

# Cristina Esponilla

Birth date: May 5, 2012

Cristina is 9 years old and lives in Manila, the Philippines. She is in grade 1 and loves mathematics, enjoys writing and wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She is the eldest of 3 siblings, favorite colour is pink and favorite food is fried chicken and vegetables.

Her home is made of cement with a metal sheet roof. Sponsoring her makes it possible for Cristina to attend class every day and have the supplies needed to complete her education, grow up healthy and achieve her dreams.



Cristina's dream is to be a doctor someday to cure her mother whom has goiter in the neck and her grandfather whom has diabetes. Their medications are expensive and her father's wage is not enough and her grandma also works sometimes to help out with bills.

Cristina is thankful because there is a program like Chalice to help her with studies. She prays that Jesus will bless her sponsors with more blessings and health so they can help more people, like her. God Bless You.

Our parish of Good Shepherd has sponsored a young girl from the Philippines. Thank you for your generous offerings. When you come to church there is a large can labelled with the Chalice logo for donations to assist in the sponsorship program. If you would like a receipt, put your donation in envelope marked Chalice along with your name. We also encourage our parish family to write a short letter to our young friend, Cristina (info on the other side). Also any letters or cards need to be in by **November 7<sup>th</sup>** to ensure they arrive in time, especially if sending a Christmas greeting. It is a wonderful gift for those sponsored to know that we have them in our prayers as well. Letters can be left with Bernadette at the parish office, placed in the Chalice container or with Deacon Rick & Tara. Please feel free to ask any questions about the Chalice organization with Fr. Michael or Deacon Rick & Tara.

Peace & GOD's blessing, Deacon Rick & Tara



Founded in 1992 this core mission began when one person, responding to Christ's call and the urging of the Holy Spirit, decided to help one other person through sponsorship. It continues today because others joined in that mission. They began in Canada in 1996 as Christian Child Care International and changed their name to Chalice in January 2008. **Today their main administration continues in Bedford, Nova Scotia.** In July of 2017 they expanded their mission to the United States and opened the office of Chalice US in Chicago.

Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. They work closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty.

Since its inception, Chalice has been restoring hope and dignity to people in developing countries through our sponsorship program. Children and elders are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion.

Each of their 53 sponsor sites, spanning across 14 developing countries, is under local direction. By working closely with those who live and experience the difficulties of poverty, they gain knowledge and insight on how to best respond to challenges. They assist religious and lay partner organizations in caring for impoverished children, the homeless, sick, infirmed, and aged by providing health, education, shelter, water, and nutritional benefits. They assist in the construction, repair or expansion of schools, clinics, hospitals, orphanages, homes and other constructions that benefit the financially poor.

**Purpose statement:** Christ to the Poor and the Poor to Christ.

**Vision Statement:** A world where all children and families live in communities of life and love.

**Mission Statement:** To reveal God's love in action by serving the poor, with the Global Catholic Community.

**Values:** Founded in Christ and dedicated to the love of Mary, Mother of the Church, we believe that every person has a basic and equal right to dignity.

#### **Writing:**

- Ensure your sponsor friend's name and Code is clearly visible Cristina's child code **TON3766**
- Be short and simple. All letters need to be translated.
- Be personal. Write about your family, children, pets etc.
- Sponsor children/aged is very grateful and happy when they receive photos of their sponsors.
- You are also able to send photos of yourself and/or your family. Sponsor children/aged are very grateful and happy when they receive photos of their sponsors.
- Be humble. Do not mention trips, purchases, or other events that are costly and beyond the reach of your friend.
- Please bring letters and greeting to the parish office, and include the child code on your letter. **The letter should not contain contact information such as your address, phone number or email address.** Chalice will shred the outer envelope that your letter arrives in to ensure your privacy(as per Chalice's guidelines) and we mail the correspondence to your child with our regular packages to the sites.
- Be patient! It can take up to 6 months to receive a response to your letter due to the administrative process and delivery complications. Letters will come to our Parish.