

Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

Sometimes we say things we don't mean but they mean what we say. This happens so often when we think we know but we don't know what we think. One of the best examples of this is what I hear so often: "He should get a job" or "He's alcoholic" or "She's a druggie." It destroys people we don't even know and it is a good excuse to condemn people and institutions that serve the poor and the marginalized.

I have often heard it said: "If I give that person money, he will probably spend it on booze" Well, guess what, that is not your call. All the Lord asks is that you give to the "least" of His people. The rest is up to God. Stigmatizing the less fortunate is taken for granted in society. There are undoubtedly abuses but there are also lives that are changed. There is a truth that sometimes we fail to see or recognize and that is that the poor and marginalized suffer a lot more than we know. They search daily like the 'birds of the air' for bread, shelter or some hope to keep them alive and going. Fortunately that HOPE may be you. It is easy to judge and far easier to be influenced into judging. Many have responded and made a difference. In the end there is God and you. God won't let them and down and often God chooses you.

- Fr. Mike



JULY 4th
Independence Day

HAVE A HAPPY
AND SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY!

"We hold these truths
to be self-evident,
all men ARE CREATED
equal,
that they ARE
endowed by their
Creator
with CERTAIN unalienable Rights, ..."

“As members of the Kappa Theta chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha we strive to live by the words of our creed, "to learn the nobility of serving, thereby earning the right to be served". This line holds deep value to our organization as we understand that it is our responsibility to help those who are in need. We were extremely glad and grateful that we could bring light to the children and women of Veronica's House of Mercy. As we made the bears we put in our love, wishes, and care to each of the 25 stuffed animals we built. Our hopes are that these bears will bring joy and comfort to their new homes.

Best wishes,
Marissa Marquez
KΘ Service Chair”



Veronica's Home of Mercy residents and their children have been attending Parents Anonymous classes here at VHM. The classes are 13 weeks sessions. Parents Anonymous has been around for over 25 years. They strive to build better families and communities by improving the way families function. The organization's program recognizes the value parent's life experiences, advocates a 'shared leadership' model where every family member is a part of problem solving. It is about learning new behaviors and creating positive change in each family member's life.



Congratulations Faith!

You graduated from kindergarten Keep up the good work.

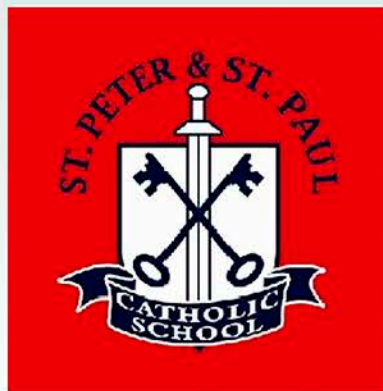


It's a God thing - sometimes you feel it in your heart, sometimes you see it in the timing of how things work out. As Father Barry was speaking to a group he told the story of one guest who needed shoes. The largest sizes we had were 14's and 15's but they weren't big enough. This man wears a size 17. The only thing we could do for him was to take the largest shoes we had and cut the toe box. He was happy to have shoes to wear. One lady in the group felt 'it' in heart and acted. She special ordered not only sneakers but some sandals as well. That is how we saw 'it' and now you imagine how our guest experienced it - a God thing.



Bridget Adkins and her class from Our Lady of the Assumption School demonstrated generosity with a food bag project and they were thoughtful in decorating the bags with scripture quotes to encourage the recipients and drawings to make the bags more cheerful. For the poor and the homeless who will receive these bags, we thank you for your kindness, your compassion and your hard work.

Our Mary's Children program received a big boost from the parishoners of St Peter and St Paul's Charity In Action. They gathered baby items: diapers, wipes, clothes and more.



The students of St. Peter and St. Paul held a jog-a-thon and donated the proceeds to charitable organizations. We were pleased to have been selected as one. It brings to mind the scripture "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prv 2:26) We are blessed by this community of believers - they not only teach their children to do good works, they also set an example. The last Sunday of the month Mary's Table is staffed by a group from St. Peter and St. Paul and it not uncommon to see teens coming with their parents. Thank you students of St. Peter and St. Paul - you went the extra lap, did our hearts good, and helped the poor of this community.

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In May 2016 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: 6,399 (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: 509 over 3 Wednesdays

Showers (including a change of clothes): 326 with 93 shaving kits

Hygiene kits: 287

Hair Cuts: 20

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): 47 of which 20 were for extreme emergencies

Children's Program: 52 families' needs were met. We were also able to help these young families in need with 2 strollers, 1 car seat, 2 cribs and 60 pounds of baby clothes.

Families recently re-housed were also helped with 1 vacuum cleaner, 1 dinning table with 4 chairs, 1 love seat, 1 television and 2 boxes of dishes.

THANK YOU - What we are able to do is possible only because of you!



September 23, 2016
Mary's Mercy Center's
Gala Fundraiser Dinner
at the Candlelight Pavilion