

## Ministry Corner – Human Care Committee

Backed by one primary goal of helping those in need, members of the **Human Care Ministry** support charitable organizations that require assistance, primarily by providing funds for food and necessities for those in need, both within the church community and surrounding areas. This church ministry has existed at Church of the Assumption for more than 20 years and meetings are held quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Lower Rectory Hall.

Members are able to accomplish their charitable mission due to the generosity of parishioners' monthly donations. Monies are split amongst several organizations and immediate needs within our church community.

Each month, the **Human Care Ministry** donates to the following organizations:

- *West Side Catholic Center*, a social service agency and homeless shelter that offers hot meals, hospitality, clothing, and household goods to all in need.
- *Lend A Hand Food Pantry*, providing an emergency supply of food, cleaning supplies, paper products, and school supplies to those with a demonstrated need.
- *Holy Name Parish*, 8328 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland
- *Pope John Paul II Ozanam Center*, provides emergency food, clothing and other forms of assistance to those living in the 44105, 44125 and 44127 area codes. The Center also provides limited assistance to those needing furniture for their residences and can, in some cases, offer one-time assistance to those needing help with utility bills, as funds are available.
- *Christian Foundation for Aging Religious Orders*
- *COAR Peace Mission*, a charity of the Catholic Church established in the United States to facilitate outreach, fundraising, funds transfer and other business for the COAR Children's Village.
- *Thea Bowman Center*, offering food support, senior outreach, community education, and youth programs/services in the Mt. Pleasant community of southeast Cleveland.

Historically, members of the **Human Care Ministry** have assisted those who came to the Church of the Assumption Rectory in need of temporary assistance, Kannenberg said. Such assistance is comprised of gas/food gift cards. Over the years, members have delivered canned food and other items to local residents in need.

The **Human Care Ministry** is currently comprised of six members with new members always welcome. At their quarterly meetings, members review and carefully vet donation requests and make decisions on how to best distribute funds. The **Human Care Ministry** works closely with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Holy Name Parish to coordinate assistance. Assumption's **Society of St. Vincent DePaul** functions independently of the **Human Care Ministry**.