

Summer 2001 NEWSLETTER



From Mother Angelica...

Whether the service we render is tangible, like food and clothing, or intangible, like love, prayer, compassion and patience, we need to do to our neighbor the services we cannot do to God. That is why Jesus will say on the last day,

"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me."

(Matt. 25:40)

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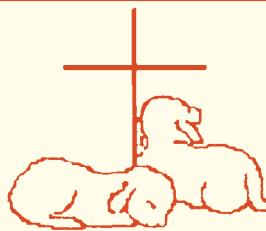
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AGAPE STREET MINISTRY

"Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servant"

(Matthew 25:23)

Agape Street Ministry is in its fifth year and is a family of approximately 100 volunteers. Men and women of all ages, from high school to retirees; university students, homemakers, engineers, carpenters, nurses, lawyers, office workers and people from too many occupations to mention here, have responded to God's call to serve women suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and often working as prostitutes in order to supply their habit.

These wonderful volunteers that make up Agape are called to simply journey with these women; to be "salt" and "light" for them, and with them, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and to lay down their lives in some way on a daily or weekly basis, following and imitating Jesus Christ. They have said, "YES, LORD!", to the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Matt. 28:19-20).

These 'Christ-ones' have given of their time, talents and resources. They have sacrificed golf games, luncheons, sports events, days off, and many more leisure activities in order to reach out to the women who are broken and lost in drug and alcohol addiction, and to immerse (baptize) them in the Gospel, or Good News of God's love for us all.

For some of the volunteers, their imitation of Christ is in the form of walking the streets of downtown Eastside Vancouver with the message of God's love; for others it is singing and praying in the women's prison; visiting in the hospital; packaging candy or Birthday bags; welcoming ladies to the Agape House Drop-In; carrying out Executive duties; counselling; picking up donations; facilitating or participating in the many programs and events at Hope-Faith House; doing maintenance, repairs and renovations

at Hope-Faith House; supplying transportation in many circumstances; and many, many more ways.

In every moment of service, these volunteers are an example of the active love of Christ that gives hope and changes lives. In every human contact there is a giving of self, a sharing of lives, and an offer of friendship. In this we all grow in our capacity to love, or agape. After all, isn't that what it's all about? In ministry no one is exclusively the 'helper', rather as we reach out to another, we are strengthened by their touch. In the Kingdom of God we always receive more than we give.

Thank you all for making this happen with your prayers and support. We are so blessed to see God working through your sacrifices, and we are grateful that we can count on you. This would be a lonely journey without the body of Christ! May our Lord bless you richly for your faithfulness!

Pat and Vicki Conroy



Walk for the Women • July 22, 2001

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene by Blaise MacNeil



Starting at 9:00 Sunday, July 22, on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Blaise walked from Lougheed Highway to Main and Hastings Street, to bring honor to the Lord, and to foster public awareness about the plight of the women of the downtown eastside.

Left: Blaise MacNeil finishes his walk at Main and Hastings. Top right: Before starting his walk (beginning at Lougheed Highway) Blaise lit a candle and prayed. Bottom right: Brenda, Arnel, Francisco and Blaise pray in the downtown eastside at the end of his walk.

I was very pleased to do this walk and I am eagerly waiting to see what fruits the Lord will provide as a result of the walk. Sometimes we see things from the world's perspective and as a result we sometimes miss God's plan.

I know the Lord wanted me to do the walk and he loves all the women on the street. I was accompanied on the walk by my friend Francisco for most of the way, then he left to go to church and I was joined by two of Agape's volunteers, Brenda and Arnel, who walked with me the rest of the way to Main and Hastings where Francisco and his wife Isabel joined us and took some pictures.

Along the way a young woman called out to us from a jeep as she drove by and asked me if we walked from Coquitlam. I said, "yes I did" and she said, "you have walked for me". Then her and her

friend waved from their jeep as they drove off. I have to say this was the highlight of my walk.

