

SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION

What's going on throughout the Areas of the American Association of the Order of Malta

January 2017

INSPIRATION FROM THE AREAS AND THE ORDER OF MALTA WORLDWIDE

Central & Southern Indiana Area: With great joy, the Order of Malta Central and Southern Indiana celebrated their fifth Christmas of serving dinner to the residents of the New Life Building at the John H. Boner Community Center on the near eastside of downtown Indianapolis. This building serves the elderly poor, homeless and disabled in a quasi-private public partnership.



Starting in September 2012 on the third Wednesday of every month, we have had the privilege of serving a home cooked hearty meal to the residents and the homeless from the area. We decorate the community room, set the tables with tablecloths and place settings and do our

best to establish a welcoming atmosphere for our guests. For a small group, we are fortunate that all of our members truly enjoy serving on our Wednesday dinner.

A normal month finds us serving fifty to sixty dinners, while the holidays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, can be busy with over one hundred dinners served.

Before our dinners started at this forty-year old senior residence, the social worker said that there was little to no acknowledgement of any resident towards any other. Over the past four and a half years, we have seen the residents' attitudes significantly improve. Now they knock on their neighbor's door to have them join for dinner, or let us know who is sick and needs a tray taken to their apartment.



The biggest blessings are the lessons that we have learned from serving such deserving and wonderful individuals. We look forward to our dinner in January, and invite you to join us if ever you are in town on the third Wednesday of the month.

Happenings from the Holy See: This year the Holy See delivered 73 interventions to the United Nations among which were:

On January 19, the Holy See Delivered a Statement on the "The Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict" in the Security Council.

On January 27, The Holy See delivered a statement on "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question" in the Security Council.

On March 4, the Holy See delivered a statement on "The United Nations, Religious Pluralism and Tolerance: The Bahrain Model."

On April 15, the Holy See delivered a statement on "Threats to International Peace and Security by Terrorist Acts" in the Security Council.

On May 6, the Holy See delivered a statement on "Promoting Inter-religious Dialogue and Tolerance, as well as a Culture of Peace" at the High Level Conversation of the UN General Assembly on Religions for Peace.

A Happy and Holy New Year to all members of the Association. May you all continue the works and ministries you perform for Our Lords the Sick & the Poor.