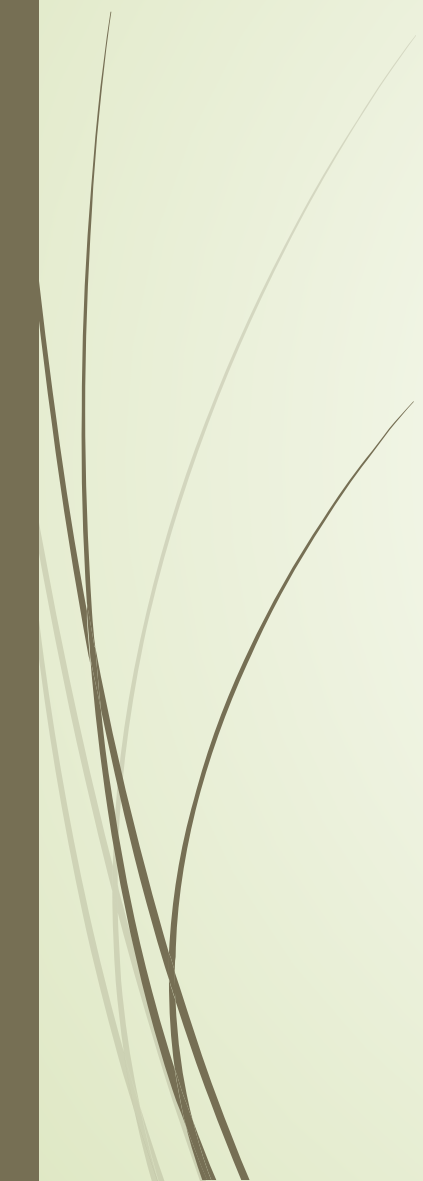




# Nunavut

- 11 communities and Growing
  - Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Nauyasat
  - Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet,
  - Coral Harbour, Sanirajak,
  - Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Kugaaruk
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# Communities we serve



# Inukshuk in Rankin Inlet



Symbol of Safe Passage

Roads exits only in the hamlet



# OPPORTUNITIES

**General stores** : Co-op Northern.. Shelving, retail, checkout, maintenance,

?hotel, airport pick up, chamber maids, FF?

airport ; cargo ; roads ; construction ;

 **The mines** - 3 weeks in , 3 weeks off good \$\$..but

**Health Centre** nurses, radiology, lab, ..90% southerners

**Schools** gr k -4, : southerners, **college** new value

**Gas station**

\*\*\* services – nothing..hair,nails, yoga, RMT, none!

\*\*\* strip mall – NONE

Most Inuit are struggling *daily* to provide for their families



# Shipping/ Mines/ skidoos/ ATV/homes

## Animals

- The noise has moved the herds –
- Water residue: seals ,fish
- Water temp change
- Construction
- **DEPENDENCE**
- **Food**
- **Homes**
- **Bills**
- **Functional Clothes**

## Positives

- Warm, dry, living conditions
- Jobs...some
- Mobility, (even planes)
- Faster travel - land, water, air
- Training / education

# FROZEN NEEDS

The Inuit have strong belief in kinship ties :


human and spiritual – central to their nomadic  
existence - interdependence

Environment – co-existence, weather, land, water  
animals, fish

Our values were forced on them – there was no  
freedom of choice. They were stripped of their  
natural way to live...to survive

# Frozen needs

- To be seen
  - To be heard
  - To know we are accepted, believed
  - To know that others have faith & trust in us
  - To know our place and purpose
  - To feel secure, safe, at peace with oneself
  - To know our basic existence is beneficial to the important people in our lives
  - To love and be loved
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- They have received negative messages about:
  - where, who they are, & where they exist



# 10 Building Blocks of Catholic Social Teachings

- Human Dignity
- Respect for Human Life
- Association
- Participation
- Preferential Protection of the Poor & Vulnerable
- Solidarity
- Stewardship
- Subsidiarity
- Human Equity
- The Common Good



