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The Newsletter of the Las Vegas Catholic Worker

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Our Annual Appeal: Gifts Shared and Multiplied

Dear friends,

Last year we came to you with an appeal for a new building. Your generous response joined by donations of labor and resources allowed us to open the second Las Vegas Catholic Worker Hospitality House. Tim Caves, a volunteer contractor, used his talents and care to create a beautiful, welcoming home for the homeless families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network program. This Hospitality House also includes a retreat space to gather, pray, reflect and deepen the spiritual life of the community.

We are anticipating many new developments this year. In early December 2003, a new person will join the community. For the first time in seventeen years the Catholic Worker will have five full-time community members. We are grateful for this opportunity to strengthen our Las Vegas witness and ministry together.

By the time you receive this letter we will be moving into the new house. There will be a bless-

ing and dedication ceremony for the new building on January eleventh, please mark your calendars.

Last year a decision was made by the Franciscan Santa Barbara Province to move their Friars from Las Vegas to other locations in need, ending their 35 year presence in Las Vegas. After many years of working together with our Franciscan brothers we will greatly miss their presence. As a way to ease the impact of this loss the Province agreed to give their buildings to the Catholic Worker. Poverello House, Pace e Bene and Nevada Desert Experience, peace and justice projects established by the Friars during their years in Las Vegas, will be able to continue operating from these buildings.

We are filled with gratitude for all that we received this year and know that we need your financial assistance to maintain our basic soupline and food ministries as well as the added expenses of the new buildings and ministries that will be born out of our growing witness in Las Vegas.

With peace and blessings,

THE LAS VEGAS CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY

Bonnie Pitcher

Ryan Hall

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Julia Occhiogrosso

Gary Cavalier

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SOUPLINE VOLUNTEERS:

Michele Brodoski, Colleen Brown, Ed Fox, Jim Dufault, John Hazard, Fr. John McShane, Billy Najona, Immer Liza Ravallo, Greg Walker

THURSDAY MORNING SOUPLINE VOLUNTEERS:

George and Peg Bean, Jacquie Bundren, Paul Colbert, Dale and Peggy Devitt, Norb Drouhard, Diane O'Hair

FRIDAY MORNING SOUPLINE VOLUNTEERS:

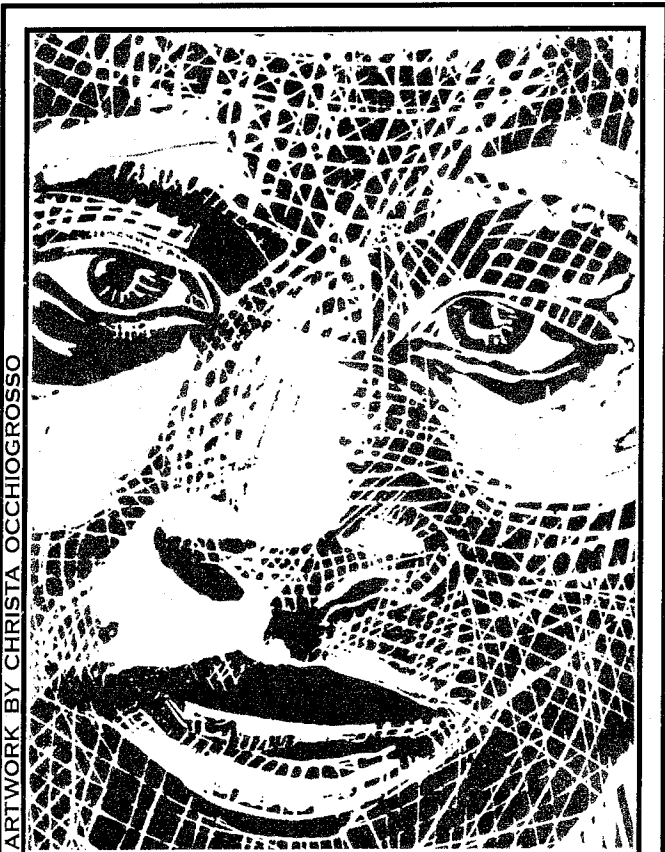
Grace Cassetta, Peter Daher, Laurie Rivera, Mu-Weigh Chen, Iris Lo, Suzanne Psang, Denber Cruz, John Eustice, Eri Kamashita, Elicia Forst, Patrick "Q" Quilao, Anne Welsh

