



THE GOOD WORKS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER – Volume 1 Number 2

We have enjoyed wonderful support from the conferences throughout Saint Louis. To date, we've been able to help many seniors throughout Saint Louis and surrounding areas with their home repair and maintenance.

We continue to install grab bars in the bathrooms of seniors. We have focused on parishes in South City to this point, but I would truly appreciate suggestions of parishes that we could help with this exciting initiative. We are interested in parishes where there are a predominance of low-income seniors who own their own homes. It certainly helps if a recommended parish has a parish nurse, as I have generally worked with the parish nurses in identifying clients and designing an expeditious service circuit through the parish.

From Monday, May 12th through Friday, May 16th and from Monday, May 19th through Friday, May 23rd I worked with students from Saint Mary's High School and with Vincentians and volunteers on large projects located in various communities throughout the greater Saint Louis area. Project tasks ranged from extensive yard maintenance to building a deck to hanging dry wall to painting entire homes. During this ten day interval, we served seniors in nineteen (19) different homes! The Saint Mary's students acquired some valuable home repair skills and learned to see the face of Christ in the faces of our clients. The projects that we undertook were performed with alacrity and excellence. Many thanks to the students, the Saint Mary's teachers, and Ms. Amie Koenan, the Saint Mary's campus minister.

We have two more large crew intervals rapidly approaching. Both will commence in July. If you are interested in working on large projects, side by side with young people who need supervision and guidance, please let me know.

Are you a skilled trades worker? Can you perform general labor? Please consider helping us in the Good Works Program. It's a great way to put a smile on the face of a senior and the exercise certainly won't hurt you. In addition, we would appreciate your referral of volunteers to the program. Please have volunteers phone or email me. Thanks.

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