# What hunting means

Country Meat

Caribou Skin for boots, coats





# Country Food

Arctic Char



Collecting blubber from the bowhead whale





# The ***GIFT*** of food

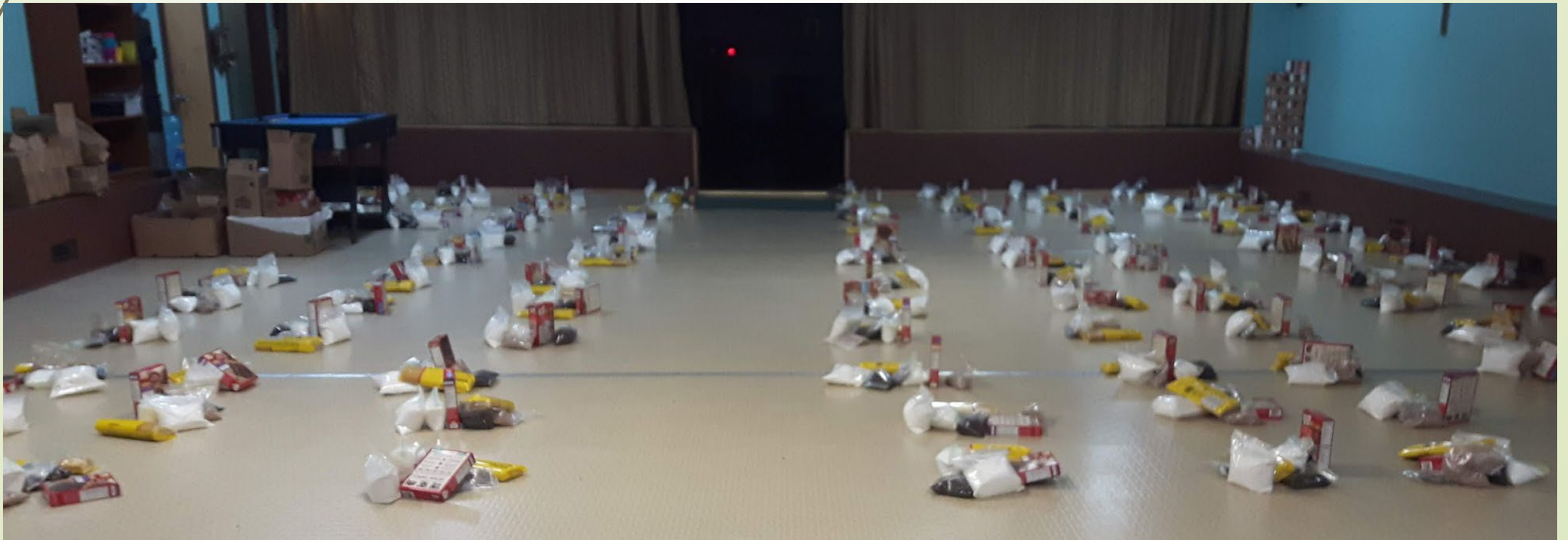




# The *GIFT* of food



# Delivery Day





# Christmas Wish List

Flour /sugar/ baking powder

Lard/ cooking oil

Red Rose tea/ Coffee

PB /jam/ hot choc. /cheese whiz

Elbow Macaroni & sauce

Tin Meat (Klik, Spam)

Dehydrated Soups/crackers

Rice, mash potato

Cereal/ granola bars

Juice Crystals with Vitamin C

Cake /pancake mix (h2o)

Tin fruit tin veges

Pampers/ TP

Hair /Laundry Soap

hopeful goal

➤ The Math for Gathering

➤ **1 Family X 12 mths. X # of families**

➤ Based on 40 family community

➤ **Peanut butter :**

➤ 1 jar X 12 mths. X 40 families = 480 units to gather

➤ **Cereal :**

➤ 2 boxes X 12 X 40 = 960 units to gather



# Necessary Expenses - 2023

- ATS sea container company
- container cost + survey \$2450
- plus delivery (varies) \$ 250 / 600
- Titanium delivery to the port \$2800
- Desgagnes Transarctik \$8600
- high water / barge \$ 520
- Arctic Consultants Purchases \$12,800 to 30,187

# Preparing 100 hampers for Naujaat 2017



# Interdependence

**The Vincentian Spirit** – we strongly believe in our face-to-face contact with struggling families. We do not hesitate to do EVERYTHING that is possible to be of assistance..." *in all possible ways.*"

*2016 a teenaged girl in Rankin said to me – "We are a forgotten people"*

## **The Inuit belief - interdependence & co-existence.**

The food we share is more than... food. Think of it as the key to opening the door to the beginning a relationship with our northern families. Our opportunity to let them know – They are not a forgotten people AND that we can, " help in all possible ways"

Naujaat still speaks of the KD boxes that the school children wrote a wee note on to say " Hi my name is...!!"



But what can I ...we do....

