

## **Social Ministry Information**

**Date:** Revised 8-03-13

**Ministry:** Brother Benno Collections

**Leader:** Deacon Thomas Goeltz

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**Backup to Leader:**

**Ministry Purpose:** Provide physical and material support to Brother Benno Center, which provides for the needs of the homeless in Oceanside.

**Activities:** Food collection drive in March (collected 2 pickup truck loads in 2010); toiletry & underwear collection in October; collect leftover candy after Halloween; apple & pumpkin pies at Thanksgiving (excellent responses in 2009).

**Number of Participants:** In the past, Deacon Tom was the primary organizer for the food and toiletries drives and he recruited helpers as necessary.

**Challenges:**

**Special Needs from Parish:** Members of the Parish are very generous. A replacement leader is needed

**Other:** Brother Benno Foundation is a non-profit organization with no paid employees. It has a support facility in an industrial building near the Oceanside airport. It runs a soup kitchen, food bank, and has five houses (2 women's and 3 men's) that accommodate 8-12 people each in various rehabilitation categories.