



Youth Ministry Newsletter

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Father's Love Letter

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My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1) I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2) I am familiar with all your ways (Psalm 139:3) Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matthew 10:29-31) For you were made in my image (Genesis 1:27) In me you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28) For you are my offspring (Acts 17:29) I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5) I chose you when I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12) You were not a mistake (Psalm 139:15-16) For all your days are written in my book (Psalm 139:15-16) I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:29) You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14) I knit you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) And brought you forth on the day you were born (Psalm 71:6) I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (John 8:41-44) I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16) And it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1) Simply because you are my child and I am your Father (1 John 3:1) I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11) For I am the perfect Father (Matthew 5:48) Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17) For I am your provider and I meet all your needs (Matthew 6:31-33) My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (Jeremiah 29:11) Because I love you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3) My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18) And I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17) I will never stop doing good to you (Jeremiah 32:40) For you are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5) I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (Jeremiah 32:41) And I want to show you great and marvelous things (Jeremiah 33:3) If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me (Deuteronomy 4:29) Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4) For it is I who gave you those desires (Philippians 2:13) I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20) For I am your greatest encourager (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you (Psalm 34:19) As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (Isaiah 40:11) One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Revelation 21:4) And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Revelation 21:4) I am your Father and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus (John 17:23) For in Jesus my love for you is revealed (John 17:25) He is the exact representation of my being (Hebrews 1:3) And He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31) And to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (1 John 4:10) I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love (Romans 8:32) If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me (1 John 2:23) And nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Romans 8:35-39) Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Luke 15:7) I have always been Father and will always be Father (Ephesians 3:14-15) My question is... Will you be my child? (John 1:12-13) I am waiting for YOU. (Luke 15:11-32)

Love,

Your Dad, Almighty God

HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OUT

By Kelly Peaks

On Saturday, October 24th, Atiya and Saida Dorsey, Malcolm Hawkins, Jareco Middleton, Jennifer Campbell and myself (Kelly Peaks) volunteered at So Others Might Eat (SOME) located at 71 O Street NW. SOME is an inter-faith non-profit organization that provides food, job training, clothing and other vital services for people who are in need.

We had the privilege of helping to prepare, cook, and serve those who came for lunch that day. We helped make everything from the chicken entree to the rice and we helped clean up afterwards. The men and women working there are very dedicated and the food that they prepared was delicious. I felt that this was a very rewarding and humbling experience and I truly felt as if I made a difference in someone's life.

In the scriptures, Jesus tells us that we should feed the hungry and help our brothers and sisters in need. SOME provided us with that opportunity to help those in need. I encourage you to consider volunteering at SOME because it is our duty as Christians to help others as Jesus did.

You can visit their website at www.some.org or contact a youth minister. Adults can also volunteer by preparing chicken for the meals and dropping them at the rectory office. Please call the rectory at 202-546-1885 for information.

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Every year 600,000 families, including 1.35 million children, experience homelessness in the United States. In the Washington, DC metropolitan area alone, there are 12,000 homeless individuals. The Youth Ministry is committed to improving the situation.

Again, the Youth Ministry will participate in the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon, to be held on Saturday, 21 November 2009. One hundred percent of the funds raised will be used to increase awareness and support organizations working to prevent and end homelessness in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. For each youth, \$15 of the funds he/she raises will be used to cover his/her registration fee.

Starting this weekend, the youth will collect pledges for this most worthy cause. The Youth Ministry will award the top three fundraisers a \$75, \$50 and \$25 VISA gift card, respectively. Please support our youth in their effort to help eliminate homelessness by providing donations, and joining us at the event to pray for our youth; cheer on our youth; walk with our youth; and provide words of encouragement to our youth.

Registration and pledge forms are available in the Rectory. For questions, please feel free to contact Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 or Danita L. Colbert on 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

Upcoming Events for November-December

November 11 – Altar Servers Outing
November 21 – Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon
December 12 – Salute to Seniors

Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Youth Ministry Calendar

NOVEMBER 2009						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Sunday School 2:00pm Dance Rehearsal	2	3 6:30pm Youth Ensemble	4	5	6	7
8 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30am Sunday School	9 6:30pm Youth Leaders Mtg	10 6:30pm Dance Rehearsal	11 VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY 12:00pm Altar Servers Outing	12	13	14 10:00am Dance Rehearsal
15 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Drama Rehearsal	16	17 6:30pm Dance Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Ensemble	18 6:30 Drama Rehearsal	19	20	21 Help the Homeless Walkathon 10:00am Dance Rehearsal
22 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Drama Rehearsal	23	24 6:30pm Youth Ensemble	25 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28 12:00n Jr. Ushers Mtg.
29 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Drama Rehearsal	30					

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin Sunday, November 15 at 1:00pm

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