

ACTivate

Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center



Betty envisions resident community members living in the Mattson House

Matson House
Re-Do:

- Remodel downstairs bathroom
- Painting (including high ceilings needing scaffolding)
- Tear out old rugs and lay new carpet on stairs and second floor
- Furnish and decorate (**PLEASE: NO MORE FURNITURE** till all the rest is done!)

Betty Orlando, OLGDC Director, reflected on the future: I need to let go of some jobs that I like to do! I think there are things I could farm out (pun unintended). Administrative duties could be done off-campus, but there are other things we need right here.

I would like to show someone (or more than one) details of how we do retreats. This might be a process that takes some time, but I would like to get started. There are many PM teachers and resources to get to know. I love talking on the phone

but will let more of that go too!

Those who step into this role must have the gift of hospitality. They must be loving and caring. We welcome people here and let them know we appreciate them. I don't see people as "staff" but as members of our community.

Introducing the Co-Worker Newsletter

For a number of years Presentation Ministries Co-Workers have asked for new communication tools to connect better with PM.

The first response of the

core team was to initiate the *Co-Worker Corner* (a column in PM's quarterly newsletter) with personal stories.

This current newsletter, created specifically for Co-Workers,

is the second response to try to meet the communication needs of the Co-Workers in even better fashion.

Distribution will primarily be done via email.

Backstory on ACTivate:

- A communication tool for rallying the Lord's Co-Workers
- A venue for PM ministries to share volunteer opportunities
- This inaugural issue features the PM Retreat Center in Peebles, Ohio
- Please share a copy of *ACTivate* with people who might make good Co-Workers!

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*Holy Spirit, come!
Guide us in our con-
nections within the
Body of Christ and
empower us to do
God's will.*

Volunteer or Vital Member

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross had amazing insights for Christian community. She wrote, “As a new member grows into the community and unfolds ... as a member, the community itself undergoes a change and development.” {Van den Berg, *Communion with Christ*, Ignatius Press, 2015}

She saw Christian ministry as an organism not simply an organization. Our Father in heaven gave us to one other, each with different gifts that each person expresses uniquely.

Even though Presentation Ministries has certain tasks that must be ac-

complished, the members of the community do not join simply to do a job!

The community needs the strength of individuals, according to St. Teresa. The good of the person and the community depends upon their willingness to *be and to do* as God intended.

Testimony



Karen (left) and Marie Torgesen

*Terms/Acronyms:
PM– Presentation Ministries
HBC– Home-based Community
OLG– Our Lady of Guadalupe
Father Al Lauer– PM founder*

I have been participating in the 40 Hours Devotion retreat for about 20 years. The message I always received from Fr Al, my HBC, and other members of Presentation Ministries was that it was important to play an active role in these retreats. It didn't matter how small or big the part was, I had to be willing to give something. God would use that willing heart for his greater glory if I did my part.

At first, when our children were little, just getting to the retreat was all we could manage. But as the kids grew I was able to do more. It started with bringing watermelon as a side dish to now coordinating the events at 40 hours Devotion which includes adoration schedule, mass, meals, teaching, games and more. Thankfully, Youth Group and our Home Based Community are happy to help. Being willing to actively

participate and step outside my comfort zone has been a great experience of growth. Following the inspirations of the Holy Spirit is always fruitful. One followed inspiration leads to another. For me, teaching baptism class and other ministries gives witness to Fr Al's vision to take the formation PM gave us and share it with our parish and beyond.

Thanks Father Al and PM!
{and big thanks to Karen}

By Karen Auciello, Our Lady of Guadalupe HBC; Cincinnati, OH

Newsletter

Harvest is Ripe

Want to give your time, treasure or talent to the harvest of souls? Maybe God is moving you out into the ripe fields, and the folks at the PM retreat center are willing to accompany you.

“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.” This command of Jesus, recorded in Matthew’s Gospel (9:38), means

expel or **drive** in the original Greek . A force must come from God to peoples’ hearts that will not let them remain complacent. Jesus wants us to pray like that, and to become an answer to those very prayers.

OLGDC’s full function requires helpers. We pray the Holy Spirit will lead you into the areas where He envisions you flourishing.

If you enjoy administration and organization, if you are a creative communicator or coordinator, please get in touch with OLGDC.

All vital members are hard workers and devoted believers, somewhere along their faith journey with the Lord. Let’s grow together while laboring in the harvest. Get expelled!

How to Connect

The HBC at OLGDC is Our Lady’s Holy Mountain Community. Members serve the retreat center in many ways.

You are welcome to meet the community, which gathers every 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon at OLGDC. Finding out

about home-based community can lead you on your quest for active discipleship. Call today! Contact info on back.

Carl’s Kitchen

Carl Fox tends the kitchen and the grounds at OLGDC. Amazing!

Long-time resident member of Our Lady’s Holy Mountain Community at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, Carl wears several hats.

First of all, he is a prayer warrior who faithfully prays the daily office with other resident members.

Secondly he is chief grounds keeper. When you go hiking along the hills at OLGDC, you will follow trails maintained

by Carl.

Thirdly, he plans menus and feeds multitudes with the provisions God brings to OLGDC. His three sons Brian, David and Ray also lend a hand. Carl, we appreciate and love you!



Gifts to Give:

Admin Assistants
Communications
Matson House Redo
Hospitality
Coordinate Helpers

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Above: Carl’s famous chicken with home-made dumplings

Below: Carl on the right in small group prayer at retreat





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Vivian Lives

Vivian Jansen, PM matriarch at OLGDC, passed to her eternal reward June 19, '21.



Vivian, who donated part of her farm to Presentation Ministries for retreats, thus fulfilled her husband Paul's last

request. In declining health, Vivian spent much of 2021 inside her residence on the grounds, attended by her many family members and her HBC.

A generous and humble sister in Christ, Vivian's name means *life*. The Jansen generations really enliven OLGDC when they gather there, carrying on Vivian's legacy.



Above: Vivian's grandsons (Daniel at left and Zach on right) debate footage as they edit a youth video. Below: Main character (Gabriel Arnold) delivers his lines, scripted by the guys above. Left: Vivian and her son Paul.



Father Al's Influence at OLGDC



Chapel at OLGDC

Vivian Jansen knew Father Albert Lauer and was very involved with PM from its birth. Now that she is gone along with others who have become part of the cloud of witnesses in heaven, there are many more things that need doing in PM.

For example, Vivian taught retreat sessions that are now filled by people Betty invites who

have completed the course *How To Teach the Bible in the Holy Spirit*.

One of the goals of each teacher is to communicate his or her message in a way that reflects a solid Biblical formation plus a firm foundation in Father Al's teachings.

Even though many people who come in contact with Presentation Minis-

tries have never met Fr. Al, they can imbibe his teaching through the many resources PM publishes, and then share what the Lord gives them to hungry disciples.

Another way to prepare to teach is to enroll in Guadalupe Bible College.

Visit PM online at www.presentationministries.com for more information.