

House of Peace - Milwaukee

a Capuchin Franciscan Ministry



Disabled Single Mom Finds Food & Friendship Mother of Three Celebrates Christmas & Easter Blessings

“I had to put my head down so my kids wouldn’t see my tears,” Schynitha said. Schynitha lives on Social Security Disability and is raising her three children just a half block away from the House of Peace.

“When I heard we could attend the Breakfast with Baby Jesus I was so excited. I knew that there was a lot I couldn’t give my children at Christmas but with the help of the House of Peace and their donors we did have a wonderful holiday.”

Fr. Perry McDonald, Pastoral Director said, “Schynitha’s family is one of over 2 dozen households that enjoyed Christmas because of the kindness of the parishioners at St. Francis Borgia Parish, Cedarburg. They prepare a breakfast feast, sing Carols and put on a Christmas pageant.”

Schynitha smiled and said, “They provided each family with gifts for the children so they’d have something to enjoy under the tree.”

Dominique McGhee, Emergency Food Pantry Manager said, “Our guests also receive a holiday food box so they can enjoy a Christmas meal at home.”

“I also depend on the House of Peace to help clothe my family,” Schynitha added. “I try to make an appointment to stop by the Capuchin Clothes Closet twice per month. With three children ages 14, 12 and 8 years old we can always use clothing.”

Recently the House of Peace received a donated computer and held a drawing. “I won,” Schynitha said. “When I got home my children were so excited that they could finally do their homework at home.”



▲ Schynitha Mills poses with Archbishop Jerome ListECKI on Holy Thursday. She was one of 100 people who received food and hygiene supplies. The food was donated by Father Gene’s Help Center and the hygiene supplies were collected by St. Mary’s Visitation Parish and School, Elm Grove. Archbishop ListECKI handed out hams donated by Badger Hams.

The family doesn’t have internet or cable so the computer is more of a word processor. “But my kids can finally write their reports and submit them looking nice.”

Once per month Schynitha and her three children visit the Emergency Food Pantry. “The kids just love Dominique. So I bring them to say “hi” and I need them to help me carry the food home.”

One of the food items that Schynitha receives is meat from Usinger’s. Dominique explained, “Schynitha’s family is one of the hundreds of families that are benefiting from the one and one half tons of sausage and meat we are receiving after last year’s Capuchin Run Walk for the Hungry to German Fest.”

Schynitha said, “I hope everyone who went last year brings a friend. We need meat in our community and Usinger’s is delicious!” Fr. Perry added, “I join Schynitha in encouraging people to sign up to run or walk this year. The form is on the back and the registration form is online. Help the House of Peace raise funds and meat to feed the poor this year.”

Blessings of Service

by Gerri Sheets-Howard, M.A., Executive Director

Hi, Ma! She called out from across the room. I looked around, to see whom the greeting was addressed, and to my surprise it was to me. I am a mother of two adult sons, but I never imagined that to some guests coming to the House of Peace, I had become a mother figure.

It is important for me to talk with as many guests as possible, because it is through these conversations that I get the true back story. Now I am able to direct guests to the UWM-Community Nursing Center, Marquette University Volunteer Legal Clinic, or to the Social Worker so that they can get the assistance they need to live a more peace filled life.

It is because of the generosity of our donors, that we were able to provide

assistance to a young woman who struggled to enroll in college, and needed a computer in order to complete her assignments.

Your love for the “least of these,” helped the House of Peace to provide furniture for a family who had been homeless for almost a year. Your commitment to this ministry, has allowed us to help a mother to have a furnace repaired, during a harsh winter, so that her children would be warm.

So they call me Ma, and that’s ok. I along with staff and volunteers are able to nurture, listen, correct, and encourage those in need, expressing all of the wonderful attributes of Mothers.

Grants Help Fund House of Peace’s Services

Did you know that the House of Peace receives no government funding? Over 70% of our income comes from individual donors. Grants from foundations and corporations are an important part of how we close the gap.

Could you help the House of Peace care for the poor with a grant? If you work for, or are retired from, an employer who has a foundation or makes corporate gifts to charities perhaps you can! Many employers will direct gifts at the recommendation of their employees.

To learn more, contact your employer’s HR office and ask about corporate gifts. Let us know who to contact or how to apply and we’ll do the rest.

Some families also have personal foundations or donor advised funds with community foundations. The House of Peace has received support in the past from donor advised funds at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the Catholic Community Foundation and the Waukesha County Community Foundation among others. If your family has a fund with these community foundations or are set up at a bank or a financial advisor, you can make a gift to the House of Peace.

Contact us with the information your fund requires and we’ll be happy to complete an application for a grant. Our grant writer’s contact information is:

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House of Peace Services

- Emergency Food Pantry
- Clothing Center
- Spiritual Care
- Nursing Clinic
- Legal Clinic
- Social Worker
- Meeting Space
- Teen Scholarship Program
- American Cancer Society Loaning Closet
- Chapel

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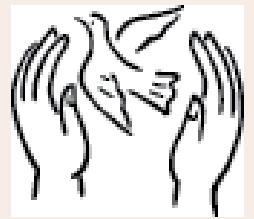


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Dove Notes

by Fr. Perry McDonald, OFM, Capuchin



The Capuchin Run/Walk for the Hungry will take place on the opening day of German Fest, Friday, July 25, 2014. German Fest opens on the Summer Fest grounds at 3:00pm and the Run/Walk will take place at 7:00pm. Since February of this year a committee has been very busy planning the event. Last year 3,114 people participated with 75 teams being organized while many others just came for the fun. We are hoping to break those records this year.

