

Associate Lay Servants of Divine Mercy: “Too Busy”



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Associate Servant of Divine Mercy

In early June a dear friend sent me an email invitation to dinner. She said to let her know when Robin and I would be able to join her and her husband for dinner at their home. We are now approaching September, and I still have not responded with a date.

This week she sent me a nice email updating me on their summer activities. The note was titled “Too Busy”. When I read the title I knew it was directed to me. She and her husband are good friends whose company I enjoy. I sincerely want to keep in touch with them. Yet, I could not find one evening in two months to join them for dinner. It really struck me. I am “too busy”!

When I retired from the business world in December of 2005, I envisioned all the great things I would do. Not working 50 to 60 hours a week, not having to work nights and weekends and not always being so busy at holiday time, I would be free at last.

I knew when I retired that I would have to work until I reached Social Security age. Any new job would be Monday through Friday with no nights. I found such a job, but still have no time. What I have done is freed myself from one frantic schedule and replaced it with another equally busy schedule.

There is an enormous difference in my life now. I love the things I do. I start almost every day with Mass and spend most of my day serving the Lord. I am much happier these days but busier. My friend's note hit me like a baseball bat. I am still “too busy”.

I have improved the quality of my life. I knew in the secular world that I was absolutely “too busy”. I was often too busy to pray or serve the Lord. My current job allows me to grow in the knowledge and service of Jesus Christ. I am working to better balance my state of busyness. I promise to report any workable solutions.

Thanks to Kathy Proulx, this year the Lay Associates of St. Luke's will have an opportunity to grow in the knowledge and service of the Lord. She has scheduled an excellent series of talks on Divine Mercy, prayer and reflection. As Lay Associates of St. Luke's we must seek to grow in our Catholic faith and be people of prayer, mercy and service. When you receive the schedule of meetings please plan to attend. If there is a conflict or other obligation causing you to not attend, open your email and pretend you received a note from a good friend titled “Too Busy”.

Urgent Appeal! St. Luke's Toiletry and Baby Supplies Critically Low!



Dish soap just ain't cuttin' it!

-baby in the bath water

Help! We are in very, very low supply of the following items:

Toiletries such as:

Shampoo
Deodorant
Lotions
Soaps

In addition, our baby supplies are just as low, with shortages of the following items:

Diapers (size 4,5, and 6)
Baby Wipes
Enfamil with Iron
Enfamil Lipid with Iron

We need your help! Pick up an extra bottle of shampoo or two, a pack of diapers, any of the items listed next time you are at the store, and donate them to the Mission!

If your organization or business is looking for items to donate, here they are! Organize a collection and help St. Luke's smell better!

What does a missionary Look Like?!



Brother Tom Eades has been with the Mission for several years now, and is the missionary-in-charge of the St. John Bosco House! Guiding teen-aged boys to a better way is his specialty, and one drawn from experience! Brother Tom boasts that most of his bones have been broken at one time or another, and he's had a few other scrapes as well, but the grace of God has led him to His infinite Mercy, and Brother Tom never looks back! The boys of the Bosco House love and respect Brother Tom, and his influence on them is evident with all the wonderful success stories coming out of that wonderful ministry.

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