

# St. Augustine Parish

Bridgeport, PA

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## PARISH STAFF

Reverend Louis C. Bier, Pastor  
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## PARISH RECTORY

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## ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

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## MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*(All Masses celebrated at St. Augustine Church unless noted otherwise).*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 @ OMS Worship Site  
10:30a.m.  
Weekdays: 7:30a.m. (Mon.-Thursday)  
Holy Days: As announced.

**DEVOTIONS: Miraculous Medal Prayers:** Wednesdays after Mass. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesdays from 8:00a.m until 12:00 Noon.

**FAITH FORMATION:** For parish children in grades K-8 attending non-catholic school. Instructions are held every Sunday at 9:00a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** Each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30p.m. Eves of Holy Days: 20 minutes before the Vigil Mass. Seasonal Penance Services and anytime by appointment.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is held during the year for any adult committed to discern if God is calling him/her to the Catholic faith.

**PRE-JORDAN:** Expectant parents and godparents are asked to participate in a seminar on Baptism held on the 4th Monday of every other month (Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May, July) in the Ministry wing at 7:30 p.m. Please call the rectory to register for the seminar. **Godparents:** Must bring a letter of eligibility from their home parish the evening of the seminar.

**BAPTISMS:** Celebrated the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months before the date of the wedding. Please contact the rectory.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Any parishioner who is ill, infirm or shut-in may receive Holy Communion at home. Please call the rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing. Please inform us of anyone who is hospitalized.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** All are welcome. Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the rectory office as soon as possible.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon.-Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. The rectory office is closed on civic holidays.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Personal receivers are available in the Sacristy for use at Mass for the hearing impaired.

The United Way of Southeastern PA Code Number for Bridgeport CYO is: 2328 St. Augustine

*We Are a Tithing Parish*

*October 19, 2008 - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*"Give the Lord glory and honor."*

## **COORDINATORS OF PARISH MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES**

**Adult Faith Formation** –  
**Altar Servers** – *Leo Brady*  
**Altar Society** –  
**Baby Sitting (Sunday Mass)** –  
**Baptismal Prep.** – *Amy Czarkowski & Cheryl Smith*  
**Building Committee** –  
**Bulletin** – *Mary Ann Krajnik*  
**Cantors** – *Helen Surman & Jan Krueger*  
**Catholic Charities** – *Jim Murphy*  
**Children's Faith Formation (CCD)** – *Janet Kita*  
**Cemetery Supervisor** – *Jack DeStefano*  
**Choir (Adult)** – *Kass Reid*  
**Community of Disciples** – *Sr. Catherine & Ed Loughlin*  
**CYO Advisory Board** – *Jerry Cunnane*  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** –  
*Kay Bolger & Jozef Bobok*  
**Finance Council** – *Father Bier*  
**Food Certificate Program** – *Coleen Popowicz*  
**God's Little Children** – *Barbara Bores*  
**Heart Program** – *Amy Czarkowski & Beth Stalker*  
**Hospitality Days** – *Carol Wisor*  
**Ladies Guild** – *Mary Ann Krajnik*  
**Lectors** – *Peter Frasier & Eleanor Grabowski*  
**Liturgy Committee** – *Father Bier*  
**Music Ministry** – *Kass Reid & Helen Surman*  
**Newsletter** –  
**Pastoral Council** – *Father Bier*  
**Peace & Justice Committee** – *Janet Kita*  
**Prayer Chain** – *Linda Korpel*  
**Pre-Cana** – *John & Sheila Sargent*  
**Prime Time (Senior Outreach)**  
**RCIA Representative** –  
**Respect Life** – *Robert Bores*  
**Sacristan** – *Leo Brady*  
**Stewardship Committee** –  
**Ushers** – *Junior Evan & John Czarkowski*  
**Vocation Coordinator** – *John Sargent*  
**Website Coordinator** – *Jozef Bobok*  
**Welcoming Committee** –  
**Youth Ministry** – *Vanessa T. Madrak*

