



Students Volunteer at St. Malachy Parish Soup Kitchen



On Saturday, April 16th, sixteen young people from our parish and school community traveled to St. Malachy Catholic Church to assist the Missionary Sisters of Charity at their soup kitchen. "The Sisters taught us how to serve God's people with smiles, commented Mia, an 8th grader from St. Therese".

In addition to preparing, cooking and serving food for 50 guests, the group participated with Father Tat Hoang C.Ss.R., who presented the youth with his reflections on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. "I loved the way Fr. Tat teaches through song," shared Trinity, a member of our Religious Education Program.

The day culminated with a mass celebrated by Fr. Matt Eyerman, pastor of St. Malachy Parish. "Are you fired up?" Fr. Matt challenged our group. "Go back tomorrow to your pastor, Fr. Francis Li, and tell him how ready you are to make a difference at your parish. Volunteer, sign up, do something!"

"That was the closest I have ever been to the altar during the consecration and that was very special for me," mentioned Jennifer Chan, confirmation catechists. Jesus truly blessed us on this retreat. Mr. Albert Moy and Pat Culen also assisted as chaperones.

St. Therese Collects \$2,450 for CRS Rice Bowl



CRS Rice Bowl Coordinators pictured left-to-right: Derek Mei, Cadence Mark, Thomas Howard, Trinity Lee and Antony Rizk.

CRS stands for Catholic Relief Services. CRS is the 2nd largest agency (American Red Cross is #1) in the world that provides immediate assistance to foreign countries in times of natural disasters. This year St. Therese donations went to countries such as El Salvador, Rwanda and Laos.

Students collected \$2,450 for CRS Rice Bowl from the St. Therese community this past Lent. CRS RICE BOWL not only exposes our students to some of the world's greatest global challenges, but also gives our faculty critical tools to shape and form them into better individuals. CRS Rice Bowl provides a dynamic and creative platform for integrating the religion curriculum into the lives of our young people every year. CRS Rice Bowl consistently provides compelling videos, engaging activities and invaluable poverty data for our religion program every year.