

House of Peace

"Serving Christ's Poor"

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VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS FROM MARQUETTE SERVE THE POOR & MENTOR STUDENTS

Catholic law school student puts faith in practice through service

Kathleen Goodrich has volunteered in social justice programs for much of her life. She attended Catholic schools in Tennessee and Loyola University in New Orleans. She is now attending Marquette University Law School and volunteers with the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic at the House of Peace. "Putting my faith in action by addressing social justice is important to me," Kathleen said.

Kathleen is entering her third year of law school this fall and has already volunteered at the Legal Clinic for two years. "My goal," Kathleen said, "is to help others through the law. I remember we helped an elderly woman who, due to health problems, had to move into an assisted living facility. However, her landlord did not want to let her out of her lease."

"When we successfully resolved the case," Kathleen added, "the woman told me that she thanked God that we were here at the House of Peace." Kathleen smiled as she said, "I guess we don't always realize how this work impacts people's lives."

Kathleen shared how the experience of volunteering at the Law Clinic was helping her to become a better attorney, "I have learned client interviewing skills by observing the attorneys who volunteer with the students. They each have different styles but each one has their own strengths. It really has taught me that there is no one right way to do this." Kathleen added, "These attorneys come from a variety of specialties and I have learned much from them. You can really see how their practices' focus helps them to better serve the clients."

When asked how her volunteer experiences connected with her education Kathleen said, "We were reading about Wills in class and then I come here and we helped someone with a Will." Kathleen added, "We read a lot of case law but we get the practical application here. We see a smorgasbord of clients and issues at the House of Peace each week."

Julie Darnieder, Co-Director of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic commented, "Kathleen is not just a student volunteer; she is one of our student coordinators for the 2nd year. She and another student, Anne Jaspers, have helped with training, scheduling, communications with the students and supervising students at the Clinic, among other tasks. The student coordinators are a critical part of this collaborative effort. We are extremely proud of their work and feel fortunate to participate in their education as attorneys."



Above: Linda Barnes, Social Worker and Kathleen Goodrich, Marquette University Law School student and volunteer review guests' requests for meetings with attorneys and students.

Dove Notes



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P.S. Are you, or do you know of, a man aged 18 - 50 who you think would make a good Capuchin Friar? If so, please contact our Capuchin Vocation Director, Fr. John Holly, at (920) 915-4400. He's waiting for your call.

Dear Friends of the House of Peace,

Peace! I hope you have been well and that your summer was good. I know it was quick, 'tis the nature of summer. Now comes again the changing of the seasons; the phenomenon that every hearty mid-westerer uses to justify not living in balmy climes year-round. It is the justification I use, for as justifications go it is good and valid. I remember my Aunt June and Uncle Don from California visiting Indiana and taking fall leaves back home to show their kids. I didn't blame them. For spectacular color, fall leaves beat any 4th of July fireworks I've ever seen.

Speaking of colors, there's a different look to our newsletter - more color! I decided to change our look when one day I mistook our newsletter for a different Capuchin ministries' newsletter. They looked identical. Then I learned that research has shown that color makes a thing easier to read - who knew?! It's not as spectacular as fall leaves but I do hope you like it.

Here at the House of Peace (HOP) we were overwhelmed with your response to our appeal for school supplies. It was really heartwarming to see again how much you care about the children of the poor and want to help them with their educational needs. I'm beyond the age where I have to return to school in the fall, but I did recently have dinner with my 8th grade teacher. I'm 51 years old now but she still gets on me about my penmanship! In particular my signature. I admit it's bad, but as I told her, "Sister, *you're* the one who taught me



Above: Smiles are abundant as grateful and happy schoolchildren from neighborhood schools look forward to starting a new school year with the school supplies you provided. Thank you!



Above: Volunteers valiantly filled food boxes with food and good cheer in crowded rooms, hallways and offices at the HOP last year. This year's remodeling project should give volunteers, staff and guests much more room in which to pack, distribute and receive holiday food boxes.

how to write!!" Alright, maybe it wasn't a fair comeback, but it was the only thing I could think of to say. (Which by the way, is a practice that did not serve me well in her 8th grade classroom either!) No doubt many of the kids who received your donations will get their share of reprimands from devoted teachers this year just like I used to get from Sister Alice. They'll wiggle and squirm and roll their eyes, but they will also learn. The supplies you provided are going to help them do that. Thank You!

Fall is also the time of year when we start looking at the upcoming winter holidays. They start early here as we 'prepare to prepare' for the holiday food boxes and toys we'll need. Every year about this time I start to worry about getting enough toys for children living in poverty. Using past years as our guide, we're expecting 2,000 - 3,000 children to be on our list, ages 17 and down. Please consider donating a new toy for our Christmas Toy Program. We'll see to it that your gifts will brighten a child's Christmas.