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Rev. Louis C. Bier    Kevin Bonner, '10    Karen Hinchey, '10    Janet Kita (ex-officio)*  
*Mary Eads, '09    Shawn Courtney, '10    Edward Kohler, '10    Leo Brady (appointed)*  
*Sheila Sargent, '09    John Czarkowski, '10    Brenda Turner, '10    Mary Ann Krajnik (appointed)*

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"TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

*"And of all that You give me, I surely give one tenth to You."*

*Genesis 28:22*

**Sunday, October 5, 2008 - \$5,074.55**

**Sunday, October 7, 2007 - \$5,189.11**

Thank you for tithing – 5% to God's Church and 5% to God's other good works (2<sup>nd</sup> collections, Missions, Catholic Charities, Poor box, Parochial school tuition, Cancer research, Private charities, etc.).

### **TITHING COMMENTS**

Father Bier – *"It has been one year since we started tithing. You have seen in the last year that the collections have been up. Thank you so much to everyone who is tithing. I encourage everyone else to begin this 'spiritual way' of life. If you cannot give a full 5%, then why not begin with 3%. God will take care of you."*

A Parishioner – *"As my wife and I read the parish financial report, we can see that the parish is 'just making it.' We believe that tithing has prevented our parish from outstanding bills. We have tithed for one year and we love it! God has been so good to us. We hope all parishioners begin to tithe and give back to God what is due Him."*

Every household has received a "Tithing Comment" card. After you have had some time to pray, read and think about tithing, you are invited to share your personal feelings by returning this 'comment' card via the collection basket. Your comments will help and encourage our parishioners to join in the spirit of tithing.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for these and all our Military personnel:



*BM2 Stefan Bachman, Cpt. Pascal Blanchette, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. Charles J. Cunnion, Joseph Ellis, USMC, HM2 Michael Ford, Gregory Giordano (Army), Gregory Kantz, Stephen Kantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joseph Saboe, Lt. J.G. Shane R. Dennis, Sgt.*

*Matthew McNulty, USMC, Major William Watson, Staff Sgt William Wrabley, III.*

*“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”*

*The SANCTUARY CANDLE* burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. This week the Sanctuary Candle is *in memory of Florence Sally at the request of Bill Sally.*



*An offering of \$10.00 is requested. You can call the rectory to make arrangements.*

*THE BREAD & WINE* in the early Church were brought by the people and used at the celebration of the Mass. The bread and wine this week is *in memory of Louis C. Bier at the request of his family.*



*If you wish to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church, please call the rectory to make arrangements. An offering of \$20.00 for each memorial is requested.*

If you wish to place flowers on the altars at either of our Churches in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, kindly contact the rectory and we will contact the florist. Thank you.



We are happy to keep the name of your loved one on the list for **one month**. If you wish to extend a request for prayers beyond this time, please contact the Rectory to let us know so we do not remove the name from the list. Please remember, only the names of the seriously ill should be placed on the sick list. Thank you.



**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:** *James Brogan, Pasquale Capobianco, Cynthia Collins, Nancy Davidson, Rev. Francis H. Gallen, Mary Huth, John Kuhna, Paige Leary, Michelle Lewis, Inez Mainieri, Patricia McCarthy, Joseph Mulvey, Susanne Rinnier, Chris Smith, Milton Stratton, Patti Szyplowski, Tricia Taggart, Benjamin Walsh and James White.*



## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY – 10/19 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM:** Sarah Barainyak

Requested by – Frank Barainyak & Family

**10:30 AM:** St. Augustine Choir

Requested by – Kass Reid

**MONDAY- 10/20 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** John Gorrell

Requested by – Frieda Keller

**TUESDAY – 10/21 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Edward Bucha

Requested by – Joe & Michael Holley

**WEDNESDAY – 10/22 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Bernard Lawless, Sr.

Requested by – The DeStefano Family

**THURSDAY – 10/23 – Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Margaret Welsh

Requested by – Michael Welsh

**FRIDAY – 10/24 – Weekday**

NO MORNING MASS

**SATURDAY – 10/25 – Weekday**

NO MORNING MASS

**5:00PM:** Rosalie Carmichael

Requested by – Edward Dugan

**SUNDAY – 10/26 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:00AM:** Sarah Barainyak

Requested by – Frank Barainyak & Family

**10:30AM:** Edward Kita

Requested by – Janet Kita

**N.B. – Father Bier says Mass for the people of the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.**



## EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every **Wednesday from 8:00AM to 12 Noon**. Please stop and spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.



