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It was the unanimous decision of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council Executive to initiate a campaign for the Catholic charity Chalice as our social justice project.

Chalice, formerly known as Christian Child Care International, primarily supports community initiatives in developing countries through sponsorship of children and elderly in need. Chalice places special emphasis on helping to provide children with an opportunity to attend school as it is believed that education is vitally important in ending the progression of poverty.

The highlight of our social justice project was the success of the Parish Council of Star of the Sea Church, Port Dalhousie, in collaboration with St. Francis Catholic Secondary School, St. Catharines and their Parish Community. St. Francis raised the greater part of the funds through contributions from two out of uniform days spearheaded by one of the councils four CWL sponsored youth members. The remainder of the funds came through a demi-john bottle collection of loose change contributed by parishioners. Together the efforts of the partnerships garnered over two thousand five hundred and forty dollars (\$2,540.00).

The culmination of the charitable efforts of the parish councils, resulted in a total collection of seven thousand five hundred and thirty dollars (\$7,530.00). The good news was presented to Deacon Ron Jenkins of Chalice at our 57th Annual Diocesan Convention. The proceeds will be used for the most urgent community project's needs that they would be unable to undertake without assistance.

I believe this achievement speaks well of our Diocese's love for neighbour and the member's fulfillment of their mission.

This concludes my report.
