

join the movement

This Lenten season, we asked parishes, Catholic schools, religious education classes, and other community groups to **partner with us to help poor Catholics right here in our own country** – in places where faith is strong, but resources are scarce. We were blown away by the response we received.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners, communities across the country now have the supplies, staff, and support they need to make their **faith come alive**. From remote villages in Alaskan “bush” country to the island of Puerto Rico, these partnerships are making a big difference for poor Catholic populations across the nation. **Read on for ways your group can make a difference!**



Pictured above:
Students help fundraise for a Catholic faith community in need.



faith in action

One Chicago-area parish and Catholic school dedicated their longstanding “Lenten Almsgiving” to help St. Luke’s Church in rural Arkansas turn a former farmer’s co-op into a church, parish hall, and classrooms for religious education.

“In this church, parishioners feel affirmed and respected,” said the pastor of the Chicago parish. “They feel a sense of solidarity and connection. They are so grateful for our gift that they were brought to tears.”

Pictured left:
The grateful St. Luke parish



faith in motion

Pictured above:

Puerto Rican sisters get help to continue their essential ministry amidst earthquakes.

A southern California parish raised funds during Lent in support of the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Puerto Rico. The parish's efforts assisted the sisters so that they can continue their outreach to the poor and vulnerable.

"We wanted to connect our parish and school to our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico, who are struggling with recent earthquakes and past hurricanes," said the parish pastor.



Pictured above:

A vibrant Native American Catholic community in need in Zuni, New Mexico.

Across the country, we are **bringing people together to build a more vibrant Catholic Church**—one parish partnership at a time.

We invite you to join this movement.

Your Lenten appeal or other fundraising project can support the Church in:

- Rebuilding efforts from hurricane damage
- Funding youth centers, camp and education
- Ministries and parishes in remote areas of Appalachia, Native American reservations and the southern U.S. border with Mexico
- Migrant farm worker camps in farmlands
- Building or repairing churches in disadvantaged communities

Contact **Natalie Donatello** at ndonatello@catholicextension.org or (312) 795-6057 to learn how your group can make a difference.

Catholic Extension works in solidarity with people in America's poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities. Partner with us on a project that will transform your parish by giving to poor Catholics right here in our own country.