It touched me deeply. There were numerous people who honked their horns and waved as they passed. Only the Lord knows what will come of the many prayers that were said throughout the Diocese. I can see this walk being a yearly event on the "Feast of Mary Magdalene".

Blaise MacNeil is a board member of Agape Street ministries and volunteers in both the prison ministry and at Hope-Faith House as a drug and alcohol counselor. A month before Blaise's walk, 65 parishes in the Lower Mainland received a request for a spiritual bouquet, and were given a small list of the Women of the Street to pray for. The request for prayer was also covered by the B.C. Catholic last month.

The following are letters from two women from Hope-Faith House.
 An important part of the journey from Hope-to-Faith is journelling and writing to God, and writing about one's own new faith.

“Help me to see you and really believe, Jesus.”



I open this letter with full acknowledgement and with the admittance that my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ or in God comes with not much experience or exposure to such an entity. To be asked to write a letter to God is therefore somewhat frightening and to say the least a bit unsettling.

I will begin by saying that at certain times in my life I have held the belief that someone or something way beyond my control has kept me here on the earth - presided and watched over me. There have been several times when my behaviors have led to disastrous results and I really thought that my time should have been up. I have sort of always related this to “karma” or to the principles of do-unto others, as they do unto you, and that generally throughout my life, I have been a relatively good person and therefore been spared an early departure from this existence here on earth as I know it.

Life is full of so many paradoxes -- because I realize too that it in my most recent years, I have heard myself saying, that certain events of outcomes of my behaviors have been completely out of my control, yet have happened for a reason. As a matter of fact

more and more recently I have felt that everything, absolutely everything, happens for a reason, and though I may not know the reason at the time, I may indeed know later - or that the answers will be revealed to me when I need to know them. When I examine this, I feel I can see that my head and my heart are open. My father always said to me as a child - S, you have a heart of gold - let it shine. Perhaps this was a God or a Jesus Christ speaking through him. I do not know.

I know presently only this - that my heart is open to a new way of life. I am not ignorant to the readings of scripture, nor to the knowledge of your sacrifice, and that I have a very good instinct for both the good and evil in life -- an instinct and protect and trust completely. And so I will say this to you, God, Lord Jesus Christ, if you are there, if you love me as unconditionally as

proclaimed, help me to see you and really believe. Know that I am not perfect, free me from the bondage of self, and help to prepare me for a journey that others speak of so highly. Know that I need to take baby steps, but that I am willing. I ask that you reveal yourself so that I may truly believe.



Letter to a friend...
 June 14, 2001

I read something today in a daily devotional from St. Augustine. He was a monk, or priest or something. He spent the younger part of his life pretty messed up. Anyways, I thought of you and you telling me how you did not really relate to the people in the Church. I found this interesting and may help you in the future.

THE SPIRIT WITHIN

Brothers and Sisters, we are part of one Body, and we have one Head, in Heaven. Our two physical eyes do not see one another, but they know each other in virtue of the love that knits them together. Together

they meet in and are directed to one object. They aim is one: their places are diverse. If then all who with you love God have one aim with you, it is of no significance that in the Body you are separated in place. you have the eyesight of your heart fixed alike on the light of truth.

Sermon on 1 John 6, 10

Quote from “Augustine, Day by Day”

I highlighted the part I found amazing. Even though we are called to love one another, but a lot of the time we don't relate. This is unimportant as long as we still keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. I have used not relating to people as an excuse to use before. Pretty sad excuse I figure (for myself). I now know today after going through that, that where I come from, jail, prostitution, addiction, stealing, etc., probably scares these people. Being straight and narrow scares me! So, of course, there is going to be a clash. That's when we are to go to the Lord and bring him our fears and problems. He will see us through and many times we will find it was no big deal at all.

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Left: All ready for mass...**Right:** Volunteers training meeting lunch with Hope-Faith House Residents!

From Despair to Hope

By Pat Conroy

"Christ Is A Lifestyle" is the Mission Statement of Agape Street Ministry.

