

**Our Lady of the Lake Parish
Attn: Justice & Peace Committee
3517 NE 89th St.
Seattle, WA 98115**

October 19, 2008

**Sen. Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Sen. Murray,

We, parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Parish in northeast Seattle, ask you to do whatever you can to provide more and better aid for the world's poorest countries. All nations agree—extreme poverty can be cut dramatically by 2015. Progress has been made in recent years, so we know it can be done. But we're not on track right now. Better-funded U.S. aid programs can help improve health, nutrition, education, and water systems, and build long-term solutions for families and communities worldwide.

Please do all in your power to increase poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion in fiscal year 2009. We also want Congress to pass the Global Poverty Act, so that our assistance will have the maximum impact for those with the greatest need.

Sincerely,

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Seattle, Washington