Reflections for Advent

St. Robert Bellarmine
Chicago, IL

Summit Country Day
Cincinnati, OH

Bishop Flaget
Chillicothe, OH

St. James of the Valley
Cincinnati, OH

"Say to those whose hearts are frightened, be strong, do not be afraid! God comes to help you. The eyes of the blind will see. The ears of the deaf will hear. And streams of water will burst forth in the desert."

— Isaiah 35

Pray for...

- those without access to electricity or clean water.
- those who do not have the opportunity to go to school.
- those caught in the cycle of poverty and oppression.
- those who have lost their jobs and homes.
- those who are hungry and thirsty.
- those who struggle to provide for their families.
- the grace to feel connected to the Body of Christ.

Be mindful of poor people when you...

- buy bottled water, new clothes, or things "just because you want them."
- make your Christmas list.
- eat out.
- give gifts at Christmas
- waste electricity and water.
- receive more Christmas gifts than you need.

How does my gift make a difference?

A dime buys a water purification packet for 2 ½ gallons of water.

A dollar buys enough water purification packets for 25 gallons of water for a family, school or clinic.

$2.80 provides clean water for a family of 4 for a week.

$30.00 provides clean water for a clinic for one week.

$37.00 provides clean water for a child for one year.

$1,600.00 purchases a solar panel to help bring electricity and clean water to a school and clinic in Africa **for 25 years**.

Sister Esther at Kintenda High School
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Boy Collecting Water
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