In the Pastoral Letter from Pope John Paul II called from "Despair to Hope" quote: "The Church's answer to the phenomenon of drug use is a message of hope and a service which goes beyond the symptoms to the very heart of man. The Church does not limit herself to eliminating the hardship, but proposes "The Right Paths for Living". Her task is evangelical ; to proclaim the Good News.

The Church's contribution to the solution of drug abuse is within her activity of evangelization. This activity whether directed ad intra or ad extra, has one purpose: To serve man by revealing to him the Love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ. This activity has Christian as its aim; a complete and sincere adherence to Christ and His Gospel through faith. "Reform your lives and believe in the Gospel."(Mark 1:15)

This type of conversion means accepting, by a personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ and of becoming His disciple. Only in Christ can every person find his true treasure, the real and definitive reason for all his existence. The words

of Christ take on an extraordinary meaning with regard to the drug user: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."(Mt. 11:28)

Hope-Faith House has been opened since March 2001 and we find the need for Jesus even greater. We are a healing community. Pope John II says that, "The community *for the treatment of drug users are merely a structure. It is "a way of life to be lived everywhere ...*" "A person is called to live in communion with God, with oneself, with one's neighbor and with one's surroundings (creation)." "Sin, however, has an influence upon these relations." "The Lord said it is the sick who need a doctor. (cf Mt.9:12; Mk 2:17; Lk.5:31)"

"It is necessary to make the drug user, who basically suffers from the lack of love, to know and experience the love of Christ Jesus. Whoever uses mind altering drugs must know that, with the grace of God, he or she is able to open himself or herself to him who is "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn.14:6)"

Referring to the drug user, the Supreme Pontiff affirms the need, "to bring him to the discovery or rediscovery of his own dignity as man; to help him to heighten and develop, as an active subject, those personal resources which drugs had buried through a trustful reactivation of the mechanisms of the will, oriented towards sure and noble ideas. The possibility of recovery and redemption from the terrible slavery has been proven with methods, which **rigorously exclude any concession to drugs**, legal or illegal, having a "substitutive character". He then concludes; "**Drugs are not overcome with drugs.**"

"Drugs are not the drug user's main problem. Drug con-

sumption is merely a deceptive answer to the lack of a positive meaning of life. An unmotivated and indifferent state of mind is created in the drug user unleashing an internal moral and spiritual imbalance. This produces an immature and weak character, which causes the drug user to take on unstable attitudes towards his or her responsibilities. Drugs, in fact, do not enter into a person's life like a bolt of lightning out of the blue. Rather, drugs enter a person's life like a seed that takes root in the ground that has been prepared for a long time".

"The female drug user is different from the male in that she is more deeply affected in her identity and dignity as a woman, above all if she is a mother. For this reason, the negative consequences of drugs can be even more serious for a woman."

The Pastoral Letter, "From Despair To Hope, mentions the silence, lack of action and inadequacies that still exist in the Pastoral care of the Church in the area of drugs. Today, with the vast diffusion of drugs, the church finds herself face to face with a new challenge; She must evangelize this particular state of affairs. For this she prescribes;

The proclamation of God's paternal love directed to the salvation of every man, a love which is above every sense of blame.

The condemnation of personal and social evils which cause and favor the drug phenomenon.

The witness of those believers who dedicate themselves to the treatment of drug users according to the example of Christ Jesus, who did not come to be served but to serve and give his life (cf Mt.20:28;Phil. 2:7).This threefold activity involves:

A duty of proclamation and prophesy which presents the original evangelical vision of man:

A duty of humble service like the good shepherd who gives his own life for his sheep;

A duty of the moral formation of persons, families and communities, accomplished through natural and supernatural principles to arrive at the whole and total man."

The Holy Father says that the church, "must evangelize man's culture and cul-



tures... and give new life to the temporal order."

The task of the laity, to the full extent of his possibility, is to be a model of the life of Christ in his daily walk.

