**HOUSE OF PEACE & UW-M GOING DEEPER**

**DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT) STUDENTS JOIN NURSING STUDENTS**

**Nutritional Sciences Students Start in Fall**

“The Nursing Program is now a part of the new College of Health Professions and Sciences,” said Vanessa Baldwin, Director of the UW-Milwaukee Health and Wellness Center at the House of Peace. “We collaborate with other health professionals to provide multi-disciplinary care for our community. The physical therapy program is the first to officially join us onsite.” Darryl, a guest and participant said, “I’ve been coming since the program began. I want to get more exercise and care for myself better.”

Antoinette Spector, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, said, “This has been a good opportunity to help our students to practice their skills in a multi-cultural environment which they might not otherwise experience.” Jessica, a DPT student, said, “I like that we get to practice our skills here in the community. Most of us are not originally from Milwaukee, so this is a good way to get to know the city.” Kyle and Eric, two other DPT students, agreed. Kyle added, “It’s not just using our physical therapy skills in the community but also developing our interpersonal skills with a variety of clients.”

Antoinette said, “This is a great chance to work with people like Darryl to improve their mobility. The students are then able to see how each person moves and get feedback from the guests on their clinical skills. Our goal is to give the House of Peace’s guests a chance to learn, socialize and initiate or continue exercise.”

Vanessa added, “COVID has starved us in the area of socialization; something the House of Peace has known for years. This program allows our students to learn how to serve people who may look and speak differently than they do.” Darryl agreed and said, “I’ve enjoyed getting more exercise, especially the walks with the students that we take twice per week.”
WORKS OF MERCY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

House of Peace &
St. Ben’s Community Meal

Saint Ben’s Community Meal needs volunteers to serve on the Meal floor. Volunteer openings available Sundays through Thursdays. The House of Peace needs volunteers to serve in the Clothing Closet each afternoon. These & other opportunities are posted online:

House of Peace -
thecapuchins.net/ HouseOfPeaceVols

St. Ben’s Community Meal -
thecapuchins.net/ MealVolunteer

Questions? Contact:
Nicole Fair, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 414-933-1300, x1123
Email: ccsvol@thecapuchins.org

IN-KIND DONATIONS

House of Peace &
St. Ben’s Community Meal

CCS is now accepting in-kind donations of clothing and hygiene items at its two locations, and packaged food for the House of Peace Emergency Food Pantry. We regret that we cannot accept other items at this time.

The House of Peace: Donations are accepted from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To deliver, please ring the doorbell then return to your vehicle. Staff will assist with unloading and provide a receipt.

Saint Ben’s Meal: Donations are accepted from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Monday through Friday. To deliver, please ring the large doorbell next to the Meal Hall doors, and then return to your vehicle. Staff will assist with unloading and provide a receipt.

Called & Sent Forth

by Br. Robert Wotypka, OFM Capuchin
Ministry Director

I have such a clear memory of how I arrived at CCS. In 2018 our then-provincial minister (the “head guy” elected along with a council to make major decisions) said he wanted to talk, so we met in the rec room after dinner dishes. This was during my priestly formation in Detroit. He told me I was going to be transferred to Milwaukee to serve as ministry director at CCS.

Shocked, I replied, “It’s too much. And too soon.” His sage reply? “You’ll be fine.”

In the fall I’m being sent to Detroit for my next assignment – chaplain for our Capuchin Soup Kitchen (CSK) ministries. The CSK comprises multiple locations and myriad missions: two meal sites, a service center, an urban farm, an addiction treatment facility, and more. Detroit is where I first had the call to religious life, and where I met the Capuchins.

My Franciscan brother Mychal Judge, one of the first to be killed in the 9/11 attack on New York, said it best in his prayer - please see the inset.

“The Lord, take me where You want me to go. Let me meet who You want me to meet. Tell me what You want me to say, and keep me out of Your way.”

~Br. Mychal Judge, OFM.

The onset of COVID meant I had nine months of “normal” operations at House of Peace and Saint Ben’s before everything changed. What I’ll be most grateful for is how we all held together and worked hard for the day when “normal” returned. Has it? Not really. My image is this: this is the overture. The opera has yet to begin. And it won’t be light or comic. But we don’t despair, and God is with us.

Thank you to everyone who let me walk with you: guests, volunteers, staff, Ministry Council members, friars, donors, and benefactors. When I felt most centered in my vocation was when I prayed for our donors’ intentions, so I give particular thanks to those who shared them with us. Please welcome Father Mike Bertram and walk with him. May God’s will be done through us all.

My diaries will help me remember who I met and where I went.

Br. Robert

Support our ministry: www.CapuchinCommunityServices.org/Donate or by mail to PO Box 5830, Milwaukee WI 53205-0830
New Faces At CCS

Welcome New Ministry Director and New Staff Members

▲ Lander Hogan washes serving pans in preparation for the evening’s Meal. A former guest, he recently joined the staff.

▲ Fr. Mike Bertram walks with members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the Capuchin Walk for the Hungry. Fr. Mike has been named the new ministry director.

▲ Courtney Bazinaw worked for a local butcher for several years. His calm personality helps when speaking with guests in crisis.

▲ Donyell Davis, also known as “D,” helped make the Warming Center ministry happen, and joined us full time in the spring. He serves primarily at Saint Ben’s.

▲ Terencia Davis has joined the staff and works primarily at St. Ben’s Meal. No relationship to Donyell.

▲ Scott Villmow has long experience in restaurants and food service. We are grateful he’s chosen an “encore career” at the Meal at Saint Ben’s.

▲ House of Peace site: The painter covers spots in preparation for another coat.

▲ St. Ben’s Meal site: HVAC contractors install vents in the new drywall that encloses the system.

“UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE” - Psalm 127: 1

Summer repairs at both sites bring new benefits

Painters are working on the exterior of the House of Peace building. They have applied a new coat of paint on the building front facing Walnut Street. On the west side they are removing peeling paint that surrounds the mural. The CCS logo will crown the western wall - come and see!

Contractors have installed a new HVAC system in St. Ben’s Meal Hall. The upgrade has two outcomes: increasing the airflow in the space so that there’s less concern about virus transmission. And it brings air conditioning to the Hall for the first time. Thank you to all of our supporters for making both of these upgrades possible!
2022 Back-to-School Supply Drive
Collection Begins - Online Gift Registries Open

Starting with the House of Peace’s founder, Capuchin Br. Booker Ashe, the ministry has always collected and distributed school supplies. “It’s simply critical to our calling to improve the quality of life for our neighbors,” Linda Barnes, Site Manager at the House of Peace, said. “Each year, we provide hundreds of families with the supplies their children need to start the school year successfully. We do collect and distribute all the normal school supplies. However, we add some new clothing items, art supplies, books, and hygiene supplies, especially hand sanitizer for school.”

The photos above are from last year’s school supply distribution. To contribute to this year’s school supply drive you can send in a check or make a gift online at:

https://ofmcap.cc/SchoolSuccess

You can also find links to our Target and Amazon School Supply Gift Registries there!

► Scan this QR Code to visit the School Supply page on the Capuchin Community Services’ website.

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