



Thanksgiving 2022

Father Carr's Place 2B

Compassion

I had only been in the Director's chair for nine days. On the morning of my tenth day, my phone dinged with a daily reflection. I subscribe to the Henry Nouwen Society webpage. This one was short. I like them short. It was titled "Compassion" which caught my attention and was to my liking. I read it, and then reread it. It hit me in a way that was unusual. I thought it was very provoking and for a short reflection, there was a big message. Are these my instructions for this new director role? I felt that they were. Maybe not instructions as such, but qualifications? What's that word? Charism? I sensed the Holy Spirit had something to do with this.

I had only witnessed the "day - to - day" activities in the Place 2B for a week. What I saw was people talking to people. At times, I couldn't tell the difference between who was a guest, a donor, a resident, or who was one of our volunteers. I still didn't know most of them. There was no distinction between who was hungry, poor, or homeless. It was just people telling their stories to each other. I read Father Henry's piece a few times more. This was my job description. (Although, I will never consider this a job.) This is what defines our volunteers and how we go about our day. I learned quickly that every person who comes to us has a soul, a heart, and a story to tell. I learned quickly that before I can be of help to someone in need, I need to listen. I can't assume to know what they need. I have to listen to what they have to say and how they say it. I have to hear their hunger, their numbness, their pain, their fear. I have to let them expel all that they need someone to hear, before I can even begin to offer solutions. I have to let the Holy Spirit come to me through them. It's only then I can understand. Those who come to us in need, are God's instruments to us, to show us how to love, like God wants us to.

The rest of that day, I watched our volunteers talk and interact with those who came through our doors. It was more of the same, people talking with people. I sat back and took in what our veteran volunteers were doing. I witnessed them laughing and joking, caring and helping, listening and hugging. I admired them. I wanted to be like them. They had compassion. So then I read the reflection one more time, prayed "Veni Sancte Spiritus" and knew for me, this was the Place 2B.

Jim Boehm

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Compassion

Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

Farewell Sister Rebecca

*Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.*

These are the lyrics to the well-known Servant Song. A hymn sung in many churches throughout the world. These lyrics come to mind as we bid adieu to Sister Rebecca Amenyo Atsu. Sister Rebecca is in the Religious Order of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer. The Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer have a long relationship with Father Carr's, over twenty years, as they serve and pray for those whom Father Carr's Place 2B ministers to.

Sister Rebecca has been at the Place 2B since February 2020. She is a master seamstress and many of the garments and clothes she made will remain here after she leaves. She served FCP2B well. When not sewing, she was cleaning and preparing rooms between residents, answering our phone, and keeping busy in the food pantry. She loved keeping the Chapel and the Eucharistic vessels clean and in order. But, what Sister Rebecca gave most, was joy. She has a smile that truly does light up a room. She gives excellent hugs. Hugs that you can imagine would come from Jesus Himself. Her kindness and gratitude melt your heart, and never will you have a conversation with her that doesn't end with, "God Bless you."

"Becky" as some knew her, took her final vows in September of 2006. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fashion and Textiles from the Winneba University in Kumasi, Ghana. She will return to her home convent in Accra and await her next assignment from Mother Superior.

Dear Jesus, thank you for bringing Sister Rebecca into our lives. It is a privilege to know her and to experience her love for You. Jesus, truly all good things come from You, and Sister Rebecca is one of them. Jesus, keep her safe and continue to fill her with the joy that she shares with everyone she meets. Amen.

Jim Boehm





Father Carr's 2022 Children's Christmas Party & Breakfast

Saturday, December 17 - 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.

Father Carr's Mother Theresa Center
1062 N. Koeller St—Oshkosh

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call (920) 231-2378



Father Carr's Children's Christmas Party and Breakfast is a magical experience sure to thrill all those in attendance. Your visit will begin with a pancake breakfast where you will meet the Elf who will guide your visit.

Activities include crafts, the Nativity story, live entertainment, photos with Santa, and choosing a gift from Santa's Toy Land.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP US

To make the Christmas party really special for the kids on December 17, we need your help. These are the items we are especially in need of: *Board Games for all ages, teen gifts, \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards, and \$10 fast food gift cards.* You can also stop in to Mother Teresa Center after November 20 to grab a tag off the tree or check out our website and Facebook for gift ideas. Thank you for helping to make this a magical day for the kids!

Formation

Most Wisconsinites will tell you their favorite time of year is autumn. Some will say spring, but I think autumn would win a survey. I am in that majority as well. Fall means going for a walk in the morning for a grouse hunt with Bebe, my German Shorthair, and then maybe later in the day, drift a fly for some brookies. The night air is crisp and the afternoons warm, but not humid. Fall is football! Oak and maple trees appear on fire with color, and the geese are flying south. I love to hear the honking of those huge flocks overhead.