The Holy Father says, "The family is the key element in the formation of a person's character and attitudes towards society." We, of Agape Street Ministry, would invite you to join us in creating a family atmosphere for women lost in drug use.

What do you have to offer the Agape family?

Find out more about the Pontifical Council for the Family's Pastoral Letter "From Despair to Hope" published in 1992 by St Paul's Books and Media. Copies are available at your local Catholic bookstore.

Lord Jesus, You have given so much for us. Speak to the hearts of Your people through Your own Holy Spirit and strengthen us to respond to Your call to lay down our lives in order to reach those enslaved by drugs. Mother Mary pray for our ears to be opened.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."
(Lk. 4:18-19)*

"Drugs are not overcome with drugs."



God Bless You VOLUNTEERS!

Welcome to new volunteers, responding to God's call — Cora, Trish, Mildred, Vincent, Shastine, Annette, Heather, Jeannie, Chris Suen, Ralph, Penny Rogers, Sharon, Bob Merchant, Maria and Darryl Martin. God bless you — Rebecca and Mary Wagner for all your help as replacements! We'd also like to thank Project Brotherhood for sending a group of wonderful people to walk with us. McMath School students are also walking once in a while, and it's refreshing to see such energy and compassion in young people!

As well, it's so hard to say goodbye, but we also want to thank Dean Gazzola, newly-married, and, Tony Cortens, who's moved from Vancouver! As well, Sandra Reid won't be walking anymore, but is continuing at Hope-Faith House. The girls will really miss all of you!

The last Day of Reflection - September 8 was an incredible day of prayer. It was a time to regroup our thoughts and Pat led us to meditate on "how much do WE personally accept that Jesus died for us, and believe that we are saved, forgiven, healed and will live forever?", and through personal and group meditation, through scripture reading, there were many good ideas brought forward. These days are so important for you, as a volunteer, to attend. The next day of reflection is December 1, 2001. **Pat & Vicki want to make a strong point that it is ESSENTIAL for all volunteers to attend all Days of Reflection. Don't miss the next one! You can't give what you don't have!**

Pat wants everyone to know that he's ordered a special book for everyone at Agape - the

Pontifical Council for the Family's Letter, "From Despair to Hope" It will help you to understand that what we do, at the drop-in, on the streets, at Hope-Faith House, etc., is in alignment with the Majestrium, and follows the Holy Father's request to the Church to reach out to the addicted in society with the Gospel. There is also a tape to be shared by Johnette Behnkovic (Living His Life Abundantly) which also speaks to this issue. Please listen and read these important items.

Don't forget... Pat and Vicki, and others, are available to speak at your local Pro-life meeting, CWL, Prayer Meetings, Youth Ministry, High-school, Parish functions, seminars, conferences, and retreats.

LET ME KNOW!!! Do you have a prayer request, or a street story of victory (keeping the girls names private, please), or any good news that you can share, please phone Marla at eves 604 597-2326, or e-mail me at inspectint@home.com. If you have an e-mail address: let me know asap by e-mailing me at the above address. I will be forwarding new information as we receive it, or if you have a prayer request for yourself, family member, or one of the girls on the street, I'll forward it to all Agape members!

STREET PEOPLE --- NEW VOLUNTEERS OR FILL-IN VOLUNTEERS must be cleared through the volunteer coordinator Anne D'Cruz prior to walking. Pat and Vicki are very busy with Hope-Faith House, and usually can't respond that quickly. Please always phone Anne at (232-0016) prior to having a new volunteer walk. As well, you **MUST BE responsible to find your replacement on the street if you can't walk!**



One of the Hope-Faith House angels, Andy, as he works in the bathroom!



Praise the Lord!

The basement is complete except for just a few finishing touches! We have to say a *Special Thank You* to the guys who are responsible:

Andy Forderer
Ed Walz
Dean Gazzola
Elmer Kachur

You guys are wonderful! Thank you for your prayers, hard work, patience and perseverance!