The run is a 5K sprint and the walk is for 2 miles both on level sidewalks along the lakefront. You can participate as an individual or as a member of a team (my team's name is "Peacemakers"). You can find all the information you need, costs as well as the freebies you will receive by clicking on:

www.capuchinsrunwalkforthehungry.org

All proceeds from the Run/Walk go to feed the hungry who come to the House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal. This is the one major fund raiser of the House of Peace for the year. We could certainly use your support! We need sponsors for the event willing to donate \$250.00 (and up) who will sign up by clicking on the Sponsor page on the Run/Walk website.

Besides getting needed exercise, viewing the great Milwaukee lakefront, receiving free entrance into German Fest for you and your family/friends, a t-shirt, etc., you will also meet a great crowd of people who truly want to help the hungry continue to receive food and other needed items through the House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal. Will I see you there?

*Fr. Perry McDonald, O.F.M. Capuchin
Pastoral Director*



Long Time Donor Learns More About House of Peace

Kathryn Czisny first learned about the House of Peace from her parish, St. Francis Borgia in Cedarburg. The members of St. Francis donate clothing, holiday food boxes, serve as volunteers in the Capuchin Clothes Closet and hold "Breakfast with Baby Jesus" each year.

Impressed by the Capuchins' ministry to the poor, Kathryn became a donor almost a decade ago. "Each time I make a gift I have received a call from Fr. Perry," Kathryn said. "The last time he invited me to tour the House of Peace as I had never been here before."

Fr. Perry McDonald, Pastoral Director, calls many donors to thank them for their gifts and speaks at local parishes, schools and other groups about the House of Peace. "I like to share how we Capuchins' minister here on the corner of 17th and Walnut Streets. Now I'd like to invite all of our donors to come by for a tour."

Smiling Fr. Perry added, "You can get to know the ministry so much better if you actually visit. I am very happy to give any donor a tour as I am proud of our services to the poor."

Kathryn said, "I am so surprised at how much is offered here to those in need. I had no idea you had so many services."



▲ Kathryn Czisny poses with Capuchin Fr. Perry McDonald, OFM in the emergency food pantry at the conclusion of her tour.

Kathryn continued, "I am also very impressed with the staff. I can see that they really care about the people who come to the House of Peace seeking help. They are a loving and caring group of people who genuinely care about the guests and their needs."

Fr. Perry said, "I want to invite anyone reading this newsletter to contact me if they'd like to visit. Just call or email me and I'll set up a tour for you. My phone number at the House of Peace is 414.933.1300, ext. 13 and my email is pmcdonald@thecapuchins.org."

THE CAPUCHINS'

RUN WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

5K Run & 2 Mile Walk

Friday, July 25, 2014 • 7 PM

5:00 pm Check-In at South Gate of Summerfest

TEAM INFO: Teams of 10 or more runners, walkers or both are eligible for a \$5 discount per person. Team registration deadline is July 13. Please register online at: www.CapuchinsRunWalkForTheHungry.org

DRAWINGS: All Capuchins' Run/Walk participants are eligible for wonderful prizes. Must be present to win.

PARTICIPANT REWARDS: Commemorative T-Shirt • FREE German Fest Admission (open until 11:00 pm) \$5 Food/Drink Coupon • 2 for 1 Coupon to return to German Fest

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Payment must be postmarked or completed online by **July 13, 2014**. After July 13, shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed and entry fees increase as noted.

Individual registration is available below or through www.CapuchinsRunWalkForTheHungry.org

Have a team of 10 or more? Please register your team at www.CapuchinsRunWalkForTheHungry.org Or if you prefer to register your team via hard copy, please call 414.374.8841, ext. 40

Photocopies are accepted. Detach along dashed line

REGISTRATION FORM: PLEASE PRINT

Total registering on this form: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Check One: RUN WALK Gender: M F Age (day-of-race): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Additional individuals registering, please indicate Run or Walk, Gender & Age (day-of-race).

Name	R/W	M/F	Age
1			
2			
3			

Total Registering: _____ T-Shirt(s) (indicate quantity of each size): _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

My extra gift to the Capuchins to feed the homeless and hungry: \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Check (Payable to: Capuchins' Run Walk for the Hungry) Credit Card: VISA MasterCard Discover

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

I hereby waive all claims against The Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, German Fest, Inc., Milwaukee World Festival, Inc., Board of Harbor Commissioners, City of Milwaukee, race personnel and all sponsors for any injuries from which I may suffer while taking part in this event or as a result thereof. I grant permission to all of the aforementioned to use any photographs, motion pictures, videotapes or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. Participant Signature (or guardian if under 18).

SIGNATURE: _____

Return Form & Payment to: Capuchins' Run/Walk for the Hungry • P.O. Box 510020, Milwaukee, WI 53203 • Phone: 414-271-0135

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

5K RUN: A certified and chip timed/scored race. \$25 Adult, \$15 Child [\$30 and \$20 after July 13] Child must be 12 or younger on race day.

DIVISIONS: [14 & under] [15-19] [20-24] [25-29] [30-34] [35-39] [40-44] [45-49] [50-54] [55-59] [60-64] [65-69] [70 plus]

AWARDS: Immediately following the Run/Walk, awards for 3 overall finishing times for Men and Women. In addition, the top three M/F runners will receive awards in each division.

2 MILE WALK: Non-competitive walk through Lakeshore State Park. Timing provided; not eligible for scoring or awards. \$20 Adult, \$10 Child [\$25 and \$15 after July 13] Child must be 12 or younger on race day.