We all have heard the analogies of flying geese, their V-shaped formation, and how it applies to leadership. The science behind the flock formation is really quite amazing. God is after all, our Master of Creation.

Fact 1. *Get farther, together. When geese fly in a V-formation, they improve the overall efficiency of the flock by 71%. The flapping of wings creates air patterns that lift surrounding birds, reducing the effort each goose has to expend to travel, and greatly expanding how far they can go.*

Mother Teresa said, *"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."* Just as each goose helps the other geese around it, so it is with Father Carr's ministry. The volunteer base, the donors, the parishes, the Sisters, the Diocese and more, all are part of the "flock" that keeps Father Carr's ministry flying. All those who make the Place 2B what it is, come from all over the world. They each have their own contribution based on their resources, their talents and the precious time they freely give. Our supporters know their roles and give generously. What they may not understand is that while they are doing their part, they are generating a whole environment of giving. By their generosity, they are encouraging others to give. Love spreads! Love is contagious. Love changes the world. Since day one, we have existed on only private donations and grants. Our goals, based on the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 25, have stayed on course since Father Carr wrote them 48 years ago. We are proud of that fact, but also filled with gratitude to all those who have made this happen. Let us pray, so by God's grace and will, we can continue to lift each other up.

Fact 2. *Be encouraging. Geese flying in a V-formation honk to encourage the geese ahead of them. Honking also helps them communicate their position to maintain speed.*

Saint Pope John Paul II had many famous and uplifting quotes, this one included. *"In prayer you become one with the source of our true Light – Jesus Himself."* Praying together with your spouse, friend, family member, coworker is the most encouraging type of conversation or action you can have. Not only praying with each other, but for each other. In prayer, you are connected with our Lord. The love you are displaying for each other becomes true love because that's what Christ is. Nothing can encourage, support or display love more than two or more people praying for each other. Having the chapel and Eucharist right here inside the Mother Teresa Center creates such a Holy and Spiritual environment that invites us to pray for each other. If you ever feel the need for someone to pray with you or for you, you are always welcome to visit here.

Fact 3. *Share leadership. When the goose at the front of the V formation--where flying is harder--gets tired, it moves to the end and another goose takes the lead.*

Yes, for now I will take the lead. I welcome the opportunity to fly at the front of Father Carr's ministry formation. I am ready and confident, only because I know you are all behind me, encouraging me, and praying for me. (I can hear you honking). Our flight plan has been laid out. Jesus explained it to us over 2000 years ago. Saint Matthew wrote it down for us, so we can never forget it. WE HELP PEOPLE! It is as simple as that.

If I may, I would like to ask two things of you...

- 1) Please continue to pray for me. I have made it a practice to end my day in the chapel. I go there to ask Jesus, "How did I do today?" Then, I pray for all the residents and visitors who needed our help that day. And then in gratitude, I pray for the entire flock that is always with me. I know I wouldn't be strong without them, without YOU!
- 2) We need to continue to build our flock. Our ministry is built on love. The kind of love God our Creator imagined us to have for each other. If we build our flock, we build love throughout our entire community. I encourage you to keep inviting friends, strangers, co-workers to join you when you come here. Invite them for a beverage in our beautiful Community Café. The drinks are on us! We all know how special The Place 2B is, let's share it with everyone.

Will I tire someday? Absolutely, I will. But for now, knowing how blessed I am to have this opportunity, I will give you all I have. When the day comes, I will ease to the back of the flock and let someone stronger take the lead. This is a life-long journey for all of us. Let us take good care of each other and completely put our trust in the Lord.

Jesus, I trust in You!

On behalf of Father Carr's Place 2B, I wish you a blessed and holy Thanksgiving Day. Thank you for helping us, help others!

Pax Christi,
Jim Boehm



Yes, There is Pie

On Thanksgiving Day, we will serve about 1200 turkey dinners between our Dine-In experience in the Mother Teresa Center and our Home Delivery Meal Program. Every meal ends with a piece of pumpkin pie for dessert. That means, we need to bake about 300 pies to fill those orders. How does that happen? With the help of the Oshkosh Area School District, specifically Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West high schools. For over fifteen years they have been baking the pies for us. Through our generous donors, Father Carr's provides the schools with the ingredients needed. Then, they take those ingredients, have the students work their magic and bring back to us all those delicious pies.

Kara Landgraf, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Oshkosh North High School tells us, *"This project allows our students to practice what we teach in all three levels of Culinary Arts in OASD--Family and Consumer Science Department. Baking techniques, visual food presentation and quantity food production are all embedded into our curriculum. Service to the others is a value of the OASD school district, too. We are quite excited to take on the challenge of making 300 pies between the two high schools. This project is something students who have the opportunity to participate remember for years to come."*

We want to thank Kara and Robyn Badtke of Oshkosh West HS, for their continued support of our Thanksgiving Meal program. Bon Appetit!