Dear Parishioners:

Jesus had to deal with the different forms of authority and the legal systems of his day. As in any system, different groups of people would have had different ideas about how to deal with the situation. **In today's Gospel, the Pharisees hope to trap Jesus.** They want him to make an anti-Roman statement, to get him into trouble with the authorities. Jesus sees through their trick and teaches us a profound truth about the way we should live.

The question of authority can be on the trickiest for us all to work out. We are called to be responsible citizens, respect authority and the law, pay our taxes and play our part in civil society. **But we are also called as Christians to work for peace and bring about justice.** In order to bring about justice, we cannot be neutral in the face on injustice – we cannot be on the side of the oppressor against the oppressed.

Today's readings can help us understand how to face these tricky decisions. There is only one God. There is no other. Money cannot take the place of God, nor can status, nor even those who rule over us on earth. Our eyes and our hearts must be fixed on God as we follow his son, Jesus. If we see that something is wrong with the way our society is being run – then we are called to act to change the situation. Jesus shows us that we can live in the world and act as responsible citizens, but that our hearts are always to be set on God. In 16 days we will be called to vote as responsible Christian citizens. Let us pray that we will vote responsibly to promote life, peace and justice.

**I want to thank everyone who supported our Shopping day at Boscov's last Tuesday. Don't forget to support the Ladies Guild Candy Sale.** Brochures are available at the exits of the Church. Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather and God bless you.

Father Bier

**CENSUS/STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION**

Every household has received a census information card and the annual parish financial statement. It is most important that we have a current record of every registered parishioner. Out of 570 households, we have received only 144 responses. If you have not yet completed your information, you are requested to return your completed census card, along with your gift and place it in the regular Offertory collection **next week.** **This collection is one of the three extraordinary collections (Christmas & Easter) that we have during the year.** Your continued generosity is very much appreciated and needed.



**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 PM: Megan McGee**
- 8:00 AM: Christine & Jennifer Estright**
- 10:30 AM: Jordan Courtney**

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to everyone who helped make Father Murray's Jubilee celebration last week a wonderful experience. Special thanks to **Leo Brady, Kass Reid, our music ministry, the lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers and ushers.** Your ministry enabled everyone to be touched with the presence of Jesus, our High Priest. Many, many thanks to the members of our **Ladies Guild** for hosting and serving the Brunch after Mass and to **The Denczi Family** for preparing the food. Everything was delicious. Thank you all so very much and God bless you.

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE** sponsored by



our Ladies Guild is underway. Catalogues are available at the exit of both Churches. Orders are due by **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Your support is appreciated.

**LADIES GUILD** meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month at **7:00PM at OMS Hall.** All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join. The Guild promotes social activity for our ladies and also does much in promoting community within our parish.



## PRO-LIFE NEWS

**Memorial Mass:** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the burial of 210 unborn children. Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Mass at Holy Saviour Church, Linwood, PA. All are invited. Memorial Service to follow at IHM Cemetery in Linwood, PA.

**Pro-Life Rosary:** Every Wednesday at 10AM in front of Bryn Mawr Hospital. Pray with us on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in front of the hospital at 10AM. Join us on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart Church at 6:15PM to pray for the Unborn. Stand up for what we, as Catholics, believe: that the unborn are people with rights!

**Pregnant and need help?** For information, alternatives and resources, contact the Pregnancy Hotline at 610-626-4006 for help for mother and baby.

**A Baby's Breath:** Annual Silent Auction on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Park Ridge Sheraton in K of P. All proceeds from the auction will assist mothers in crisis pregnancies. If you wish to donate a new item or attend, please contact Barb Fritz at 610-539-4618 or e-mail at [help@babysbreath.org](mailto:help@babysbreath.org)

*"May we encourage everyone – especially the young – to marvel at the beauty of life, to seek its ultimate meaning and to strive to realize its sublime potential."*

*Pope Benedict XVI*

## HEED THE CALL

Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to **HEED THE CALL** of Jesus Christ.

