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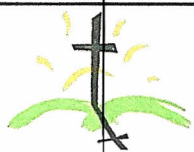
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Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that any one who
fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or sought thy
intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins my Mother;
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful;
O Mother of thy Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy clemency hear and answer me.
Amen.





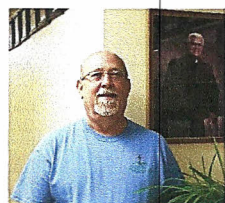
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THE APPALACHIAN SPIRIT

FATHER BEITING APPALACHIAN MISSION CENTER

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DOMINIC CAPRIA **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

As we come up on the fourth anniversary of Father being called to heaven we try to continue his legacy daily. As I have said before there isn't a day that goes by when we do not

ask ourselves "What would Father do?"

I have been thinking about how to memorialize Father and his legacy and I thought that telling you about the staff that continues this legacy everyday by the work they do and the lives they live.

Johnny Hayes – Congratulations to Johnny on his retirement on June 30th. He had ten years of service to the Mission Center in various capacities.

Eddie Sprouse – Maintenance and Construction Coordinator – Eddie has been at the Mission Center for 12 years. He worked with Father and knew Father very well. Eddie can build anything and is integral in the operation of the programs we provide. Eddie is extremely talented and is committed to his family and to the vision that Father began.

Sue Michael – Administrative Coordinator – Sue worked with Father in various capacities throughout his ministries. She often will invoke things that Father said and did to keep us focused and to keep what we do in perspective. Not only is she a bookkeeper but is an outstanding creative artist.

Kathy Vaughn – Thrift Store Coordinator – Kathy has managed the thrift store operation since the Mission Center opened. She was with Father before his dream of having the Mission Center built came to fruition. She treats the customers, volunteers and everyone she meets with respect and dignity.

Adam Meade – Warehouse Worker - Adam is a hardworking young man who can fix almost anything. He is even tempered and is willing to do whatever needed to get the job done.

Cindy Capria – Volunteer Coordinator – Cindy does an exemplary job coordinating the almost 700 volunteers that visit us annually. She also is active in the youth groups and camps as well as many other programs. Her efforts to recruit seasonal and long term volunteers are never ending. She also does a great job with our summer interns and their spiritual growth.

Frankie Lemaster – Warehouse Worker – Frankie is like his brother Adam. They work side by side and he can also build or fix anything. Even though he didn't know Father personally he is able to continue his legacy with great enthusiasm.

Joshua Watson – Outreach Worker – Josh has recently joined our team and is learning all about the programs that Father started. For the most junior member of our staff he can tell you quite a bit about Father and what he did for this area because he was born and raised here.

Lisa Hako – Janitorial and Thrift Store Worker – Lisa works part time and keeps the place clean and helps in the thrift store. Lisa was a volunteer for Father many years ago and decided to settle in this area. That is the kind of impact that Father had on her and many like her including myself.

Cathi Blair- Administrative Support Volunteers and Outreach – Cathi works part time but completes enough work like she works full time. She is another local who knew Father and works almost as hard as he did.

I thought I would share a little about each of these folks because as you see all they do is a reflection of Father's hard work and commitment to our brothers and sisters. Without them and you the work would not happen. These are some of the hardest working people I know and have ever worked with. It is an honor to lead them and be part of the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center.

As you can see as I described they have learned from Father the commitment and dedication it takes to keep this facility and its programs running.

I ask that when you are considering your donation that you think of these folks and their love they have for the people they serve. We can't do it without them or without you.

Yes, Father is gone for years now but he is with us every day. As Father would always say "I never want to miss the opportunity to let generous folks be generous"



KATHY VAUGHN - **WAREHOUSE ATTIC STORE MANAGER**

If you are donating and shipping used items, please keep in mind that our thrift store offers low prices as a service to those in need in our community. Sometimes, the postage for shipping such items will be greater than the money raised by selling them. If this is the case, please consider a monetary donation equivalent to the postage in lieu of shipping the items and donate the items locally.