Also to CORY ROAN, a special Thank You, for power washing the entire exterior and brick work! What a huge job, and now it looks brand new, Cory! You're great kiddo!

Hope-Faith House exists because of the body of Christ who have pulled together to pray, work and give. I am so afraid of publishing a list of people that we want to thank and forgetting someone who should be on that list. So...

Thank You and God Bless You Richly for every part that you have played or continue to play in this work for the Lord!

A blessing of Hospitality

Connie Murray, who attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, invited Pat and Vicki and four of the ladies from Hope-Faith House over to her house for Sunday brunch.

What a treat for us all! We were so touched by her open arms hospitality and 'out of this world' home cooking!

Marg Kingsland joined us and the food and fellowship was really an experience of the Christian family! For many that morning it was the first time that had experienced His love in that manner!

Thank you, Connie, and Marg, for those precious memories! God Bless You!



Calendar of Events

October 26 and 27, 2001

Religious Education Congress

Address: Immaculate Conception Parish

December 1, 2001.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Hope-Faith House (604 584-4674) call for directions.

All volunteers with Agape Street Ministry and Hope-Faith House should attend. If you are interested in all involvement with Agape Street Ministry, you are also welcome to attend, (phone and confirm) Phone Anne D'Cruz at 604-232-0016 and let her know you are coming if you are not a volunteer with Agape, but would like to attend the Reflection. Mass 9:00 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, and Day of Reflection following at Hope-Faith House.

December 2001.

Special Christmas on the Street (Dates TBA)

Carols, Food, etc. Students from various schools may attend.

Special Christmas Eve in Prison (Dec. 23, 6-8pm)

Carol singing, etc.



above: games night at Hope-Faith House, Cora, Penny, Renee, Mildred & Vincent
below: picnic at White Rock





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Volunteer
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Coordinator
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Joan
Agape Drop In
604 224-0943

Maria
Packaging Gifts and
Candybags
604 324-2820

Here I am, Lord *Cory's call to ministry*

When I tell people what I do on Friday nights, they usually respond positively. In fact, most people are very sympathetic to the cause of helping those less fortunate. This doesn't mean that they themselves do such work, but it does mean they hold it in high esteem. Up until two years ago, I was in the same position as they.

Four years ago I had a conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ. I entered the Catholic Church in the year of God the Son, the first year of preparation for the Great Jubilee. As I journeyed alongside all the wonderful Catholic Christians of this Archdiocese, I received two very great gifts. The first was daily Mass. For months at a time, I would attend daily Mass trying not to miss even one. The second gift was the Rosary. I prayed five mysteries of the Rosary daily. As time went on, I felt myself changing. I was becoming better! I was becoming a saint! Wow!!!

Then something happened. As my daily bus commute changed at Main and Hastings I had ample opportunity to witness the depravity and despair that so many of us have seen firsthand. It's not that I felt guilty about not helping them, it's that Jesus in the Eucharist loves them so much that I couldn't help but love them too. As I received the Body and Blood of Our Lord daily, His Love changed me daily. As I prayed the Rosary, I became pure of heart so I could love more. Eventually, I happened upon Pat and Vicki Conroy who were leading weekly Bible studies and prayer meetings. These were people who loved Our Lord like I had never seen! As I came to know them I knew that I would serve God through Agape Street Ministry, Catholic Christian Outreach.

As one who solemnly thought that I would never be worthy of 'ministry', I have found that Jesus is the Lord of every ministry. As I walk the streets I find that I can only do it through the power of the Eucharist. This is the power that enabled me to volunteer for Agape and it is the power that gives me the strength to come out every Friday night week after week, month after month. When I don't celebrate Mass daily, I know that my ability to minister on the street wanes accordingly. When I don't pray the Rosary I know that my purity wanes accordingly. This is my challenge, this is my cross.

God bless everyone at Agape.
In Christ,
Cory W. Roan

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Jesus has no hands, but yours, no feet but yours, no smile, but yours...

