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St. Perpetua Students Begin "Water for Life" Campaign

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St. Perpetua second graders hold banner promoting "Water for Life" campaign Photo provided

St. Perpetua School's second grade class is leading the rest of their school (grades K-8) in an effort to raise money for people in South America, Asia, and Africa who do not have proper access to clean water.

□ According to World Health Organization (WHO), more than one billion people in the world do not have safe water to drink. This situation can lead to severe illness and life-threatening disease in many adults and children. In fact, because so many adults become ill from the effects of unclean water, children are often left to take care of their homes, cook, and provide food for their families.

□ In some areas, women and children have to walk five miles to collect water. The net effect is that these children do not get nourished properly in so many ways-physically, spiritually and academically. If they are spending hours working to get water, they are typically not getting educated sufficiently.

□ Money raised will go to Catholic Relief Services to help build wells in villages so clean water can be made available closer to the homes of those stricken with this water crisis.

□ Students are not only asking for contributions, but for conservation as well, including: pouring only as much water as you will drink; turning the water off when you are brushing your teeth; repairing leaky faucets and running toilets; and limiting showers to less than five minutes.

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