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Friends of the Rose Garden Mission



Mother Seraphina & Sr. Ann Mary meet a precious gift from God.

When we began to offer health screenings weekly in October of 2009, our dream of opening up a free medical clinic for the uninsured was quickly becoming a reality. The one thing that presented itself as an obstacle was that our Mission on 18th & Madison was even too small for the aid that we provided for local friends and neighbors, much less was the prospect of adding exam rooms for a medical clinic. Needless to say, we began to look for other locations in Covington to do this.



Matthew 25 ~ "I was hungry and you gave me to eat..."

Then in December, Marlene Feagan, who is involved in helping us set the clinic up, brought in a friend who wanted to see the Mission. After showing him around, he said, "Why don't you come and look at my place." He brought us 2½ blocks further south on Madison Ave. to his building, which had been for sale for over 5 years. The property was considerably larger and would accommodate the Mission and a clinic with room to spare! Our response was that we had to ask Jesus what He thought. After 5 days we called the landowner and told him that it was God's Will that we would take it.



Sheila Carroll, Director & Marlene Feagan, Coordinator of the Center for Hope & Healing



The initial Board Members of the Friends

Now, in our Rule of life as Franciscans, we are not permitted to own anything. So we made a few calls to some long-time friends to see if they would be interested in forming a Board who would purchase this property for our use. Thus the *Friends of the Rose Garden Mission* was born. The Board of the *Friends* is made up of business professionals who have a passion for the work Jesus is doing through us at the Rose Garden. They have initiated a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds to make a purchase of the property as well as the necessary repairs.

We are very grateful to the *Friends*, for loving Jesus through the Missionary work we do at the Rose Garden. The *Friends* took it as *their* "mission" to work toward a purchase of the property for our use so to enable us to have a more permanent place to continue helping Moms, babies and our needy friends and neigh-



Sr. Ann Mary greets a new friend

bors for years to come and to actualize a long awaited dream of opening up a free medical clinic for the uninsured poor. If you would be interested in partnering with us to make this a reality, you may send a donation made out to ***Friends of the Rose garden Mission***—PO Box 122089, Covington, KY 41012

You are a Priest Forever in the Line of Melchisedech

Our family has grown! The Diocese of Covington has been blessed with two new priests. On June 19th, Bishop Roger J. Foys ordained Fr. Kevin Kahmann & Fr. Ian McDole to the Priesthood.



Bishop Foys with our newly ordained

spoke eloquently about how a good priest is *present, identifiable* and *recognizable*. *Present* to the people they serve, seeing to the spiritual and temporal needs of the flock entrusted to their care; *identifiable* above all in their sanctity, in their faithfulness to the Gospel and doctrine of Our Church and in their sobriety and solemnity of the celebration of the Divine

In his Homily, Bishop Foys

Mysteries; and *Recognizable*, particularly in their clerical attire.

He shared with them that a priest is not important for what they do, but for who they are, and how they must be men of prayer, that prayer must play a central role in their lives as a priest. “To be faithful to Christ and the community, you must be men of prayer, when prayer lessens there is less joy, less happiness in your daily ministry.”

Praise God for the awesome gift of the priesthood and for calling Fr. Kahmann and Fr. McDole to His service.



Fr. McDole gives Bishop Foys his Priestly Blessing



Sr. Ann Mary receives a Priestly Blessing from Fr. Kahmann

Giving Praise to God

From time to time we host days of prayer for different groups. We had a blessed opportunity to have more than a dozen pre-teens spend a day with us. This special group of young girls is called the “Young Adorers.” They meet once per month for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to Adore Jesus, Who is Really, Truly and Substantially Present in the Blessed Sacrament. The young people and their Moms

were so excited to have their annual retreat with us that they made little brown veils for the girls to wear, so they could get a full “Franciscan Experience.”

The day for the Young Adorers began with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our Convent Chapel, followed by Morning Prayer in Adoration of Our Lord. After a brief talk by Mother Seraphina, the girls made single decade Rosaries with instruction by Sr. Mary Joseph. Following lunch, all of the young ladies had an opportunity to ask any questions they always wanted to ask a sister. The questions ranged anywhere from, “Do you sleep in your habits?” “What kind of food do you eat?” to “What is it you do all day?”

The day ended with taking a tour of Divine Mercy Church in Bellevue. This very beautiful church has wall murals depicting the Gospel events and parables. The girls were very knowledgeable about each of the scenes. The young ladies and the sisters truly enjoyed the day.



