**DISPOSABLES USED AT O.M.C.**

-Plates and bowls are made from Bagasse, which is the fibrous matter that remains

 after sugarcane or sorghum stalks are crushed to extract their juice.

-Paper HOT cups lined with PLA instead of Poly lining and wax.

-COLD cups are made from PLA = Polylactic acid a plastic substitute made from

 fermented plant starch (usually corn).

-Bio forks, knifes and spoons are made from potato starch.

 (See ***ajewel@appinc.com***

**- All items are biodegradable which break down quickly in our landfills.**

**7 “ plates** FPS 1BPF……….Bagasse………..$42.59.1000.$**0.04**

**9” plates** FPS 9 PBP Bagasse 34.89. 500 **0.07**

**10” plates………………….**FPS 10 PBP Bagasse 45.96 500 **0.09**

**12oz. bowls**……………......FPS 12 BOBP…...Bagasse 26.95 500 **0.05**

**8x8 to go containers**………FPS 88 HTBP Bagasse 33.81 200 **0.17**

**Forks**………………………FPS BJ 100 FKW.Potato starch 34.15 1000. **0.03**

**Tea spoons**………………...FPS BI 200 SPW.Potato starch 34.15 1000..**0.03**

**Soup spoons** FPS BI 400 SSW.Potato starch 34.15 1000.**0.03**

**Napkins cocktail 9x9 1 ply** 9X9 1 PLY Recycled content.53.88...3000..**0.02**

……………………………..9X9 1 PLY………Recycled content.24.81..4000..**0.01**

**7 oz. cups**…………………..FC-GC 7………...PLA 54.55..2500..**0.02**

**10 oz. cups**…………………FC – GC 10……..PLA 72.93.1000…**0.07**

**12 oz. cups** ………………...FK – GC 125 PLA 76.80.1000...**0.08**

**Dear Pastors and Parish Leaders:**

 Msgr. Mark Campbell and Mr. John Ohle have a process functioning at Our Mother of Confidence based on the table above. The materials they use and allow are comparable in cost to non-biodegradable materials because the Knights of Columbus buy in quantity and ask all parish functions to use these materials.

 The other big benefit to using easily degradable materials is that they are made from natural and renewable resources that disintegrate rapidly in our landfills.

 This is a concrete action that every parish could use. You may want to consult further with John Ohle at OMC at johle@omcsandiego.org or invite him to further explain these and other money saving and environmental practices they are using.

 God’s continual blessings on all the ministries of your parish, Fr. Emmet Farrell