NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Order of Malta
Hunger Patrol

Niagara University in Ontario Redoubles its Efforts with Hunger Patrol
During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Hunger Patrol is a weekly Toronto-based program run by the Sovereign Order of Malta supported by Niagara University's IMPACT initiative, serving vulnerable populations in the Vincentian tradition. Volunteers are involved in the preparation and delivery of meals to the homeless and poor of the city.

Hunger Patrol is the longest running Community based initiative in Niagara University in Ontario. Thanks to Dr. Elia's leadership and dedication and the generous involvement of Ontario BPS students, we can proudly say more 10,000 people have been fed with through this project.

In the times of COVID, this work has become more important than ever. Hunger lines have increased threefold since March and are the fastest growing phenomenon in the world as a result of the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Niagara Students are responding to this call with responsibility, dedication and compassion. Effective September of this year, NUO meal contribution to Hunger Patrol has multiplied by four. Each week, students volunteer to make and deliver hundreds of sandwiches each to feed the growing hunger lines.

On the Eve of the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend, this was the reflection of student Amrita Benipal after making 120 meals: *"It feels good to help others, especially during this Thanksgiving time. It makes me think of all the things that I am thankful for."*

This week we provide a closer look at the work and efforts of the NU Hunger Patrol Soldiers on the Canadian Thanksgiving Weekend:

NUO BPS Student Ambassador: Amrita Benipal delivering her commitment of 120 sandwiches on 10/10/20.

Dr. Christian D. Elia, Academic Chair of Ontario delivering Niagara University Meals to the Good Shepherd Toronto.

Dr. Elia accompanied by young Francis Elia, also an active participant in feeding the hungry on his day off school. The NU Team is assisted by the committed and tireless Good Shepherd workers.