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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES FOR ANNUAL 'CYCLONE AID' FOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

Students, staff and volunteers are gearing up for the annual *Cyclone Aid* food drive, which runs at St. Patrick's Catholic High School each year during Lent.

"This is our annual drive which supports the Inn of the Good Shepherd and the good work this organization does to help feed people in our community who need our help," says Chris Kehoe, Principal of St. Patrick's Catholic High School.

More than 450 canvassers will be out on the streets between 9:00 a.m. and noon on March 30th to collect bags of groceries. Each year, volunteers aim for between 30,000 to 35,000 pounds of food. The Inn of the Good Shepherd typically distributes about 40,000 pounds of food every month.

Cyclone Aid, which began at the former St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School and continued following consolidation with St. Patrick's, is one of two major food drives for the school community each year. During Advent, students collect non-perishable food items to support the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Christmas hamper campaign.

"Every year, we are amazed by the generosity of the citizens of Sarnia," says Mr. Kehoe. "We are blessed by the donations we receive to help support our community!"

This year, canvassers will not reach areas south of London Road and west of Indian Road; however, volunteers will visit houses on both sides of London and Indian. Anyone who lives in areas not canvassed, but who wishes to contribute, is welcome to drop off non-perishable donations of food at the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

A 'rally-cast' will be held at the school on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 to kick-off this year's Cyclone Aid. The school-wide television broadcast will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the drama room in front of a live studio audience. Members of the media are welcome.