



JOIN Journal

Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs

**An agency of Catholic Charities
Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus**

From the Director...

Peace of Jesus, the only true peace, be with each and all of you. Please join with me in thanksgiving to our God for His endless bounty of love, forgiveness, mercy and His generosity through all of you.

Times change. Conditions in the lives of some improve while the conditions in the lives of some worsen. Everyone's starting point is different but the commonality of life's bumpy roads is sure...the ability or support to handle those bumps differs greatly.

Those bumps bring us all to JOIN. Those bumps bring us to our knees, but isn't that where He calls us to be? Jesus tells us to call His Father, our Father. What a precious gift; what a precious realization...that we are never alone.

Now, to the working of JOIN within that calling and sharing that precious gift of our Father. We are part of the Body of Christ. JOIN is an appendage. Many gifts are given, both given to our staff and volunteers, as well as to our clients. Called to embrace the dignity of each client, God reveals His love through our work. In the sharing and in the hearing of each individual story, God's hand is at work. JOIN is for His glory, not ours.

His love is why we are here. We serve Him.....otherwise, we are babbling nonsense and our work is for naught. JOIN is sustained because God sustains us.

Our prayers are for all of you. Our prayers are for your families. Our prayers are for our clients and those seeking us, that they find us. Our prayers are filled with gratitude to God for leading you to help and for leading us to know you. Peace....

....Ruth

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BiblioBenefit X

Thanks to the team work of the Biblio committee, volunteers, and participants, the event netted approximately \$34,000. A visit from Pope Francis (photo left) was a welcomed surprise. The evening was a success on every level. The Holy Spirit was once again in charge. Thank you, God, because we couldn't do this without you.

Mark those 2015
calendars
and...

!! sAVE tHe DATE !!

BiblioBenefit XI

Friday, May 15
2015

St. Andrew,
Nugent Hall



Tears, thank you's, hugs...say it all

Gratitude is displayed daily by our clients. JOIN receives notes and cards on a regular basis expressing heartfelt thanks for assistance which is made possible by you, our prayer partners and supporters. Recently, a young mother (in the hospital) was unable to keep her WIC appointment and needed special formula for her infant who was on a feeding tube. A social worker from the hospital called JOIN for help and JOIN provided two cans of this very special formula, \$52/can, to feed this little person. The mother breathed a sigh of relief...



THANK YOU..... God is abundantly good.

You are invited to share God's blessings

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One Body, many parts...



Please send to:

JOIN
c/o Ruth Beckman
578 East Main St
Columbus, OH
43215

May God share His abundant grace with
you and yours.

BREAKING NEWS!!!



The latest from the JOIN pantry is that it is not Thanksgiving and people are still hungry and in need of personal and household items. Overwhelming generosity at the holidays is wonderful. Now, it's July and the pantry is void of body soap, deodorant, laundry soap, among other things.

Food is all but gone. Rally your church groups, neighbors, social groups, etc. to gather items to share through JOIN, please. Leftover garage sale items for household use are always welcome as well. God is good, indeed... let's share His love as often as we can!!

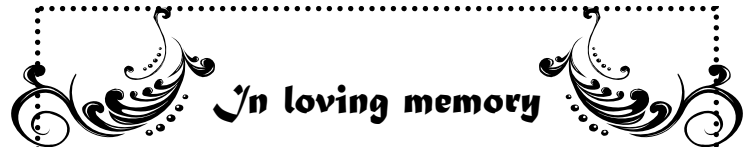
Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

Thank you to Bishop Campbell for celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, June 16. Congratulations to all who received awards.

The Betty Kegelmeyer Award was presented to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) for ongoing support and dedication to serving the clients and ministry of JOIN.

The Mary Margaret Roach Award was presented to Deacon Johnson, *Saint Joseph Cathedral*, with endless gratitude for his years of devoted and loving dedication to the needs of the poor through a variety of ministries, one of which is JOIN.

The Father Thomas Cadden Award was presented to Bill Sparks (*Saint Thomas More Newman Center*), executive director of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of our diocese, for his hard work and efforts to address the variety of needs in the lives of the poor in our diocese. Established in 2007, this honor acknowledges persons whose generosity provides help for the most poverty stricken in our community. Mr. Sparks' attention to those needs is exemplary.



The JOIN family lost yet another devoted member of the of its volunteer family in

March.

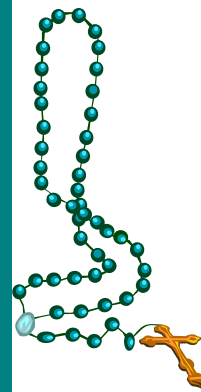
Sheila Cipriano was an active member of St.

Mary Magdalene Parish as well as a

longtime volunteer at JOIN. She is

greatly missed. Our prayers are with

her family.



**PRAYERS FOR OUR
CHAPLAIN:
FR. MICHAEL LUMPE
&
PRAYERS FOR
ALL OUR PRIESTS, DEACONS
AND SEMINARIANS
&
PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND
RELIGIOUS LIFE**



...Watterson students at task delivering and sorting carloads of much needed food and personal items





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*Bar Soap, Deodorant
Toothbrushes/paste
Shampoo/Conditioner*

*Cleaning supplies
Laundry supplies
Size 4, 5, 6 diapers*



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Community Young Adults and their
much needed help!

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