Charity - Discussion Starters

- The Chinese have a saying, "If you keep a green bough in your heart, surely the singing bird will come." How and where can you make a place for charity in your life at your home, school and parish? Describe specific opportunities.

- Who has taught you the most about generosity and kindness? Do you think they are given enough attention in our society? Explain your views.

- Life Among the Believers
  “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2: 44-45)

  How have your experiences in Catholic schools reflected this same spirit of the early Church?

  Suggest ways in which a school could promote such a strong sense of collaboration and community.

Title: Acts of Kindness for the Community

REFLECTION ON ACTIVITY:

Jesus walked with the poor and the vulnerable embracing each of them as unique gifts of God’s creation. His entire ministry was based on the giving of himself so that others may have life, especially those who were marginalized. To what extent do you feel that you are serving in a Christ-like way to better your community and those in it?

Description:

Students committed themselves to creating a more positive environment in their school and developing a climate of caring for each other and the outside community. Their “Random Acts of Kindness” included sending greeting cards and letters of thanks to members of the school staff, serving at a soup kitchen once a month, visiting a seniors’
home and putting together welcome kits to make new students feel at home. Students demonstrated communications skills in crafting announcements to encourage their peers to participate, and then keeping students and teachers informed via a bulletin board that carried photographs and information related to the different acts of kindness.

**Project Type:** Student-Led Teacher-Facilitated

**Grade(s) Impacted:** Teachers, Community

**School Name:** Bishop Gallagher Senior Catholic E S

**School Board:** Thunder Bay CDS Board

**Other ideas you can try!**

Keep a bank or box in your room and deposit loose change in it. Every time you go out, you might put money to pay for another’s meal in the box. Hold a family/friends meeting to decide how to distribute your generosity fund to help better serve the communities to which you belong, either: home, school and parish.

Identify one activity/event in the school, your family or your parish that serves others who are in need. You might consider an annual event such as the ‘Adopt A Family Christmas Basket’ where individual classrooms sponsor a family in need for Christmas. Or, you might want to consider an ongoing activity such as a food bank in your parish or, the Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.