



Spiritual Care Notes: October 2017

The last line written in the Spiritual Care Newsletter for September was: “May we plant seeds that yield a bountiful harvest.” I reflect back on September and saw the results of a bountiful harvest here at Maristhill. There was witness of seeds of love planted by those that work here at Maristhill and tend to our patients and residents with loving eyes, tender voices, gentle hands and compassionate hearts. This witness continued as we ended the month receiving surveyors from the state Department of Public Health. As Joe Deveau, our CEO, commented in one morning meeting, he was impressed with the staff just doing their job and any stress of the audit was not evident as everyone did their best to meet the needs of those we care for.

To those who see with loving eyes, life is beautiful.

To those who speak with tender voices, life is peaceful.

To those who help with gentle hands, life is full.

And to those who care with compassionate hearts, life is good beyond all measure. Author Unknown

May we give freely of ourselves.
In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi , “For it is in giving that we receive.”

Giving thanks for a bountiful harvest, and praying that it may continue in October:
Grace

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Thanks & blessing be to the Sun & the Earth
for this bread & this wine,
this fruit, this meat, this salt, this food;
thanks be & blessing to them who prepare it, who serve it;
thanks & blessing to them who share it
(& also the absent & the dead.)
Thanks & blessing to them who bring it
(may they not want),
to them who plant & tend it, harvest & gather it
(may they not want);
thanks & blessing to them who work & blessing to them who cannot;
may they not want — for their hunger sours the wine
& robs the salt of its taste.
Thanks be for the sustenance & strength
for our dance & the work of justice, of peace.

*Peace, Light and Love,
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