

Dear 5th - 8th Grade Families,

I am very excited to share information with you about an upcoming parish-wide service opportunity for the 5th through 8th-grade youth of our parish and school. We are partnering with Notre Dame and St. Virgil's to offer a "skate-a-thon" at Mennen Arena called **ICE and CHRIST**.

This event will take place on **Thursday, March 14th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Mennen Arena Rink #1** on Hanover Avenue in Morristown.

The purpose of the event is to raise money for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Paterson. Catholic Charities provides services to people in need. They help the marginalized, and they call upon us to do the same through the use of our time, talent, and treasures. They offer wonderful programs and services for individuals and families throughout the Diocese.

Attached you will find a pledge/sponsor sheet. Students should sign up sponsors to pledge donations based on the number of laps they believe they can complete around the ice rink. If your child is a good skater, he/she should suggest a smaller donation per lap. For someone who does not skate well, then perhaps a larger donation is suggested.

To participate in the event, **a signed permission form (also attached) is due back to me by Friday, February 15th along with a \$7 admission fee (which includes skate rentals)**. You can send in cash or make checks payable to Assumption Church. All minors must have a signed permission form.

You will need to provide transportation to Mennen for your child on the day of the event. I will be on site as a "witness" to their skating. The youth can also invite other "witnesses" to participate and skate alongside them or just watch. If they invite other friends or family members to skate with them, those individuals must also pay a \$7 admission fee if they plan to skate.

The pledge/sponsor sheets should be completed before the event, indicating what their skating goals are and who will be sponsoring them. After the event, the youth will need to collect the donations (either cash or check made payable to Catholic Charities of Paterson) based on the number of laps they skated. **I will collect all donations by Friday, March 29th.**

Join me and other 5th through 8th-grade youth of the parish and our community in helping to support this awesome organization. I will personally donate \$1 for every Assumption Parish 5th – 8th grader who participates!

This event takes place at the beginning of Lent. As we begin to think about our Lenten goals, participating in this event could be added to your list as a way to give up some of your time to help those less fortunate.

Grace & Peace,

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