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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You might have seen the front page article (above the fold) in this past Tuesday's edition of *The Boston Globe*. The story explained how unsold food from the concession stands at TD Garden is donated to feed the homeless at the Boston Rescue Mission. It's estimated that as much as 16 tons of food could be saved annually and served at the mission: "a big, giant doggie bag!"

That's a wonderful story but I have another story about the Boston Rescue Mission in which the food is fresh - and home made! Once a month a group of young people and their families from Holy Family Parish in Concord prepare an evening meal in their kitchens at home for the homeless at the Boston Rescue Mission. Then they drive into Boston and serve the meal to those who come to the Mission hungry. Here's how the group divided up responsibilities for the dinner they served last Sunday, January 16. Keep in mind that they serve dinner to **150** people at the mission!

Families C and B: **Entrée: Six 9x13x3 trays of lasagna**

Family K: **Fresh fruit salad for 150 people**

Family H¹: **Peas for 150 people**

Family M: **15 loaves of unsliced Italian dinner bread**

Family H²: **Salad for 150 people (mixed greens, cukes, cherry tomatoes, carrots and croutons)**

Family J: **Beverages: 5 gallons apple juice, 4 gallons whole milk and 3 gallons orange juice**

Families S¹ and S²: **Desert: cookies and brownies for 150 people**

Family P¹: **Utensils: plastic dinner plates, salad bowls, cups, knives, forks and napkins**

Families S³ and P²: **Miscellaneous: 6 large jars of pasta sauce; 9 round tubs of table butter; 3 large bottles of Ranch dressing; 3 large bottles of lite Italian dressing**

Fourteen of our young parishioners served this meal at the Mission. Two of the group were first timers while 12 were back for another opportunity to serve those in need. Four adults drove and supervised the effort.

This Concord mission to the Mission in Boston has been running for several years. It was begun by one parishioner who did the research and organized the effort - and he's been running this ever since.

Sincerely,
Fr. Fleming