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Father Carr's Place 2B

Farewell from Bob, Outgoing Executive Director

Greetings and Blessings from Father Carr's Place 2B.

May this letter find you and your family in good health and spirit. Time marches on and now Deb and I will go forward to a new season of our life. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve at Father Carr's. We have been humbled and will always have fond memories of the amazing and awesome people we have come to know. Life is about love and relationships. What love we have experienced from you and all the people we have encountered here at Father Carr's! Truly a blessing to work side by side with individuals who share their joy, gifts, talents and love with others on a daily basis, in a common mission.

Deb and I came to Father Carr's because the Holy Spirit wanted us here. Our years living on campus have been extremely fulfilling. We have walked together in faith with you and the thousands of residents and volunteers who have come through the doors of the Mother Teresa Center. We have worked hard and have shared many good times, laughs and tears. We supported one another through the many challenges and difficult times. Always know, in the years ahead, that wherever we happen to be physically, we will always be united together in Spirit, friendship, thoughts and prayers.

Herewith, Deb and I say farewell. And for all of us who are disciples of the Lord, we know that we simply move on to serve our Lord and other people in new places. Thanks again for sharing your gifts, time and talent. Please continue to do so, allowing yourself to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit. Please keep us in your prayers and be assured of our prayers for you. Always know that your friendship, support, kindness and love was greatly appreciated and you will forever be treasured.

May the Lord bless you, your family and friends ever abundantly with His great grace, mercy, love, hope and peace.

Bob



Outgoing director, Bob Lang, and incoming director, Tony Klink worked together for the month of July to provide a smooth transition.

Greetings from Tony, Incoming Executive Director

Over twenty years ago, I volunteered full-time as pastoral associate at Father Carr's Place 2B, living and working with Father Marty Carr. At that time, the mission was located both in downtown Oshkosh and in the current location along the highway. Father Carr's compassionate wisdom was one of continually standing for the dignity of others and living joyfully connected in community. Volunteering at the Place 2B was an awesome experience; some of my best friendships today began at Father Carr's Place 2B.

I grew up on a dairy farm about an hour south of Oshkosh in a small town called Rubicon. Three of my dad's brothers and their spouses owned adjacent dairy farms. My parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and cousins (60+) all worked together toward a common goal and prayed together at Mass. Today I share a life of noticing God's Loving Presence with my 12 Godchildren, 8 siblings and their spouses, 25 nieces and nephews, dozens of great nieces and nephews (many of whom call me Peace Tony, instead of Uncle Tony) and many close friends.

In college I was trained in biochemistry and then worked as a scientist in the biotechnology industry for a couple of

decades. It was during graduate school that I spent a semester full-time with Father Carr at the Place 2B. As with many others, Father Carr continued as a mentor until he went to glory of heaven 12 years ago. In my two most recent jobs as general manager (at a non-profit agriculture firm) and business manager (at three Catholic Churches), I've managed operations, administrative and business efforts, personnel, ministries, volunteers, buildings and grounds. My Catholic faith is expressed through daily prayer, mentoring youth, visiting elderly friends, helping those with less, standing strong for those who are treated with little respect, pilgrimages to Camino de Santiago, Fatima, Lourdes, Rome and Assisi.

Since I lived and worked with Father Carr, I've witnessed so many ways people help those who are less fortunate. I would like to share my gratitude to you all who have helped others through Father Carr's Place 2B in your own special and unique way. Thank you! Together at the Place 2B, we share (and lead others to share) God's love, compassion, and joy. We all, together share hope-filled opportunities to love Jesus by loving those who live with less. **'Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you do for me' Matthew 25:40.**

Oftentimes, hope begins in sharing seemingly simple, yet profound things. Here at Father Carr's Place 2B, hope begins in a well-prepared meal, hope begins in a place to lay one's head, hope begins in being cared for and treated with respect in our free health clinic, hope begins with being able to take food home to one's children, hope begins with a holiday meal or a child's joy at opening a present at Christmas, hope begins in rebuilding one's faith in God's Love, hope begins in having a Place 2B welcomed home.

Father Carr so very often reminded us that whenever the shelter door opens, it is Jesus entering. For those who enter the Place 2B, there is a hope of being comforted and of a better life for their future; at its heart this hope is in encountering Jesus and Jesus' Unconditional Love. Thank you for living out Matthew 25:31-46 by being present to those who experience economic, physical, and psychological poverty. None of us can do this thing called life alone, but we are sharing hope together! Thank you for sharing your gifts through the Place 2B's mission and seeing Jesus in those less fortunate.

Stop in sometime soon – you are welcome here! I am eager for us to celebrate life together, in each of our own unique and special ways. God's plan for Father Carr's Place 2B has always been to do good for others, yesterday, today and so many more tomorrows to come. Thank you!