The Young Adorers stand with Fr. Rottgers and Mother Seraphina after Mass



Praying in front of the Blessed Mother's Chapel at Divine Mercy Church



This Young Adorer loves her new Decade Rosary



Rose Garden Mission Center for Hope & Healing

By Sheila Carroll ~ Director



Some of our medical professionals

We always are able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit on Health Screening Tuesdays. We see our Mission friends and neighbors primarily to check blood pressure and finger-stick glucose. Since our beginning October 27, 2009, we have helped over 450 individuals, many of whom come regularly for health care advice...and for toilet paper - everyone we see has a choice of taking home toilet paper or a pair of socks.



Working side-by-side to care for this neighbor

However, we really do more than that. Many Tuesdays the Spirit of God is so present in the Health Ministry Consultation Room, that it is almost palpable in the air. At those times, from one to five health care professionals are engaged with new friends who are in physical, medical or spiritual need. Our one-on-one policy conveys the dignified caring love and attention we have for each person. They recognize it as a unique touch from God just for them. If you know any medical professionals who would be interested in experiencing our "Tuesdays," they would be welcome to observe and/or assist.



This new friend gets individual care

In June we began Smoking Cessation classes. Many people desire to quit, but often lack motivation and support. The health risk to this population and cost in early death and chronic illness is astronomical. One of our friends achieved 100% class attendance. He needs your prayers to maintain a smoke free life style.

In addition to tobacco cessation class, the Health Ministry of the Rose Garden Mission has plans in the near future for group diabetic education, nutrition, child development classes, parenting skills, and hypertension management. Please pray for us as the ministry develops.



This Mom, due the end of July, was so thankful for the New Baby Welcome Basket, bouncy seat and bath chair she received that she began to cry when we brought it out to her. She was particularly grateful because until coming to the Rose Garden Home Mission, the only thing she had for her baby was a crib. Praise God for all who generously donated the baby things for this Mom.



Sr. Terry sorts through donated Rosaries with some of our young helpers.

Due to a maternal infection while pregnant, this beautiful baby girl was born with half of her brain missing. Please pray for baby Hope who doesn't have a very long life expectancy.





What great care this friend takes with his work

Lotsa Helping Hands

Painting, repairs and “fix-ups” continue at the Mission. On the right and on the left, some very brave men joined us for a painting party at the Center for Hope and Healing. Brave, because the air conditioner stopped working and they had to work in the heat! We are very grateful to them and all of the many families, “groups,” and individuals who serve Our Lord Jesus Christ by assisting us with all our Mission needs.



Our expert edger



“On Mission” with the sisters

We now have an online calendar of volunteers thanks to the hard work of one of our long time Helpers. You can access the calendar at: lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622281, or you can email: rosegardenhelpers@yahoo.com. If you currently volunteer, we ask that you please visit the website and list the days you can help so we can see where we have the greatest need. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, just fill in the dates you are able to come.

“Show Us Your Moves”

As many of you know, we have lots of neighborhood kids who come to the convent for candy and ice-pops and water and whatever else we have on any given day—and we also give them the love of Jesus by making small talk with them. One afternoon while giving a family of three brothers ice-pops, one of the brothers was showing us his “moves,” (that’s dance moves to you & me). He then asked if we would show him our “moves.” Just as sister began telling him that dancing isn’t really something we do, she got an inspiration. She started out by singing *Waves of Mercy*, a Christian praise song, and began doing the dance moves that accompany the song. It was a big hit, the guys really enjoyed watching sister, “get down with her moves!”



Mother Seraphina doin’ her “moves” with the kids at Vacation Bible School

A Franciscan Experience

August 10-15, 2010

Open to young adult women age 18 and older, who are interested in

experiencing the life of the

Franciscan Daughters of Mary.

Share with the Sisters’ in their prayer

life, daily responsibilities and

pro-life Mission.

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Sr. Mary Joseph stands with members of First Christian Church in Covington. Every month they bring many donated food items for our friends and neighbors—most often just as we are running out of food



Sr. Terry helps a young Vacation Bible School attendee blow up her balloon.

We are so grateful to the Lord for the way you love Him through the prayers, assistance and support you give to us. You and your intentions are remembered each day at the sisters’ Morning and Evening Prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ shower you with an abundance of graces and blessings!