SUE MICHAEL - ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

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MISSION LAND

The mission land is close at hand,
We see it every day.
When love imparts to broken hearts
A kindly word to say.

From working hard our senses jarred
By struggles of the poor.
We work each day that we might say
One problem we did cure.

He doesn't ask but just this task
To listen and obey.
To do your part will surely start
A new and better way.

This week we found on mountain ground
In simple jars of clay,
Certain treasure without measure
For Christ we met each day.

Mark Hennessey
Cincinnati, OH



JOSHUA WATSON - OUTREACH WORKER

"Don't try to live forever. You can't!
But you can do things that will live
forever."

This quote is one that puts the legacy Father Beiting built into great context. A teacher once told me, "It's not the quantity of life you live but the quality you live." To some, this is a scary thought. I wonder if people realize the treasure our lives are. We have one chance, one opportunity, to make a difference.

Father Beiting took full advantage of the opportunity he was given and changed thousands of lives. Though his legacy and heart he has left us, the Mission Center will continue to fill these streets and poor communities with the same love that Father gave. A love not to judge, not to look at someone any differently than others, but a love to embrace and help move people forward no matter the condition, the lifestyle, or harshness one presents.

I personally never knew Father Beiting, but since my time working here at the Mission Center I have grown not only as an employee helping those through my job duties, but I have also grown full of compassion for these people. I truly believe that Father's legacy of compassion and love is so strong that it is an undeniable force.

You see, Father Beiting didn't try to live forever, but he lived everyday like it was his last. He helped as many as he could. He helped more than I could possibly imagine. The beautiful part about this story is that Father's mission of helping those in need is still in full force.

We just finished up the Summer Camps here at the Mission Center. We had boys and girls come out for a week and enjoy swimming, playing, they ate some incredible food, and bonded. Most importantly, they were taught about the Catholic faith, what it means, and even participated in mass together. This is something I know Father would be very proud of and would have loved to see. Deep down, all of us knew, even though Father couldn't be there for the skits or Bible studies, we knew how much it meant to him and the kids performed all tasks to the best of their ability in remembrance of him. If children can grasp the concept of how powerful this man's leadership towards his passion was, it's inevitable for us all to not only see it, but feel it also.

May God bless you all.



**CATHI BLAIR - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
VOLUNTEERS AND OUTREACH**

By the time you receive this newsletter, our summer feeding program will have been completed and the kids will be back in school (Yes, here in eastern Kentucky, school starts the first week of August!) Paperwork and receipts will all be reviewed and submitted. File folders and documentation will be filed away until the following year.

Now is the time to sit back to reflect on the success of our first year as a Summer Feeding sponsor. How do we measure success? We certainly did not feed every hungry child in Lawrence County. Does that mean that we were not successful? We certainly did not get our paperwork completed perfectly and always in a timely manner. Does that mean we were not successful? I would venture to say that we WERE successful because while we didn't feed every hungry child, we DID provide 650 meals a week to children in our county! That was 650 meals that were not delivered to the children last year.

Lawrence County is one of the largest counties in the state with the vast majority of our "kids in need" living in very rural areas. The rural nature of our county is what makes it so difficult to reach our most vulnerable population. Delivery to these areas takes a lot of manpower, fuel and time. The FBAMC was fortunate to receive a grant from Catholic Charities that enabled us to help pay for some manpower and fuel as well as some programming that was offered to the children at the feeding locations.

One of the most successful programming partnerships we had was with the local library and bookmobile. FBAMC was able to use part of the grant to purchase books for the library and bookmobile which were given to the kids that participated in the feeding programs. The grant was also used to bring in a group of school age kids that rehabilitate birds of prey. The group presented a program at the local City Park to approximately 350 people (adults and children). The program concluded with feeding everyone as well as a backpack giveaway from the Kentucky Department of Education and a book giveaway by the library.

