

The Topor Report...

News and Notes from the MANY ministries of Dave Topor

The Good Shepherd Residence

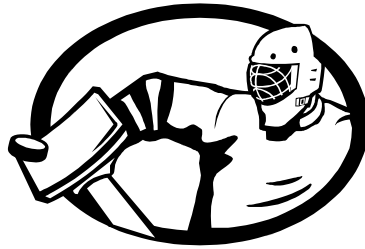
Congratulations to Lawren Harris and Rick Nagel as they moved from the Good Shepherd Residence to the Matt Talbot House. Matt Talbot was an alcoholic who overcame his addiction by his fervent devotion to God. He has been declared a "Blessed" by the Catholic Church. The Matt Talbot House consists of two apartments owned by St. Luke's. As men in the Good Shepherd Residence show significant progress in their program of recovery, they may be allowed to move into the Matt Talbot House. We are very proud of the progress that Lauren and Rick have been making in their lives. Danny Marinaro will soon be moving out of the Good Shepherd Residence into the back apartment of the Matt Talbot House. Please pray for Lawren, Rick and Danny, as well as all the men currently at the Good Shepherd. Blessed Matt Talbot, pray for us.



The Junior Associates

The Junior Associates recently met to explore the meaning of the virtue of trust. We discussed how the only One whom we can trust absolutely is the One absolutely trustworthy: God. But we should also ask Him to bring friends into our lives who themselves are trustworthy. After the meeting, we journeyed to a Niagara University hockey game. Niagara's hockey team is ranked 16th in the nation! They played quite well and defeated Wayne State by a score of 4-3. All present enjoyed the game. We would like to thank Paul Barker of the Niagara University Athletic Department for donating the tickets to the game.

The Junior Associates recently helped out at our Chili Knights fundraiser. They staffed the pop booth, and helped out wherever else they were needed. Please pray for our Junior Associates as they strive to live out the message of God's mercy in their lives as high school students.



RCIA

The RCIA process is in full swing as we approach Lent. We are preparing for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion on February 25th. At this rite the church recognizes and accepts those who are seeking the sacraments of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for the following adults who are participating in the RCIA process: "Old Man" James, Mark Fitzgerald, Ramona Wallace, Jennifer Luther, Jerome Parker, Shannon Liddle, Roxana Lopez, Amy Traszka, Lynn Marinaro, Bob Fronczak, John Samson, and Rose Schaefer.

There are ten children who are in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. The Lord is doing a mighty work in their lives. Please pray for the following young people: Randall Robertson, Alexander Luther, Donnie Luther, Matthew Schaefer, Monsanha Schaefer, Joseph Schaefer, Fayahn Rainey, Morice Rainey, Tamisha Crout, and Kayla Crout.



Generations of Faith

We are continuing our study of the Sacraments in our Generations of Faith program. On Sunday, January 7th we explored the meaning of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We watched a DVD based on the true story of a priest who gave the Anointing of the Sick to a young man who lay dying from a car accident. After this, we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Molly Dennybodkin and her helpers. The children went upstairs for instruction on the sacrament, while the adults and teen-aged students remained in the cafeteria. Fr. Jack Mattimore, SJ, presented the Church's teaching on this sacrament, and then opened up a discussion. A number of people shared their insights on this topic and on other related issues.

After the children returned from their classes, everyone received a take-home packet. The packet had coloring pages, a crossword puzzle, a prayer sheet, as well as a pin to go on their Sacrament wall plaque. There was also a CD with teaching, testimony and music. We learned of the miraculous healing of Br. Tom's heart that occurred as a result of receiving the Anointing of the Sick. The CD and the other resources helped to reinforce and deepen what was learned during the Sunday program.

Here are the upcoming programs for the remainder of the season:

- Feb. 18th: Penance
- Mar. 4th: Sacraments of Initiation
- April 22nd: Eucharistic Adoration
- May 6th: Holy Orders
- June 3rd: Light: The Rosary Musical, Review of Sacraments



This is Dave Topor -
Signing off.