**Person 1**. As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church, recall these words taken from Luke’s Gospel. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

**Person 2**. Today after Mass you will have *three* opportunities to bring glad tidings to the poor. First, you are invited to attend the Knights of Columbus breakfast, a fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Center.

**Person 1.** Second, you are invited to participate in Bread for the World’s Offering of Letters—that is, to sign letters asking our members of Congress to support robust funding of programs for hungry people. Third, you are invited to help pack bags of snack mix for Kids’ Food Basket, a local nonprofit that provides sack suppers and snacks to school children who are at risk of hunger.

**Person 2.** Together, our efforts make a difference. The St. Vincent Center has been a life line for many area families seeking food or help with other basic needs. Last year’s offering of letters helped prevent cuts to crucial programs, and this year the president of Bread for the World assures us that “we have a real chance to get our nation and the world on track to end hunger.”

**Person 1.** Finally, after providing temporary housing for Holland students who receive Kids’ Food Basket sack suppers, one woman shared, “I want you to know that you provide so much more than a meal, although that is so very important. The kids that stayed with us had very little stability. This small bag of food was a consistent way to let them know they were loved, cared for, important, and valued.”

**Person 2.** Let’s all take advantage of these three opportunities to bring glad tidings to the poor.