

FROM FR. ENZO

WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD!



After closing the program for minors, SLC serves adults exclusively.

Some of the higher functioning ladies were moved to an independent program where they are able, under staff supervision, to care for themselves and their needs.

We are planning additional programs similar to this one because we have a very long

waiting list and there are many people who would like to be served at the Center. Unfortunately, due to lack of staff, we keep postponing the opening of new houses.

Some of the residents, who are aging, have increased in their needs for care as well. We implemented the Montessori training to address these needs and to serve the residents accordingly.

The development and public relations departments have been merged to form the Development and Communication Department. This solution will help to streamline the work.

The pandemic is not over. Because of this, we were forced to cancel many fundraising activities, thus we are using our creativity and knowledge to raise the money needed to meet the \$2.8 million goal set for benevolent care for the current fiscal year. I have to say that many benefactors have increased their support. We are very grateful to them because it is through their generosity that the Center remains a lighthouse of HOPE for many people and society as a whole with its services and for proclaiming the great dignity of all human persons.

When we planned for the integrated St. Louis Guanella Village, we envisioned having families living next to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. After a lot of work, several meetings with people familiar with the rental process, and other organizations which offer similar services, SLC welcomed families into the single home and one duplex. The vision has become a reality!



Looking forward; new projects, which were put on hold due to the pandemic and the changes occurring at the Center, will be resumed and we will continue in modernizing the physical structure of the original building.

The Good Lord has called to Him our beloved Dawn, who is now with her mother, Judy, and her aunt, Karen. During the latest part of her life with us, we engaged hospice and nursing services to take care of her needs.

Best wishes for a blessed 2022 year!

MEDICAL INDEPENDENCE

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As we have increased the independence of the ladies in Mike's House around meals, we are also working with them on increasing their ability to attend to their own healthcare needs. Consequently, we purchased a "talking" blood pressure machine, Nurse Deb trained the ladies how to take their blood pressure, and explained what is considered "normal". They all were very excited to learn how to do this and they check it regularly.

They will be taught the Heimlich Maneuver as well as some basic CPR. Mike's House is becoming more independent every day!



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