

Volunteer Spotlight

Part of St. Leo's poverty is not just financial, but its lack of enough people to do the work of its ministries. And as it often happens in God's plan it is also one of our greatest gifts because it requires us to reach out to others for help and we become partners together in living out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

God surely must love us for we have the world's best volunteers who quietly and faithfully help us feed the hungry, create a welcoming and hospitable place for all who come to us, tutor children and adults, help immigrants and refugees adjust to life in a new country, and do all the other often unseen tasks that help our ministries to thrive.

Our volunteers come mainly from partner parishes that see helping out here as an opportunity to do mission work without having to get shots and a visa and travel overseas. In a very real sense with its congregation composed mainly of immigrants and refugees St. Leo is a place where home mission meets foreign mission.

One volunteer said "I always wanted to travel and do mission work. Now I see that I can do mission work right where I am."

We never have enough volunteers. The need for volunteers keeps increasing as ministries expand and new ministries are developed. We are always happy to talk with those who might want to help out. We'll find something that will fit your talents and time availability. Telephone 921-1044 for more information.

In an effort to say a small thank-you to the many people who help out and to offer a sampling of volunteer opportunities, we will begin a "Volunteer Spotlight" column in the newsletter. Look for it in next month's issue.

—Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate

