

## St. Leo Church

### The Social Justice Page

#### Seeking a Place to Call Home: “Needle in a Haystack”

We are all aware that, for the most part, affordable housing for those of little means is non-existent. However, the need is real, personal and is a major moral challenge. The normal avenues through which to secure housing have NOT shown any promise regarding an elderly couple and their adult son. Their son is working and is simply living with his parents to help share the burden of the cost of living and to help attend to the health needs of his aging parents.

I know this good family and they are facing the horrific eventuality of eviction through no fault of their own. The building in which they live is slated for sale and major renovations. It is not up to code and should not be occupied by anyone under its current condition.

This family is financially impoverished, but the love they have for each other is so rich and so rare in these times of indifference. My heart is broken by seeing these good people, my neighbors, in such a state of fear and distress. As I write this, I am reminded of the *Wounds of Christ* and the promise of *Easter Hope*. I think of my dear Pope Francis and his love of the poor. I pray for help regarding this family of three that have gone through so much together just to find a place to live in peace.

I am exhausted and have found no avenues to affordable housing for this family. I am asking the parish to please let me know of any housing arrangement that you may know to help these good people in such desperate times. Please, if you can help or know of someone who can, reach out to me: TEXT: (253) 229-4114 or [larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com](mailto:larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com)

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Keeper of Bees

#### Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – RICE BOWL

A BIG thank you to all of you who have supported Catholic relief Services RICE BOWL this past Lenten Season. **St. Leo Parish has generated \$4,500.00 to Rice Bowl!** Thank You Thank You Thank You!

On behalf of all those who rely on the work of CRS I truly appreciate your generosity during these turbulent times. Your prayers and ongoing support of CRS is greatly appreciated!!!

#### L'Honey Update

We have increased our colonies with purchased bee packages and queens as well as making “Splits” with our overwintered hives and want to swarm and make new colonies. Swarming is a healthy thing for bee colonies to do in the spring and our work at making splits with these health hives simply lets us keep as many bees as possible and colonies under our care. This past week we have continued to do spring inspections making sure we stay on top of any health issues or needs our bees may have. Also, we are conducting our spring honey harvest. The harvest will be modest, but that is OK!

**We keep honeybees for the sake of honeybees and the glory of our Creator!**