

# **Pastoral Associates Report to Pastoral Council February 2016**

1. 2015 Giving Tree Program Summary attached
2. Social Ministry Committee: Childcare and Poverty issues,
  - a. Childcare Issues: 462 People signed Diocesan petitions asking NY State to increase funding for quality child care for low income families. The parish website and bulletin had excellent information about how this can change lives for families. Volunteers were at each of the Masses on Feb. 6 & 7 to answer questions and invite people to sign the petition.
  - b. Our local Diocese of Rochester Deanery is also looking at measures that parishes take in response to the poverty in our communities.
  - c. Food Collections are yearlong, with special emphasis in Advent, Lent and summer.
3. Liturgy Meetings
  - Advent/Christmas Review,
  - Lent/Holy Week Preparations,
  - Weekend needs and responsibilities.
4. Funeral Preparations (very large number of funerals since Christmas)
5. Baptism Preparations (many scheduled before and after Easter)
6. Homebound Ministry:
  - b. We currently have about 65 homebound parishioners who receive regular visits with Holy Communion from one of over 30 trained Visiting Ministers. We would like to offer this ministry to other members of our community who are not able to attend Mass.
    - a. Sr. Gert Erb of St. Ann's Cherry Ridge complex is looking for volunteers to visit SKT parishioners who live at Cherry Ridge. There are also opportunities for volunteers to help with liturgies at Cherry Ridge.For more information, please contact either Mary Ann Noto or Donna Moll.
7. Meeting the day-to-day needs of our parishioners.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Noto and Donna Moll  
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# **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha 2015 Giving Tree Program Summary.**

## **DONATIONS:**

For Thanksgiving: Turkeys and other food for Thanksgiving dinners for about 60 families were donated and delivered to St. Francis Xavier Cabrini parish.

For Christmas, we packed about 160 boxes of food and gifts for 76 families, with a total of 346 individuals. These families were referred by the House of Mercy, the Villa of Hope and our parish.

Another 40 families from St. Francis Xavier Cabrini parish and 30 children from the Villa of Hope received gifts, totaling about 200 individuals.

## **VOLUNTEERS:**

We are very grateful for the many volunteers who make this project possible. A rough estimate of the number of people who helped, based on the various tasks that had to be done, is about 300 people. Some helped with more than one task in the entire process, so the number of actual volunteers may be less. This project requires many person hours. Thank you to everyone involved!

Of course, we also thank the people who donated food, gifts, gift cards and cash so that Saint Kateri was able to supply food for 136 families between Thanksgiving and Christmas and gifts for a total of 544 individuals at Christmas.

Tasks done by volunteers:

1. Preparing gift tags and envelopes: Typing, cutting, hole-punching and tying yarn.
2. Moving and storing donations of food and gifts.
3. Sorting the food donations by category and gifts by family.
4. Packing gifts for each family.
5. Picking up fresh food from Herrama's.
6. Packing food boxes for each family.
7. Delivering donations to St. Frances Cabrini Parish of Thanksgiving food and Christmas gifts.
8. Delivering food and gifts to 50 families at their homes.
  - a. Each family was called to make sure they would be home to receive the delivery.
  - b. Maps were prepared for the volunteer drivers.
9. Villa of Hope staff came to pick up the donations for their clients.

## **Donations by businesses:**

Herrama's provided fresh food at cost.

International Paper Company donated boxes for the food.

PODS waived the delivery charge for the POD we rented to store some of the gifts.

Submitted by Donna Moll & Mary Ann Noto.