

CASSEROLE CLUB



MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/ OVERVIEW:

Supply food and Monetary donations to Fr. Peterson's Maria House Project

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- On the first Sunday of the month, members bring in fully cooked, frozen casseroles, or cash or checks.
- They are dropped off before the two Masses and placed in the kitchen refrigerator in Sperry Hall.
- After the 11:30 Mass, Maria House volunteers collect the casseroles and the monetary donations and take them to a Maria House group home in Erie. There, every Thursday, they hold a Bible Study and a dinner for those present. Also, once a month there is a larger gathering of people at the Diocesan Lodge for Mass and dinner.

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

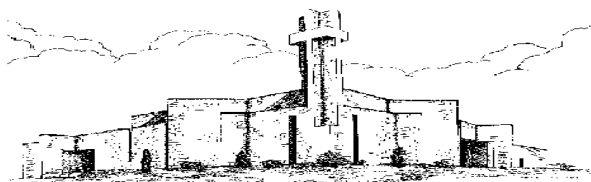
- This is a very easy but much needed Ministry.
- Once a month you cook up a casserole and freeze it and bring it to church.
- If you do not have time to cook, they can always use monetary donations to purchase fresh foods. Checks may be made out to Maria House Projects.

Witness Statement 1:

Every Thursday evening at Saint Andrews past and present residents, people from the street and volunteers meet in the social hall for supper to eat the casseroles which parishioners from OLM and OLP donated. The atmosphere is family like with the men laughing or discussing how their lives are going. It is heart warming as you experience the brotherhood of MHP. Following dinner a bible study takes place. The dinner and bible study give meaning to the bible quote "where two or more are gathered in my name I am there". The generosity of the frozen casseroles is the catalysis of these beautiful evenings.

Witness Statement 2:

The outpouring of love & generosity through food & monetary donations has been inspiring & exemplary! When others give from their heart, they give out of love. When love is involved, God is in the center. Through the kindness & concern of our parishioners, we have developed a wonderful relationship with the men of Maria House Project. And as "love" would have it, they in turn give back to our parish helping with the annual festival & in many other ways. Casserole Club is a beautiful reflection of what God's love can do, when all work together .



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