Scenarios

SCENARIO #1:

A new family moves into a duplex down the block from you. You find out that they are refugees from Venezuela. The family consists of a mother, father, older brother about your age, younger sister in elementary school, and a new baby. The family doesn't speak English but is always friendly when you ride by on your bike on your way to your friend's house. What *can* you do for *each* of them?

Follow Up Questions:

- 1. Does your plan account for *each* member of the family?
- 2. How does caring for the refugee family follow the moral guidance given to us from the Bible and/or the Church?

SCENARIO #2:

Your next door neighbor just went off to college this year and when she came back for spring break you found out that she is pregnant. She is a full time student and doesn't have a job. She is really nervous about parenting and the cost of keeping the baby while she is still in school. What *can* you do for her?

Follow Up Question:

1. Psalm 139:13 says, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb." How does your plan show God's love for the mother and the child?

SCENARIO #3:

As your mom drives down 114th toward 1-15 you notice the same man at the corner with an "Anything helps" sign day after day. You notice that he is wearing the same sweatshirt every week, even when the weather has turned cold. And, it's hard to tell, but you think he might be getting skinnier as the winter rolls on. What *can* you do for him?

Follow Up Questions:

- 1. Other than financial donations, what did your group consider doing for this man?
- 2. How did your plan reflect the love of God we are called to show to our brothers in Christ?

SCENARIO #4:

At lunch you notice a fellow student who "forgot" her lunch every day this week. On the first day, you shared half of your lunch with her, but by the end of the week she was too embarrassed to even let you share. When you offer anyway, she makes a comment that she's not hungry and she'll be fine, but you happen to know that she is the oldest of four kids, all of whom are in school. What *can* you do for her?

Follow Up Question:

 Sometimes people are reluctant or unwilling to accept what they see as handouts. If they refuse your help, what else can you still do for them?

SCENARIO #5:

Last week you found out that your elderly neighbor across the street was diagnosed with a terminal illness. When your family brings him dinner, you find out that he is incredibly discouraged and alone. His wife passed away four years ago and he has no children. He doesn't know how he is going to face the end of his life. What *can* you do for him?

Follow Up Question:

1. Too often the elderly are forgotten by our society yet dignity remains with us from the moment of conception until natural death. How does providing love for this elderly man reflect the love Christ has for us?

SCENARIO #6:

There is a new kid at school and you notice that she doesn't seem to have made any friends. She came in mid-year from out of state and tends to keep to herself. You don't know much about her, but you have seen her at mass on Sunday with her family, but before you can say hi they always seem to leave. What *can* you do for her?

Follow Up Question:

 Not everyone encounters large needs in our day to day life but all of us encounter small needs. How are addressing these small needs still the moral work of the Church?