

## **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Weekend**

*Important points to share during religious activities.*

### **What is the Earned Income Tax Credit?**

- The EITC is the federal earned income tax credit, a refundable credit for people who work.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Those who have worked and earned under \$42,000
- Even if you think you did not earn enough to file your taxes, if you worked, you need to file. This is a credit that is refundable, so even if you do not owe any taxes, you still may get money back.
- Many people do not know about the credit, and therefore do not claim it, missing out on a significantly larger refund.

### **Other EITC Facts:**

- EITC is the most effective antipoverty program in the country. The federal EITC alone now lifts about 4.4 million people — over half of them children — out of poverty each year; it is the nation's most effective antipoverty program for working families.
- The IRS estimates upwards of \$15 million in Boston goes unclaimed every year.
- Mayor Menino believes that every eligible resident should take advantage of the tax credit and the City of Boston's 25 **free** tax sites in many of Boston's neighborhoods.
- For more information, visit **City of Boston's Tax Help Website** at [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org) or call the general information line at 617.918.5275