### 3 Pillars of Northern Help

**Work along side a conference/council that has adopted a community- reach out and ask what you too can gather**

A food item, crafts, gently used runners, hoodies, a household product (TP)

### Financial support to the North of 60 project

There are many layers: sea can purchase & delivery; transportation to port in Montreal ; shipment to the community & barge drop to the beach area

### ***Adoption of a community by a conference/council***

The **sole** responsibility is to gather items for the sea can.. ONLY! The community makes a list and we *try to meet those needs.*





# Time commitment

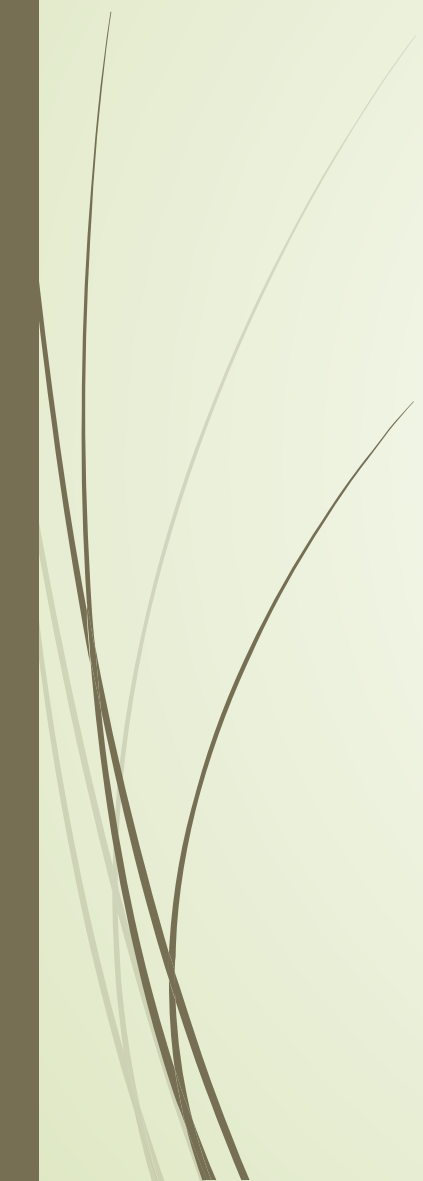
- **Gathering** typically begins in the spring in order to be ready for the port's shipment dates.
- Some containers leave in early July others in September.
- As chair of N of 60, all logistics are my responsibility
- I am ready to help throughout the gathering and container loading process

# BUT...how..... you ask??

- Conferences picking a few items to gather
- Parish food drive
- Elementary schools gathering food items they 'get'..granola bars, KD, cereal, ketchup
- Dress down day at a high school.... Food & \$\$
- Community support
- Retail support – Walmart offers \$1,000 in food support
- Giant Tiger
- Ask for their best pricing
- *Place an order when items come on sale*



# Gains both North & South

- Building hope and faith in each other
  - Building understanding and TRUST
  - Countless smiles
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# After School Program - run 7 days in some communities

After School Program  
Chesterfield Inlet



Granola bars,  
juice boxes,  
Nutella, cheese  
whiz, crackers  
Baker Lake





Joyful parents knowing the children  
will be fed ..... Whale Cove





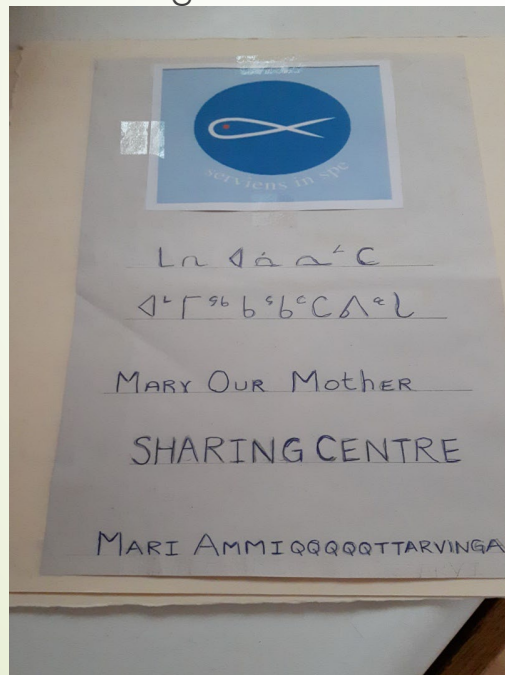


# Thank you ??questions

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Friday night hamper building  
In Naujaat

Sharing Centre Rankin Inlet



# Flour their Christmas Wish request

Bannock to make  
their daily bread



Gjoa Haven shore line and the vessel  
bringing their food