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The HOP renovation is rolling to a close. We are very excited about being accessible to people with disabilities, and about how the 'new' facility speaks to the dignity and respect due the poor. The construction workers have been wonderful to work with, and I think there have been times when their eyes have been opened a bit wider to the plight of the poor. One of them - Frank - was asking me about our services and seemed amazed at the numbers of people we serve. "They really need a place like this," he said, "It's not like they're coming here just 'cause it's free. They really need the help. You can see it in their eyes." He went on to say how it bothered him that one of our guests wouldn't look him in the eyes even though he was trying to be friendly. He said, "It's almost like he was ashamed even though there's nothing to be ashamed of! I mean, I could be in his situation so easy, it could be me coming here instead of him so easy. I'm just luckier, I guess. I've got a job and..." and he kind of paused. Then he slowly shook his head and said, "I'm really lucky. Working here and seeing these people really makes you see how lucky you are."

Although it wasn't needed, St. Paul was given the admonition by early church leaders to "...be mindful of the poor..." I wonder if he was a little miffed by the directive because he added that it was

already "...the one thing that I was making every effort to do" (Galatians, Ch. 2). I don't know if Frank needed it or not, but it seemed to me he was getting the same admonition from 'someone.' He won't be leaving here unchanged.

Nor do any of us remain unchanged by what happens here. We experience the same sadness Frank was feeling that day from sympathizing with another fellow's situation, but we also experience God's love manifested in your generous prayers and donations. You're heeding the admonition given to St. Paul to be mindful of the poor. If it weren't for that - if it weren't for you - the sadness would be overpowering. It would be unbearable.

There were days when I would bring my banjo to school and Sister Alice brought her guitar. After school we would sit in her office, play music and talk. Sometimes she would gently suggest that I consider a religious vocation. (I always silently figured I was much more likely to end up on parole at an early age, given my interests at the time!!) But she planted a seed that my parents nurtured with much love and guidance. I have yet to serve time in a correctional facility. And I have yet to grow tired of joining with you in how being mindful of the poor calls us to care for others. Thank you & God bless you for all the help you have given and will continue to give.

You are in my prayers,



Br. Mark Carrico, OFM, Capuchin
Executive Director

P.S. Obituaries sometimes ask for donations to the HOP in lieu of flowers. It's a lovely way to honor someone and we are humbled when it happens. Please know we now have memorial envelopes for such occasions that can be provided upon request.



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Can you help feed the hungry this year?

Each year the House of Peace feeds over 5,000 needy individuals at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas with the help of over 100 churches, schools, businesses and community groups. Can you help us feed our guests who are living in poverty? Food drives begin on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th and continue throughout the holidays. If you can donate some or all of the items listed below you can feed a household! Donations can be brought to churches in six counties or dropped off at the House of Peace. **Call (414) 374.8841, ext. 26 for drop off locations.** Food donations for the Holiday Gift Box program are needed between October 4 and December 18, 2007 and are always helpful beyond.



\$20 gift card for turkey, butter, etc.

1 box of mashed potatoes

1 bag of stuffing

4 cans of green beans

4 cans of corn

2 cans of cranberry sauce

1 32 oz. can of
sweet potatoes or yams

1 box of cake mix

1 can of frosting

2 boxes of pudding or Jell-O

2 boxes of cornbread mix

2 boxes of macaroni and cheese

Donations accepted Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



ADVENT TOY DRIVE



Can your family or parish help?

Last year, with your help, the House of Peace provided Christmas gifts to over 3,000 children. Please consider holding an Advent Toy Drive for the poor. If your family, group or parish can help, please **contact us at (414) 374.8841, ext. 26** to confirm the details. We will start gift distribution on Thursday, December 13th.



We need toys for children ages birth to 17 years of age. We don't receive many toys for teens so here is a suggested list of items teens everywhere enjoy:

Girls

Scarf & glove sets

Picture frames

Jewelry

Bath gift sets: bubble bath, powder, etc.

Beading Kits

Hair Combs

Boys

Basketball, football or soccer ball

Skateboard

RC Cars

Both

Watches

Hats & XL sweat shirts w/ team logos

CD Walkman Players

Gift Cards

Movie Passes

Bedside lamp

Radio/Alarm Clock



If your family or parish can help, contact: Jim Van Hoven, Development Director, Capuchin Province of St. Joseph
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Please consider including the House of Peace in your will. To discuss other giving options, call Jim Van Hoven, Development Director, (414) 374.8841, ext. 26.