

Cohort 22

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Homelessness Sub-committee

A few years ago we were tasked with raising awareness about homelessness. And our efforts have been significant. However, there has never been a more challenging time to maintain that awareness. During this coronavirus pandemic, we as a whole society are being told daily to stay home and shelter in place ...and how much more difficult that is when you have no home or no safe place.

Our best recourse now (and always will be) is the power of prayer.

As we pray, let us reflect on the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis in one of his daily messages...

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“I’d like to dwell on one point. This is the moment to see the poor. Jesus says we will have the poor with us always, and it’s true. They are a reality we cannot deny. But the poor are hidden, because poverty is bashful. In Rome recently, in the midst of the quarantine, a policeman said to a man: “You can’t be on the street, go home.” The response was: “I have no home. I live in the street.” To discover such a large number of people who are on the margins.... And we don’t see them, because poverty is bashful. They are there but we don’t see them: they have become part of the landscape; they are things.... To “see” the poor means to restore their humanity. They are not things, not garbage; they are people.”

All is done in service to Our Lord.