

Call to Action – from Pope John Paul II. He has made the following observation

“Poverty and hardship can have different meanings....

The first which comes to mind is the absence of sufficient material means.

This poverty, which for many of our brothers and sisters crosses the line to misery, is a scandal. It assumes a multiplicity of forms and is found linked to various painful phenomena:

- the lack of the necessary means of survival and primary health care;
- the absence of a home or its inadequacy;
- the marginalisation of the weakest from society and the absence of the unemployed from the productive sector;
- the loneliness of those having no one to count on;
- the condition of international refugees and those who suffer from war and its cruelties;
- the inequality of salaries;
- the absence of a family and the grave consequences which derive from this, such as drugs and violence.

The individual is humiliated by the lack of these necessities of life. It is a tragedy before which those who have the possibility to intervene cannot, in conscience, remain indifferent.”