SATURDAY MORNING SOUPLINE VOLUNTEERS:

Lori Bossy, Sonja Brouwers, Shana Brouwers, Jenny Cooper, Martha Diaz, Peter Ediger, Jim France, Brock Fraser, Carla and Michael Javier, Natalie Johnson, Rob Rudloff, Erandhi Seneviratne, Mike Sanchez, Grant Staly, St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Las Vegas youth groups

MONTHLY FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS:

JoAnn Bingham, Lori Bossy, Sonja Brouwers, Stevi Carroll, Laurie Caves, Dale and Peggy Devitt, Claudia Trujillo, Anne Welsh



"Sometime in your life, hope that you might see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope that you might have baked it, or bought it, or even kneaded it yourself. For that look on his face, for your meeting his eyes across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot, or die a little, even".

-Daniel Berrigan, SJ

2003 Statistics:

In 2003, the Las Vegas Catholic Worker served over 85,000 servings of soup and 50,000 cups of coffee. 30 food boxes were delivered each month to seniors and low-income families. 7 days a week, the Catholic Worker Hospitality House provides hospitality to homeless families.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Our annual Ham and Egg Breakfast will be served Christmas Morning. We need boneless cooked hams by Friday, Dec. 19

EMPTY BOWL BENEFIT

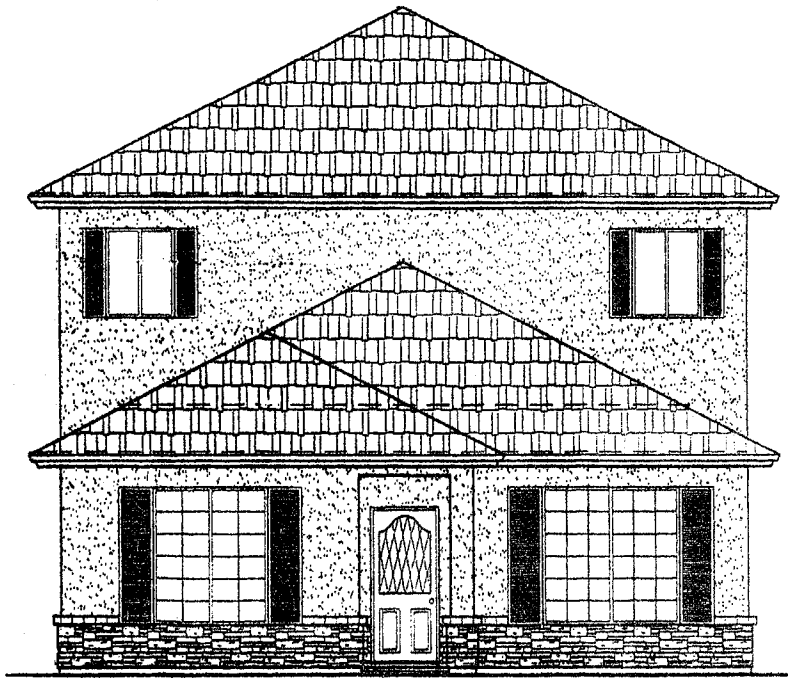
Mark your calendar! The Fourth annual Empty Bowl Benefit will take place on Saturday, April 17.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for our morning soup line, Wednesday - Saturday, 6:20 - 7:10 a.m. Please call: 647-0728.

Join Us in the Blessing and Dedication
of our new Hospitality House.
Sunday, January 11, 2004
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

502 W. Van Buren Avenue, Las Vegas
Open House, Refreshments Served



Please RSVP by Monday, January 5, 2004
phone: 647-0728

PRAY
FOR
PEACE
IN OUR
WORLD!

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*Thanks to all our
Donors who make this
ministry possible!*

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."



—Martin Luther King, Jr.

PLEASE JOIN US:

Wed., Fri., Sat., 6:00 a.m.:
Morning prayer at Catholic Worker.
Wednesday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.:
Breakfast served in Masjid-As-Sabur mosque parking lot (G & McWilliams St.) to the poor and homeless.

Seven Days a Week:
Hospitality (IHN) to 3 to 5 homeless families, call 638-8806 to volunteer.
Last Saturday of month; 8:30 a.m.:
Deliver food to homes in need, gather for reflection & prayer, call for info.

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