

Where in parish life & home habits can we eliminate Polystyrene?

Will your committee & family help us?

STYROFOAM

STYROFOAM™ was invented in 1941. It is used exclusively in building insulation, to float docks and in some molds for floral arrangements. Dow Chemical holds the patent on it and with very few exceptions, it's colored light blue.

Polystyrene is made from words “polymer of styrene.” Polymers are large molecules of adjoined identical molecules, and where styrene is a colorless, oily liquid. The structure of polystyrene is a rigid transparent thermoplastic, like stiff white foam.

POLYSTYRENE

- Did you know the world produces more than 14 million US tons of polystyrene (also known as plastic foam) each year?
- Americans alone throw away around 25 billion polystyrene cups every year.
- By volume, polystyrene products fill up to 25-30% of all the landfill space around the world!

On COMMITTEES *please* consider using:

- the kitchen dishware & glasses
- the kitchen sanitizer; Directions on wall above sinks - QUICK! Easy!
- Carry out “family style” & from restaurants who don't use polystyrene
- Substitute polystyrene containers with compostable containers



It's a 'known hazardous substance.'
It leaches into food and drink
It's in the air and on your skin.
It's toxic just to make it.
It's a 'principle litter'; it's everywhere.
It still depletes the ozone layer.
Just like with oil, there are spills.

At HOME *please* consider using:

- Carry a reusable cup & utensils
- Carry out from non-polystyrene restaurants
- Choose non-polystyrene egg cartons

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The call of Laudato Si

SAY NO TO POLYSTYRENE
Polystyrene pollutes the environment & our bodies

