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In this issue we highlight the people who live and work with us. They are each an integral part of the daily life and projects of the Las Vegas Catholic Worker. Our community is enhanced by the joy, integrity, enthusiasm, and commitment they bring.



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J-RA our resident “artist” (artist and activist), stands in front of a mural he recently painted at the Catholic Worker. His art is filled with depth of color and

feeling. We are grateful for his beautiful artistry, wise insights, and compassionate presence. *“May your God be bigger than your problems.” -J-RA*

RIGHT: Robert Majors gives out hygiene supplies during our weekly Hospitality Day. Robert likes to write poetry and play the guitar. His talents also include

cleaning bathrooms, washing dishes, chopping onions and gardening. Full of faith and questions, he gifts the community with a discerning and inquisitive spirit



John LaLone shows off his masterpiece salad for our Hospitality Day lunch. Despite his nickname “Grouchy John,” all who get to know him quickly learn that under his rough exterior lies a funny man with a big heart. He is the “liquid guy” and has become famous on the soup line for his tea and coffee. Our community can always count on John to find lost items and keep our refrigerators cleaned out.

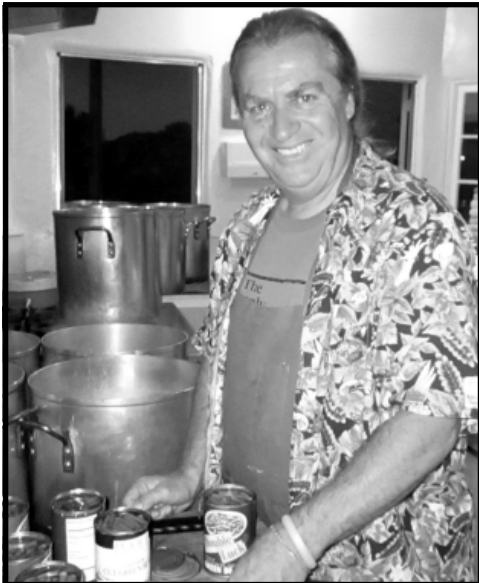


steeped in the radical Gospel. *“While walking to the mountaintop, I have fallen in love with it’s face” -Robert*

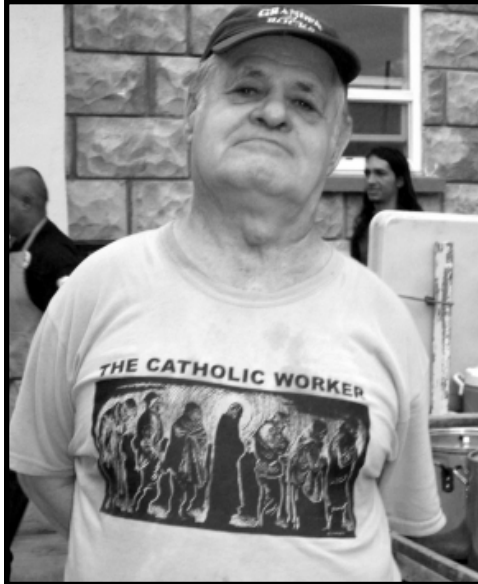
“The sense of futility is one of the greatest evils of the day . . . People say, “What can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?” They cannot see that we can only lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time; we can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment.” -Dorothy Day



Henry Freeman harvests cucumbers from our summer garden. Henry is the model of thoughtful, quality workmanship. He keeps the 16-year-old soup line vehicle looking brand new. With Henry, our Bartlett courtyard is pruned, raked and meticulously cared for. He prepares a tasty Atlanta-style cole slaw for the soup line each week and we never bring home any leftovers!



Mark Kelso helps prepare the weekly meal for Hospitality Day. Mark has been cooking for the soup line for 13 years. He is a culinary enthusiast always ready to try a new recipe. As a member of the Secular Third Order Carmelites, he has a daily practice of prayer and spiritual reading. His presence helps our community stay grounded in the “gentle personalism of traditional Catholicism.”



Eddie Ruiz wears his Catholic Worker uniform proudly. Eddie came to live with us over ten years ago. He is dedicated to his Catholic Worker tasks of breaking down the cardboard boxes, opening the big cans of tomatoes, handing out bowls and cleaning up at the soup line. Daily, he makes a pot of coffee for the house and each morning he is happy to announce that “there is some nice hot coffee ready for anyone.”

RIGHT: Lewis Lathan takes a break from his yard work. Lewis spends a few hours each Wednesday helping to care for the grounds around both the 500 and 502 Van Buren Avenue homes.



Aleksey Winkler constructs screens to use on our garden beds. As a graduate of Job Corps, Aleksey is trained in carpentry and always willing to use his skills for building projects at the Catholic Worker.



SOUP LINE CLOSED:
November 27, 28 and 29
Dec. 31, 2014 - Jan. 3, 2015
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST:
Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014
EMPTY BOWL BENEFIT:
Saturday, March 21, 2015

PLEASE JOIN US:
Wednesday-Saturday, 6:00 a.m.: Morning prayer at Catholic Worker.
Wednesday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.: Breakfast served to 150-200 poor & homeless people.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Hospitality Day, we invite 20 homeless men home for showers, to wash clothes, and for a great lunch.
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Vigil for Peace in front of Federal Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. S.
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.: 50 lunches taken to the homeless.
Third Saturday of the month: Deliver food boxes to homes in need.



Tim Underwood takes care of laundering the towels after Hospitality Day. Tim has work outside the community but gets home each morning in time to help with the soup line. His gentle spirit and good humor add a sense of calm in the sometimes hectic scurry of Catholic Worker life.