Are you between the ages of 25 and 35? Have you ever thought about being a priest? Does the thought interest you? **HEED THE CALL.** Come and join others for a weekend **December 5-7, 2008** at St. Charles Seminary to explore the call. For more information, call 610-667-5778 or visit our website [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org). Registration is required.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

*Generous hearts change the world. Be generous to Jesus. Consider the Priesthood.*

## "HEARTS 4 JESUS" YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHTS

**KIDS – KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!**

**FOR ALL JUNIOR HIGH KIDS**

7PM – 8:30PM – Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)

October 19<sup>th</sup>; November 16<sup>th</sup>

December 21<sup>st</sup> & January 18<sup>th</sup>

**FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

7PM – 8:30PM – Youth Hall (Rambo & Ford Sts.)

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup> & January 4<sup>th</sup>

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For more information or to volunteer in any capacity, call Vanessa at 610-272-4088, ext. 5.

### *Youth & Young Adult Opportunities*



**"Youth for the Eucharist" – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month at St. Titus Church, East Norriton, PA. 7:00 – 9:00PM. Prayer & Praise, Adoration & Confession. Keep up to date on the latest by visiting [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org)

## CATHOLIC LIFE CONGRESS

Saturday, November 8, 2008

8:30AM to 3:30PM

Archbishop Carroll High School

**FOR ALL INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRY!**

**Pastoral Council Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Finance Council Members, Musicians, Catechists, Youth Ministry, etc.**

This is an opportunity for our ministers to become updated, renewed and refreshed by attending this special day. There are workshops available for various ministries and interests. It is very important to pre-register for this special day. Brochures are available at the rectory. **St. Augustine Parish will pay for your registration.** Your ministry is too important for you not to attend!

**OUR PARISH BULLETIN** needs your advertising support! It pays for our bulletin and provides revenue for our parish. To have your business, service or practice recommended to all our parish families, please call Jim Finnen at 610-653-2145.

[www.saintaugustinechurch.net](http://www.saintaugustinechurch.net) Read the bulletin online. Stay informed. Get involved.

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## SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE

*Spend a Day at the Seminary!*

Everyone in the Archdiocese is cordially invited to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Tours are held from 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM. Evening prayer will be at 5:00PM.** You are invited to tour the grounds, learn about life at the Seminary and view our sacred and historical art collection. To learn more about the Seminary, visit: [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** is the Feast of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM to honor all these holy men and women who are recognized by the Church as Saints.



### FEAST OF ALL SOULS

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the Feast of All Souls. The Church sets this day aside to pray for all the souls in purgatory and to remember our beloved dead. Mass in honor of the Holy Souls will be celebrated at the **5PM Vigil Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup> and on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00AM and 10:30AM.** At these Masses, we will pray in a special way and remember our parishioners who have died in the past year.



November is also the month of the Holy Souls. Every household has received an envelope on which you can write the names of your beloved deceased whom you would like us to pray for during November. These envelopes will be placed on our altars during the month of November. **Please return these envelopes by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### CONSHOHOCKEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE:** Join us at our Campus at 205 Fayette Street in Conshohocken on **Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (9am-11am) and Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm).** We offer to our children:

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## SCHEDULE

- Sun. Oct. 19** CCD – 9AM  
**Youth Night for Jr. High Students**  
7PM at St. Monica's Hall
- Wed. Oct. 22** Exposition – 8AM – Noon  
Pro-Life Rosary– 6:15PM – Sacred Heart
- Thurs. Oct. 23** Adult Core Mtg. for Youth Ministry  
7PM at Sacred Heart Hall.
- Sat. Oct. 25** Confessions – 4:00PM
- Sun. Oct. 26** CCD – 9AM  
**Installation of New Eucharistic Ministers**  
at the 10:30AM Mass

### MUSICIANS WANTED

Prior to our Christmas play in December, we have prelude music. I am looking for anyone interested in being part of an orchestra and performing Christmas carols. The arrangements are easy. **Please call Helen Surman at 610-272-4249.** Let me know what instrument you play and when a good time for rehearsal would be for you. Thank you.