We will meet with our partners this fall to determine how to improve this program especially how to reach more children and provide more meals. We have been blessed to be able to restart this program in Lawrence County. Father Beiting ALWAYS wanted to ensure that no one went hungry especially the children. We can consider the program a success because "they were hungry and we fed them".



CINDY CAPRIA - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

We are now in our 4th year of the FBAMC Summer Intern Program and we know how happy Father Beiting would be with the life this program has taken on from his example. It is a 10 week internship for those at least 21 years of age. It is a walk with God supporting our volunteer and outreach programs and can be part of a credited internship or desire to continue to serve God through service to the poor, and it is honoring Father Beiting's legacy and vision.

Let me introduce our 2016 Interns that are busy working with volunteer groups, running our overnight camps, Vacation Bible School and youth trip, celebrating the sacraments in community and so much more. We have asked each intern to share with you their favorite thing about the Catholic Church and something else they would like you to know about themselves. We hope you enjoy reading about them and ask you to please keep them in prayer as well as our 2017 interns (to be). We hope to hear more from them in our next newsletter as well. They include:



Abigail Gunther – A native of California and a student at Seton Hall University in New Jersey Abigail has a double major, Psychology and Catholic Studies and is the secretary and VP of member development for her sorority Alpha Sigma Tau. Abigail shares *"My favorite thing about the Catholic Church is the warm and all accepting environment it exudes. The doors are open to all – for Catholics it is a loving community of worship and prayer and for non-Catholics it is a place of encouragement and support – non critical of our flaws"*. As a result of her service through FBAMC, Abigail feels called to continue serving God on a long term basis. She does not know where that will lead her but she is excited to put her trust in God and the journey He will lead her on.



Jordan Fanelli – Is West Virginia all the way! Jordan is from Parkersburg WV and a Marshall University student studying International Economics. He is a historian/executive board member in his fraternity Alpha Tau Omega, and the executive organizer of the Thunder Dance Marathon. Jordan shares *"my favorite thing about the Catholic Church is the deep intellectual tradition associated with over 2000 years of spiritual practice and growth"*. Jordan states that he chose the FBAMC Internship program because he felt like he could make a difference and really help people. Along with the spiritual aspect and a strong attitude of service, the Mission Center has provided him with an experience that has had an everlasting impact on his life.



Joseph Bredestege – From North Bend Ohio in the Cincinnati Diocese, Joe has an associate's degree in Civil Engineering/Construction Management, is a 3rd Degree member of the Knight of Columbus, and is active in the Boy Scouts of America. Joe shares *"my favorite thing about the Catholic Church; so many things to choose from, but my overall favorite thing is how easily it is to talk to God and to be forgiven through His mercy. Our God is approachable and merciful and we are all accepted in His love"*. Joe has done a fair share of simple volunteer work through Catholic grade and High school and scouting so when he heard of the FBAMC Internship Program he thought he should stay within our borders and help America in need before going outside the country to help. The Mission Center has shown him true America where people are happy and content but in dire need of God's hands through each other.

As you can see we get a diverse group of individuals with the same desire to serve God. Please consider being one of our 2017 Summer Interns, we need you, God needs you, and the poor of Appalachia need you! For details please visit our website, call, or email volunteers@fbamc-ky.org today.

Before I close out I want to say it has been a blessing and an honor to continue Father Beiting's legacy here at the Mission Center. We miss him terribly but always feel his presence in the work that we do. Especially in the summer with the various youth programs; overnight camp, Vacation Bible School, and summer youth trip, we know he is smiling from heaven watching over these programs. Then with the volunteers from throughout the country he would be so proud to know you continue to come to serve his people of Appalachia. Finally, our donors who keep our doors open through their financial support, Father Beiting is shedding heavenly tears (those are the good ones!) to see that his vision continues in his physical absence. We are all called to do our part and together we can move mountains. Thank you all and thank you Father Beiting! God bless.