

MINISTRIES OF CHARITY UPDATE #2023 – 17

Sept 1, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

For many, school has started and our parish activities are at the end of summer swing. **MOC is now into its Fall schedule.** You can read about all of our activities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, and in this update.

Your Ministries of Charity are planning a number of opportunities for service to the homeless and the poor now and in the coming months. As we prepare for our continued service to our brothers and sisters in need, please pray for us. We will in turn, keep you in ours. Here is your next **MOC Update #2023 -17.**

ST. VINCENT De PAUL DINNER:

Our next St Vincent de Paul Dinner is scheduled October 14th. We are looking for a Leader and 5 volunteers to serve this evening meal. **So far we have no one signed-up to serve at this meal.** You can sign up on the parish website.

RACHEL'S SHELTER DINNER SERVICE:

Rachel's Shelter is located downtown near the Father Joe's facilities. It is operated by the Diocese and provides supportive, safe, short- and mid-term shelter for 35 women. **Rachel's requests the help of local parishes to provide dinners for these women, and Ascension's scheduled dates for the rest of 2023 are Oct 10th, and Dec 6th.**

Ann Galbraith is the MOC leader for this, and typically cooks the day of and prepares side dishes in the JP2 kitchen prior to departing for Rachel's at 4:30 PM. If you'd like to help with the cooking or serving, please contact her at anngalbraith1@gmail.com . If you'd prefer to drop off prepared food or grocery donations of any kind, please feel free to leave them either in the JP2 kitchen refrigerator with a note, or at the church office.

HOUSEWARMING FOR THE HOMELESS:

Our Housewarming for the Homeless summer project has been a marvelous success. Forty of these sets of kitchen and bed / bath supplies (i.e 80 baskets and bins full of supplies) have been collected for Father Joe's Villages to equip newly vacated apartments for the homeless. We could never do this without you. Thank you, **Thank you, THANK YOU** so much for your generosity.

SD-MOM's BABY SHOWER:

Our **Annual SD MOM's Baby Shower** will begin Sept 19th, 2023. This is a charitable event that many of you know and love. **Next weekend, Sept 9th /10th our team will be outside after all the masses talking about this very important event.** This event helps our military families, E5 and below who are expecting a child or who have an infant and need some help with baby items. **Pick up a list of items needed and help us put together baby bags for these moms and their babies.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. Keep those babies and their needed items in your heart!!!

CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON:

We invite you to learn more about our Caring for the Whole Person Ministry. Join us at our **next CWP meeting on Oct 2nd at 2pm in the Pavilion.**

FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES COLLECTION BIN:

We are now collecting donated new and gently-used items, including coats, shoes, socks, underwear, clothing of all sizes, and SMALL household appliances.

NO FURNITURE PLEASE!!! Items must fit through the opening of the bin. **Please do not leave items on the ground around the bin.** Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT ASCENSION PARISH MOC MEETING:

The Date of our **next MOC Meeting is Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm in the Pavilion.** Come and join us and explore the opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need.