at www.chalice.ca. When you go to the website select Gift Catalogue. The website also gives information about the needs of people around the world.

Alternatively, you can send cash or a cheque (made out to St. Bernadette School), earmarked for "Chalice", and the staff will choose items from the catalogue.

Should you choose to donate to "Chalice" you would not only be spreading the spirit of Christmas with us and the recipients but you would also be creating a greater awareness of social justice in your children.

Sincerely in Christ,
The Staff of St. Bernadette School