

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### FOOD PANTRY

For longer than most of us can remember, ICC has had a food pantry to help supplement the resources of the hungry in this area. We provide one bag of food consisting of approximately 15 items every 30 days to those who come to our door. The bags cost about \$15 each. At present, the pantry is open Tuesday to Thursday. Unfortunately, due to an increase in need, we sometimes have to close the pantry before Thursday because the pantry is bare.

Operating the ICC food pantry is completely a parish volunteer effort, which requires a number of willing workers. Via donations, we, the parish congregation, provide the food. Parishioner contributions are used to purchase the food when the food donations are insufficient. Volunteer stockers put the food donations on the shelves every weekend; baggers put the food

in bags, which helps the distributors who hand out the food to those who come to the door; using parishioner contributions, shoppers go to Wal-Mart to buy extra food when our food dona-



tions are low; and finally a pantry coordinator makes the schedules, trouble-shoots and keeps the pantry running smoothly.

As our nation faces difficult economic times, so too does our pantry. Our food donations are low; our monetary contributions are running out.

As of January 1, 2009, we will serve Hampton residents only. We have decided that there are enough pantries elsewhere to take care of our neighbors and we want to provide for our Hampton residents who are not usually served by food pantries outside of Hampton. It is **important to note** that our pantry is **not** a budget item of the parish but is supported **solely** by food and monetary contributions designated to the pantry.

We are **in need of more distributors** (a two-hour position on Tues., Wed., or Thurs.); **food shoppers** who shop at Wal-Mart, no more than once per month (takes about two and a half hours to shop, load up your car/truck, unload and restock the pantry) and a **pantry coordinator**. Please leave a message for Terri Weaver at the parish office (826-0393) to help or obtain more information. Our hungry thank you.





Become  
better  
stewards  
of the earth

Join us at  
ICCC on  
January 12,  
2009 at  
7 P.M. to  
learn more  
about G.E.M.



Help share  
our  
treasure



## GOD'S EARTH MINISTRY OF THE PENINSULA (G.E.M.)

God has entrusted us with the care of the earth. It is obvious that mankind has neglected this trust. With global warming in the forefront, many in churches, temples and mosques throughout the country have been working to reduce the carbon footprints of their places of worship and, in turn, encourage their congregants to do the same in their homes and places of business. G.E.M. wants to join this effort to help the places of worship in Hampton and all the Catholic Churches of the Peninsula East of Williamsburg reduce their carbon foot-

prints and reduce global warming and their utility bills, at the same time. Rev. Pat Watkins, a Methodist Minister and Director of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light in Richmond (a nonprofit program working for a more just, sustainable and Healthier creation by reducing global warming) will be speaking at ICCC on **January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Please join us to hear Rev. Watkins speak about God's Creation and our responsibility to take care of it. After his speech, we will talk about how we can better care for the earth, one individual, one faith community at a time. If

you intend to come, please leave a message for **Terri or Bob Weaver** at the Parish office, phone number **826-0393**, so G.E.M. will have enough materials for everyone.



## Morning Outreach Ministry

This ministry is a direct approach in reaching out to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. They come to us for **financial assistance** to help pay rent, doctor bills, and utilities, etc. This program is coordinated with other social ministries in area churches of all faiths, as well as the Social Services office in Hampton. If you have three hours to share on Monday or Thursday morning (9:00—12:00) please think about helping in this important ministry. All volunteers will be trained in the procedures used in providing this assistance. You will find the experience to be both rewarding and challenging. Contact Muriel Baisden by calling the parish office at 826-0393.

*"These uncertain times challenge us to examine how we use our time, talent and treasure—the precious resources that God gives us and asks us to share with those in need."*

Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo  
Bishop of Richmond