

Partnership for Global Justice: October Alert

The Millennium Development Goals have reached their halfway point. As you know, in 2000, leaders of 189 countries signed up to the Millennium Development Goals, a global plan to halve extreme poverty by 2015. Yet, every day, 50,000 people die as a result of extreme poverty and the gap between rich and poor is getting wider. We invite you to join the worldwide effort to:

Stand Up and Speak Out

against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals

October 17, 2007
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

What Is Stand Up and Speak Out?

- ❖ A worldwide call to action
- ❖ People throughout the world are invited to literally and symbolically Stand Up and Speak Out demanding their governments keep their promises to end extreme poverty and meet and exceed the Millennium Development Goals

How Can You Participate?

- ❖ Join an existing event (Go to www.standagainstopoverty.org for a site near you), or
- ❖ Sponsor your own event at your Motherhouse, parish or ministry site.
 - Go to the above website to register your event.
 - Record how many people participate – you can estimate for big groups.
 - Go to the website and report your numbers.

Last year 23.5 million people did this setting a new Guinness World Record!

What Type of Events?

- ❖ A prayer service
- ❖ A school assembly
- ❖ A musical event
- ❖ A film presentation
- ❖ A post card write-in to legislators asking what they are doing to reach the Millennium Development Goals
- ❖ Use your creativity!

At some point during the event take a moment and invite everyone to Stand Up and Speak Out against poverty by reading aloud a prayer or pledge (available on the above website) together.

For more information:

www.endpoverty2015.org
www.standagainstopoverty.org
www.millenniumcampaign.org