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LOVE WALK FOR THE POOR STILL GOING AFTER 27 YEARS!

ATTENTION: News Desk, Reporters, Photo, Interview, & Video

WHAT: The 2017 Love Walk for the Poor
WHEN: Sunday, November 12, 2016
TIME: 2 pm
START: Sacred Heart Church, 310 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206
FINISH: East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

PITTSBURGH – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) are teaming up again for the 27th Annual Love Walk for the Poor, a youth-focused event coming this Sunday, November 12 to Sacred Heart Church in Shadyside.

Held during National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov 11–19), the Love Walk for the Poor provides an opportunity for young Pittsburghers and their families to show their support for those in need. Participants will bring donations of non-perishable food, diapers, and wipes to be distributed by Catholic Charities and EECM. After a Mass led by Reverend John F. Donahue of Saints Simon and Jude Parish, walkers will carry their donations one mile to EECM's East Liberty office.

"The Love Walk is a very special experience for our youth," says Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Susan Rauscher; "it allows them to think about some of the struggles of their less fortunate brothers and sisters while also bringing gifts that help to ease those struggles."

The Walk from Sacred Heart to EECM offers several great photo opportunities of the hundreds of participating youth. At EECM, the walkers can enjoy cookies and a social hour with their friends.

Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program is looking for donations of diapers, sizes 3, 4, and 5, and baby wipes, while EECM seeks healthy cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned vegetables, canned fruit, noodles/pasta, and instant mashed potatoes for its food pantry. Pregnancy and Parenting Support is provided at all six counties of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, providing expectant mothers and parents of children up to the age of two with education, support, guidance, and baby supplies, at no cost. On behalf of Catholic Charities and East End Cooperative Ministry, we thank you for your interest! #LoveWalkforPoor

About Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities is the primary social service agency of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, serving all, regardless of religious affiliation, at their time of great need. With offices in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington counties, Catholic Charities has been providing programs and services since 1910. Catholic Charities offers counseling, a Free Health Care Center for those who struggle with barriers to care, Senior Centers and Services (out of Lawrence County), homeless assistance, pregnancy and parenting support, and much more. For more information about programs and services, visit www.ccpgh.org.

About East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM): Since 1970, EECM has been building a community of opportunity in Pittsburgh's East End, dedicated to helping vulnerable adults and at-risk children and youth throughout the East End neighborhoods. An interfaith ministry, EECM seeks to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families it serves by tending to their needs for today as well as their hopes for tomorrow. EECM provides the necessities of life: a hot meal, a safe place to sleep, and food the family. For more information about programs and services, visit: www.eecm.org.

