



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Monthly Digest May 2018

Milwaukee 53206

More than 100 people gathered in the Cathedral's Atrium on April 30, to watch *Milwaukee 53206* and to reflect on how we are called to address the issue of mass incarceration in our community. Following the screening of the film, local experts on this issue provided ideas on how each of us can be involved on this pressing issue. These ideas included:



- Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative: The Open Door Café has employed three individuals through the Transform Milwaukee Jobs Program, which provides state-subsidized wages for up to six months of full-time employment to people transitioning back into the workforce. Transitional Job employees earn skills and build a network of support to encourage continued growth while employers get workers on subsidized wages. Win-win! Contact Conor Williams at Community Advocates Public Policy Institute if you are interested in learning more about this program to hire and support our neighbors wishing to re-enter the workforce. Conor can be reached at cwilliams@communityadvocates.net
- Doing Time Support Group: Join Deacon Tom Hunt in supporting families of the incarcerated in a monthly support group held at the Cathedral's Weakland Center (831 N. Van Buren) each Second Saturday of the month from 9:30-10:45 AM. Contact Deacon Tom for more information at TomHunt@stjohncathedral.org or 414/961-0332
- Engage in advocacy for ending mass incarceration with Restoring our Communities Wisconsin (www.rocwisconsin.org), a project of WISDOM.
- Participate in the Southeast Wisconsin Reentry Expo on Thursday, May 17, at the Cousins Center, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Employers are encouraged to stop by this no-cost event as their schedules permit. RSVPs are appreciated but not required at reentryexpo.eventbrite.com Contact Anne Haines at hainesa@archmil.org or Kenneth Gales at Kenneth.Gales@usdoj.gov for more information.

SERVE in the Open Door Café: Cathedral parishioners are welcome to sign up for serving on any second Sunday of the month. **Today, we thank new parishioners Pat & Christine Rogan and Michael & Kathy Gallagher, in addition to veteran parishioners Bev & Angelle Manthey, and friends of the Open Door Café Max Welsh & family for their service in the Café.** Contact Rachel Egarczynski at 414-276-9814 x308 or at RachelEgarczynski@stjohncathedral.org to sign up for serving on June 10 or July 8 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (or any other second Sunday of the month in 2018).

Special Project - Painting the Café

Do you know a **Kohl's employee**? The Open Door Café is taking advantage of Kohl's commitment to serving the community by asking Kohl's employees to sign up for a day of service in order to repair and repaint the Café. The opportunity is scheduled for Friday, May 25 from 1:00PM - 5:00PM and Kohl's employees can sign up through the [Benevity Causes](#) portal. If you have questions, please contact Shelly at 414-238-2710. For every 5 Kohl's employees who volunteer, the Open Door Cafe will receive \$500 toward the project! We hope to recruit 10 Kohl's employees and we are also looking for a professional painter/contractor to help supervise the project. Please spread the word if you know anyone who can help!



Thank you, Sarah!! Sarah Johnson has been working at the Cathedral since August 2016 as a participant in the Tau Volunteer Program, a ministry of the School Sisters of St. Francis. During these 2 years of service, Sarah has been vital to the work of [Cathedral Squared Enterprises](#), providing opportunities for healing and economic opportunity to women experiencing transition in jobs, housing or relationships. The School Sisters invite you to a liturgy and celebration to honor Sarah's commitment at 9:00AM on Sunday, June 3rd at the St. Joseph Chapel, 1501 S Layton Blvd in Milwaukee. To read about Sarah's work, please see this [beautiful article](#) on pages 10-11 of in the School Sisters publication, Alive! Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Sarahalive>

Thank you, Martin! This month, we bid farewell to Capuchin Martin Ngo, who volunteered at the Open Door Café and assisted ministers of hospitality in the Atrium on Sundays since September 2017. Martin is continuing his formation with the Capuchins and asks for your prayerful support as he enters novitiate later this summer. Martin was warm, caring, and a wonderful presence to all those he encountered during his service at the Cathedral. Thanks, Martin and blessings on your vocation!



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