CURRENT LIST OF NEEDS FOR FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B

Thanksgiving Meal				
Turkeys	Instant potatoes	Butter	Cans of fruit	Cool-whip
Food Pantry Staples				
Peanut butter	Baked beans	Granola bars		
Jam/jelly	Breakfast cereal	Spaghetti sauce		
Tuna	Chunky/Progresso soups	Spaghetti/pasta/noodles		
Shelter Supplies				
Toilet paper	Laundry detergent	Bed bug protective mattress covers		
Feminine hygiene products	City Bus Tokens	Kleenex		
Shelter Needs				
Top-Loading Commercial Grade Washing Machine		Laptop Computer		

Introducing Our Interns

My name is Delaney Haag, and I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and currently in the Social Work program. I am originally from the Madison area and moved to Oshkosh for school in 2018. I wanted to pursue a career in social work because my own personal values align closely with values that the social work profession advocates for. Social justice is a big reason I wanted to go into the field of social work, because advocating for those who are unable to fight for themselves is something I strongly believe in. Why I wanted to work with populations of people who struggle with drug addiction, mental health, or homelessness is because those people have been cast aside by society and discriminated against because people fail to understand that addiction is a disease, not a moral failure. I have seen people I am close to fall victim to these diseases, and I want to be able to help others because I have seen how it can destroy a person who feels like they are at rock bottom and have no one to help them out.



My name is Ashley Jones, and I am a senior social work and psychology student at Marian University in Fond du Lac. I was born and raised in Kimberly, Wisconsin with my older brother and parents. I chose social work as my major because of my childhood. I was in and out of hospitals when I was younger for a variety of surgeries, and since I was in elementary school, I knew I wanted to help out people, as they have helped me. For as long as I can remember, I have been listening to and helping others with any problems, and I feel like this is the right path for me to take on as a career. The values that social workers follow, I hold close to my heart, especially social justice along with the dignity and worth of a person. Every person deserves justice in this world, and there is far too much hate going around. Everyone is worthy of help and happiness, and I would love to be there to guide them in the right direction. I chose to intern at Father Carr's because I always wanted to try to help the homeless population but had no idea how to. This gives me the opportunity to work closely with them to help change their lives, so they can be successful on their own.



Thanksgiving Day Meal Program

November 24th



Christmas Day Meal Program

December 25th



DELIVERY 10:30AM - NOON

- Accepting Orders NOW

DINE-IN NOON - 1:30PM

- No Reservations Required

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Give Thanks to God, for Well, BEING GOD!

Our lives move along a course that sees us depending on parents, teachers, and other authorities, toward the responsibility for our independence. We may have an understanding of God who is over all things, in maybe only a small or large way.

As we leave home to be on our own, we are still somewhat reliant on our parents and others. As time passes on, we become independent in our decision-making.

That is when most of us find out our poverty of knowledge and experience that can cause us to make wrong decisions. We turn back to our parents most often for help if we are humble enough to do so. Hopefully at that point when we ask, "How did you do it when you ran into problems?" Hopefully, their answer would be, "We prayed and asked God for help. That is why your Dad and I always pray for you."

'Wow, we may think, they don't always know everything. They trust in the help of God in their lives.' That's their secret!

NO, it is not a secret.

So often as when we become independent and rely on our limited resources, we find our shortcomings. Through the wisdom of others, we come to rediscover the importance of God's intervention in our lives. We turn away from Him on our own accord, whether for a short time or a long period. It is the choice we make. He will never leave or forsake us.

Yes, God is always there through thick and thin when we acknowledge our needs and call upon Him. Like a good parent, He is there to answer our questions and help us with our needs. Is that not enough reason for giving thanks to God for just being the awesome God of our lives? Yeah, thought so!

In thanksgiving to God for all His love and mercy,

Father Dave



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16th

WLUK Fox 11 Food Drive with Live Coverage

November 18th

The Community Blood Center - Blood Drive
"Season of Giving" Blood Drive 10am - 5:30pm

November 24th

Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00am
Saint Martin de Porres Chapel

November 24th

Thanksgiving Meal Program
Dine In - Noon - 2:00 No Reservations Required
Delivery - 10:30am - Noon Accepting Orders Now

December 9th

"An Evening of Carols" Christmas Concert
7:00pm Mother Teresa Center

December 17th

Father Carr's Children's Breakfast & Christmas Program

December 21st - 26th

Celebration of Lights - Food Donation Program
Menominee Park
All donations go to Father Carr's on these dates.

December 25th

Christmas Meal Program
Dine In - Noon - 2:00 No Reservations Required
Delivery - 10:30am - Noon Accepting Orders Now