

Faith Formation Corner

YOUTH MIGRANT MISSION TRIP

From August 20th when we left the parish picnic, Dela Pelfrey, August Pelfrey, Margarita Gruszczynski, Frances Kent and Lucy Folger, accompanied by their youth group leader Myke Folger and myself, to August 26th, when we returned to St. John, we had an incredible opportunity to live and work with a group of people that touched our hearts and souls. Jose Ortiz, leader of the Youth Migrant Program in Skagit County, led us by his prayerfulness and desire for service. He was an example to us all. We joined Sacred Heart Parish in Bellevue to make up a full group, and we worked to farm, play with the migrant children, prepare for the food bank and cook and serve a meal to hungry families. Jose led us with the Prayer of St. Francis, and at the end of the week, the kids were living this prayer with their actions. We hope to share more about this trip during the next few weeks. Skagit County's poor needs workers and outreach through the year, so we hope to help at some of the food bank programs this year. Please contact me for more information.

AURORA COMMONS

Myke Folger and Brendan Boyle completed a closet for Aurora Commons, a shelter and café open to those in need of a kitchen and a hot cup of coffee. Along with the kitchen area, the Commons accepts clothing donations. The closet that Myke and Brendan built is sturdy and will hold donations for a long time to come. A big thank you goes out to them both for giving of their free time this summer. It was quite a job!

SENIOR RETREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 21 ON BEING A CARETAKER

Loretta Fletcher and Bob George have worked during the faith sharing prayer time for elders to develop a support day for elderly caretakers. Because most of us will be a caretaker sometime in our life, we need spiritual and emotional support for this job. Fr. David Leigh, SJ, a priest who sometimes says mass at St. John's, from Seattle University, will be here to share with interested elder parish members what it means to do this. This mini-retreat time will be held after mass, adoration of the rosary and community. Please contact me for more information.

GUEST SPEAKER ON THE BOOK *A CLEAR AND QUIET CONSCIENCE*

John McCoy, a former Seattle archdiocesan spokesperson, will join us at St. John on September 28th from 5:30-9 pm for dinner and a talk about this book. The St. John book club started reading this book about Archbishop Hunthausen's decision to speak out for the value of life through not supporting nuclear weapons. There was so much interest in the book that members suggested that we invite him here. McCoy will be talking about the book itself and about how Hunthausen's values are connected to Pope Francis.