



SSVP North of 60 Information

Saint Philip's Conference

As we have seen on news reports, many native communities in Canada's north live in situations of great poverty and food items are very expensive. With this in mind, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has stepped forward to help out several northern towns, with Ottawa choosing to adopt the community of Rankin Inlet, a town of 3,000 people, located on the northern end of Hudson Bay.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), through our Ottawa Central Council (OCC) has agreed to send food items to feed the approximately 40 families who frequent the food distribution centre on a regular basis. Our hope is to supply specific requested food items to fill their pantries for one year.

Thirty-three items are on a master list. Parishes across the city are given a short list of two or three items to collect, with a goal of filling a sea container. Once filled, the sea container will be transported to Montreal, and from the port in Montreal, it will be shipped around the eastern coast of Canada, up on to Hudson Bay. Plans are to fill the sea container by the end of May so that it can start its journey and arrive in northern Ontario before frost sets in September.

We are asking for your donation of at least one of the following items. More than one item would also be gratefully accepted. Brand names are preferred. Due to the delays in shipping, we ask that all items be code dated 2019 or later. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Cheques should be made out to SSVP – OCC and in the memo field write, North of 60 Project. Please be sure to include your name and address so we can send you a tax receipt.

Saint Philip's Conference list of requested items

Hot Chocolate – Any brand, approximately 500 gm bag size:
480 bags needed for shipping (approximate price \$3 - \$4)

Juice Crystals – Tang or any other brand, approximately 425 gm bag size:
480 bags needed for shipping (approximate price \$2 - \$3)

Contact Jon MacDougall (613.838.0002) or Eamonn O'Donnell (613.838.3280) for further information.