

Teresa Fanuzzi: (front row centre)

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of our volunteer Teresa Fanuzzi; but with joy as I recalled her commitment and dedication in the St. Clare Centre. For more than eighteen years Teresa appeared every day through sun and storm to refill tea and coffee orders for our patrons, wrap the cutlery each afternoon in preparation for the evening meal and skirt about in her own dignified manner to fill the salt and pepper shakers and sugar holders on each table.

At our Christmas party in December 2012 she politely asked Joe Pipitone, a fellow volunteer at St. Francis Table if he thought I would mind if Teresa was to have more than one dessert. Joe reassured her that she could have as many as she liked. I forget, but something tells me that she stopped with the sixth bowl of ice cream with a smile on her face that resembled the child within.

Unassuming in her ministry and reliable as a volunteer, Teresa was part of the environment at 1322 and 1324 Queen Street West. Her tasks were not great but were certainly of vital essence as she poured more than just tea or coffee into each cup; she provided smiles and a greater sense of gratitude found among our patrons. After all, it is the little things in life that make a real difference.

Teresa made a difference for more than eighteen years at St. Francis Table and St. Clare Centre! The sense of community found here is part of the larger Parkdale community. Well done, good and faithful servant....until we meet again!



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Capuchin Outreach to the Poor (Parkdale) was founded in 1987 by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of Central Canada with the vision of creating a faith community with the poor by providing direct services that seek to enhance the sense of human dignity of those who are in need.

St Francis Table, the primary expression of Capuchin Outreach, serves meals six days a week in Toronto's Parkdale community. Patrons are asked to make a \$1 donation towards their three course meal which is provided with full restaurant service.

St Clare Centre is our Outreach and Drop-In space, hosting weekly AA meetings as well as an informal drop-in for patrons of St Francis Table.

We receive no government or United Way funding, instead relying on the charity of private individuals and businesses for our income.

Capuchin Outreach to the Poor (Parkdale) is a registered charitable organization #11883-7970-RR0001



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It has been another great Summer with Youthworks volunteers from across North America, local groups that were happy to keep going all Summer such as the Newman Centre, Wednesday Wonders, Humber Valley Knights of Columbus and many more! Br. Ken Cole was my replacement the last few months. I will conclude my sabbatical with a visit to Ethiopia where I will enjoy Capuchin hospitality for three weeks in September.

Many thanks to all who shared in the farewell Teresa Fanuzzi. St. Francis Table volunteers stayed with her during her time in Palliative Care. A couple of volunteer 'angels' were able to ensure that Teresa did not die alone. Other volunteers provided music and organized a Memorial Service. A reception was held following the funeral back at St. Francis Table. Volunteers, again, stepped up and provided the necessities. The ministry here serves many people in all sorts of ways and your generosity provides the ability to serve others in a dignified manner; we're more than a restaurant for the poor. Your donation helps us feed others more than just physical food! It was truly an outpouring from the local community in Parkdale that bid the final farewell as Teresa was embraced by Sister Death. May she rest in peace!

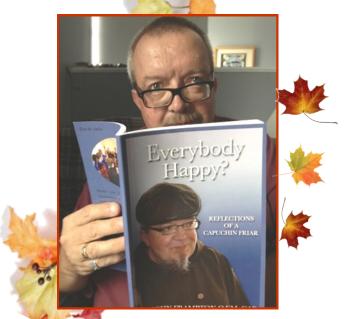




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Volunteers from Toronto District Christian High School (September 5, 2013)



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Dear Benefactors;

These past few months have seen some changes at St. Francis Table. Many of these changes and improvements can't be seen. We had to do some significant work on the foundation of the building and it was necessary also to update and hopefully improve the kitchen area.

These unusual expenses have put us in a very difficult financial place, ordinarily this time of year sees a 'slump' in the finances but this year is especially challenging. Please be generous, as far as you are able and allow us to continue to serve not only food for the body, but food for the soul.

May God's peace be with you and may you enjoy every blessing.

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Bro. David Connolly, ofm., cap. Minister Provincial

"EVERYBODY HAPPY? REFLECTIONS FROM A CAPUCHIN FRIAR"

It was July 20, 2013 when my book was launched in Mount Pearl, NL at Mary, Queen of the World Parish. My sisters organized a reception and many were on hand to receive an autographed copy of the book. With my yearning to write, my sabbatical experience provided the time and space for my dream to come true. The book recants stories from my first thirty years as a friar and some of the people who have been part of my story. A book launch in Parkdale is presently being planned and should happen in October, 2013. You can receive your autographed copy from Br. John Frampton OFM Cap. for \$10.00!