Peace, Tony

Happy Retirement to Rosemary Langeberg and Lisa Marinack

Two dedicated and loyal volunteers who have collectively served over fifty years of service at the St. Francis Free Medical Health Clinic.

Everyone at Father Carr's Place 2B would like to extend our most heartfelt and sincere thanks to Rosemary and Lisa (and their faithful husbands, Douglas and Bob respectively) who have worked together, as a team, for the past 22 years. Rosemary shared; "We are best friends and always will be."

The Place 2B and the thousands served, have been blessed to have the constant presence of Lisa and Rosemary throughout the years. Father Carr personally inspired them to share their talents and gifts. Together they recruited doctors, nurses and receptionists. They scheduled volunteers who touched patients with care, compassion and dignity. They did it all! They worked countless hours at the clinic and from home. Father Carr's mission of loving Jesus through those in need (Matthew 25:40) became Lisa and Rosemary's mission. While reflecting on her many years of service Rosemary said; "I've experienced some awesome things and have encountered so much goodness and kindness. I will always be grateful for our many volunteers who served tirelessly; healing and helping those in need.

Praise be to God for Rosemary! Praise be to God for Lisa! Praise be to God for all the committed volunteers and benefactors who give their time, talent and treasure to the St. Francis Free Medical Health Clinic. Father Carr is surely grinning proudly! Jesus is pleased by your heartfelt compassion and friendship!

Herein, health and happiness to you! We have been blessed and wish you the best! Enjoy your time together!
Thank You for being Good and Faithful Servants.



Learning to Better our Mission

Several of us recently visited the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Mission in Detroit, MI to learn new and innovative ways to serve those in need and foster independence and responsibility. We were so blessed to be mentored by Brother Bob Malloy, who has spent several decades serving others through the Capuchin Mission. Both organizations do not receive any federal, state or local funding. This allows us to focus on the mission and not managing a bureaucracy. Each mission feeds thousands of meals each week, intervenes with mental illness, addiction and poverty and those recently released from prison. Serving others with joy, supporting volunteers and fostering self respect and independence is so important to our common missions.

Father Carr's team was fortunate to learn about urban gardening, interventions with mental health challenges, prison ministry, work training programs and so much more. Detroit has been a city ravaged by poverty, economic and other social ills. Through a combination of major private investment and public support, Detroit is actually beginning to make vast improvements in their City. One can see the development driving through the downtown and inner city as well as the new Fiat - Chrysler Automotive Plant. The Capuchin Mission continues to play a role in the economic and social redevelopment of Detroit. Oshkosh is obviously quite different than Detroit, but we are always learning and evaluating ways to help others and support our community. Working together we can continue to do a better job of supporting people to be self sufficient and contributors to the greater community. Thank you for giving generously to our mission of serving and guiding others. We could not do it without your support. Thank you and God bless Father Carr's and the Capuchin Mission in serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Father Carr's 4th Annual Bridge Walk

Rain, rain go away! Our 4th annual Bridge Walk brought us rain for the 4th straight year. But it certainly did not dampen our spirits. Weather forecasters are already predicting bright sunny skies for next year's walk on the first Saturday in June 😊 Yes, we are *thinking positively!* This has consistently been a wonderful gathering for hundreds of people to celebrate our mission. It is also an important event for those we serve, our volunteers and the larger Oshkosh community. It is also a fundraiser and an opportunity to raise community awareness for those struggling with addictions, mental illness, poverty and sickness. Thank you for all those who attended and supported us. As always, a wonderful time was had by all despite the rain. Please join us next June for the 5th Annual Bridge Walk 🚶



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Live and Leave a Legacy for Father Carr's

Please remember Father Carr's in your Will or Estate Planning. Consider a planned gift through your bequest or beneficiary designation. Your gift will ensure that Father Marty's mission will continue. You may direct your gift to Father Carr's Endowment Fund which will continue to grow in perpetuity. Your gift may qualify for an estate tax charitable deduction and will be a final and living testament to your gracious generosity. **Check with your financial advisor and/or call Nic Bur, Dan Geffers, or Tony Klink for more information.**

☀️Updated Wish List for Summer 2019☀️

- Bleach
- Gas Powered Stihl weedwacker (new or gently used)
- Picnic table for the Holy Family Villa
- Gift Cards for Kwik Trip, Menards, Office Max, Festival, Fleet Farm, Target and Walmart
- Twin Beds for the Holy Family Villa and Flat Sheets for Twin Beds
- A person to offer haircut services once a month
- Hot Dogs, Butter, Eggs, Milk, Sugar
- Prayers and financial contributions
- Two Floor Fans
- Major Donor to Carpet the Mother Teresa Center ... \$38,000
- Women and Men to prepare a meal or mentor others (once a week or once a month).

Upcoming Events

Open House and Welcome Reception for Tony Klink

Saturday, October 12

Mass 4:00 pm

Open House and Reception at 4:45 pm

Hors d'oeuvres Provided