

November 09, 2011

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 online at www.chalice.ca. When you go to the website you will be able to select Gift Catalog. The website also gives information about the needs of people around the world.

Alternate lively, you can send cash or cheque to the school earmarked "Chalice" and the staff will choose some items from the catalog.

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