## URGENT!

### HURRICANE RELIEF

The devastation of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike was felt in several dioceses in the southern portion of the United States, particularly Louisiana and Texas. All parishes have been requested to take up a voluntary 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to help our brother and sisters in need in the affected dioceses. **We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is sponsoring a Spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon until 5:00PM.** **Adults:** \$9.00; **Children (3-12):** \$3.00. **Children under 3: Free.** Eat in or Take-out available. Tickets are available at the rectory or you can purchase at the door. Call 610-272-3479 for more information.

### BASKET BINGO

**Longaberger Basket Bingo: Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kimberton Fire House.** Doors open at Noon. Games begin at 1:00PM. Proceeds will benefit St. Basil the Great Parish. Limited Seating. For more information, call **Dee at 610-933-2181 or Chris at 610-933-6039.**

## YOUTH CORE TEAM MEETING

Our Adult Core Team Meeting for our Youth Groups will meet on **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM** in Sacred Heart School Auditorium. The meeting will include refreshments, fellowship, prayer and planning for our Jr. and High School *Hearts 4 Jesus* Youth Nights. More adults are still needed to minister to our young people. Please call **Vanessa at 610-272-4088, ext.5.**

**VISITATION BVM** School annual Alumni event will be held at Finnegan's Wake (3<sup>rd</sup> & Spring Garden Sts.) on **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-11pm.** Cost is \$35. **Call 215-634-7280 for more information.**

**BAZAAR** at St. Mary Church in Conshohocken will take place on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon to 7PM.** Great food, crafts, games and fun for all ages. Santa will be there at 4PM. All are welcome to come and join in the festivities.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** at Kennedy-Kenrick High School will be held on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Spaces are still available. If interested, call Anne at 610-275-2752.

**REUNION:** Upper Merion H. S. Class of 1998 Ten year reunion will be held on **November 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Fox and Hound Pub and Grille in King of Prussia. Contact Laura Korpel at [dutchgirlmr@hotmail.com](mailto:dutchgirlmr@hotmail.com) or call 610-585-0844 for more information.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** offers individual, couples and family counseling services. All services are confidential. Fees are based on your ability to pay and most major insurance plans cover our services. We are located on the grounds of St. Paul's Parish, 353 E. Johnson Highway. For more information, call us at **610-279-7372.**



*Saint Augustine speaks:  
"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."*

## *Congratulations*

The parish community extends our Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to our 5 new Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist: **Barbara Fromm, Edward Kohler, Thomas Mamo, Patti O'Shell and Michael Reid**, who will be formally installed on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Mass.** May God bless your new ministry and may Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, sustain and strengthen you.

### LEADERS OF SONG/CHOIR MEMBERS



Our parish is in need of men and women to lead us in song at our Sunday Liturgies. There are many gifted people in our parish for this important ministry. Also, we are always in need of new voices (men & women) for our choir. If you wish to be in our parish choir or to lead the community at Sunday Mass, please contact either **Jan Krueger at 610-265-9578; Helen Surman at 610-272-4249 or Kass Reid at 610-279-2147.**

### ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

We have begun a 'prayer chain' throughout the parish to pray for anyone in need. It is very easy to do – **there are no meetings to attend!** All that is required – Pray in the comfort and the privacy of your home when you receive a call for prayer. We now have 12 dedicated people – but there is **always** room for more prayer power. If interested, contact **Linda Korpel at 610-291-1138.**

### A VOTER'S PRAYER

Almighty God, though I am but one individual, my vote is very important. I realize the grave matters that are affected by my choice. Teach me, Lord. I avail myself of the teaching of the Church. May my thinking be molded by her rich Tradition. May my intellect be informed by the wisdom of her Saints. Give me the courage to place before myself those who are least empowered, for I am responsible for them in as much as I profess to be your follower. Guide my hand, O Lord. Amen.  
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