

"HIBERNIAN HUNGER PROJECT"

December 12, 2006

To the Vicariate of Dutchess County

The Dutchess County Ancient Order of Hibernians, Monsignor Sheahan Division, in conjunction with nation wide AOH Divisions, are holding our annual "Hibernian Hunger Project" during the month of March. The "Hibernian Hunger Project" collects and distributes NON Perishable food items from donors like you to local food pantries, in memory of over one million Irish men, women, & children who starved to death during "An Gorta Mor" the Great Hunger (The Irish Potato Famine). In addition, we celebrate the lives of over one million Irish, who through immigration escaped "The Great Hunger" to become, in part, "The New York Irish." Please join us this March as we reflect on our abundances and as a great charitable people, who will never forget the pains of hunger, to reach out the hand of generosity to those less fortunate.

Last year in conjunction with local Catholic Schools and Churches we generously donated approximately 1000 pounds of food to the Dutchess Outreach Inc's "Lunch Box" food pantry in Poughkeepsie's Family Partnership Program.

The AOH is a Catholic Men's organization of Irish heritage whose aim is Friendship, Unity and Christian charity.

Sincerely,
Gerard McVicker

Hibernian Hunger Project Chairman