When was the last time you had an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ? When was the last time you could share your faith journey with someone? Can you imagine what it would be like to really share this hope and love that Jesus offers to someone who wants to hear it so badly. It's an incredible experience.

STREET MINISTRY

Do you feel you are called to bring Jesus' message of love and hope to those in bondage to drugs and prostitution? Every night at 7:30pm, groups of 3-4 walk the streets of Hastings and Cordova, and meet with approximately 50-150 women. Open your heart and let Jesus do with work with these lost lambs. Although at some point it might be important to make a commitment of one night a week, as the "girls" will get to know and recognize your friendly face, and look forward to seeing you each week, you could also volunteer as a "spare" filling in when someone is away or sick.

AGAPE WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP-IN

At the "Agape House" at 373 Cordova Street, every Wednesday morning, ladies serve a light breakfast. Here you will have an opportunity to sit and talk one-on-one with the girls, in a safe, quiet environment. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve Jesus, and to serve his little ones, to pray and to be a shoulder to cry on, once in a while.

CANDY BAG PACKAGING @ 887 Keefer Street

Like St. Therese, the "little flower", who prayed for missionaries everywhere, while in cloister, your efforts behind the scenes make a huge difference. As you sit and pray, packaging your little gifts of love (candy bags with scripture cards), you are the first line of our Lord's defense on these streets. All the other aspects of Agape Street Ministry depend on your helpful obedience. The women look so forward to the candy and scripture cards. Most keep the cards, and the messages of hope and Good News are pinned up all around their room. We distribute an estimated 30,000 candy bags each year.

BIRTHDAY BAG ASSEMBLY 887 Keefer

Francis and Kim Watson 922-7752

HOPE-FAITH HOUSE

So many opportunities ... so little workers! There's so many ways you can help.

- Exercise instructor / weight trainer
- Someone to teach and pray the rosary
- Self care instructor
- Hairdresser (in Surrey or close proximity to North Surrey)
- Dentist (in Surrey or close proximity to North Surrey)
- Female for Christian 12-step or N.A. leadership
- Arts and crafts instructor
- Walking coach (to accompany and encourage daily walking)
- Mentors (to visit and befriend, take for coffee, etc.)
- D&A Counselors (Christ-centered)
- Yard maintenance
- Nutritionist

HOSPITAL VISITATION

PRISON MINISTRY - Gabrielle

HOPE-FAITH HOUSE / AGAPE STREET MINISTRY WISH LIST

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY AND HOPE FAITH HOUSE does not actively fundraise or have any major foundation support in order to perform their ministry. We must always depend and trust on the providence of the Father, and so we are very grateful for the generous donations of people who are led, and feel that in their heart that what we do is in the Father's will, and want to help. We truly appreciate any support that you can give, especially by your prayers, or donation of materials, supplies, money or your own personal time. God Bless You! Tax deductible receipts are available.

RENOVATIONS:

1. Roof
2. Office and Storage
3. Prayer Room
4. Deck
5. Storage Shed (roofed & siding)
6. Fence, walkway, driveway

NEEDS:

9-Passenger Van

INTERIOR FURNISHINGS:

- 2 good coffee makers
- 2 electric kettles
- 1 microwave
- 1 TV, VCR, stereo
- 1 glider rocker
- 1 dining room table with 2 leaves and 12-14 chairs
- 4 tall dressers
- Mirrors
- Washable throw rugs
- Decorator cushions
- Lamps
- 2 sets of cutlery
- 1 set of dishes for 12
- 2 large stainless pots
- Christian or good moral videos
- Video camera
- 12 pillows
- 6 twin comforters
- Outdoor mats
- End tables
- 3 wardrobes to hang clothing
- 3 card tables

- 12 folding chairs
- Clothing racks
- 2 canister style vacuums
- 6 quilted mattress covers
- 1 full size white fridge
- 1 full size white stove
- 1 full size locking file cabinet (4-6 drawer)
- 1 electric fireplace insert
- 1 electric freestanding fireplace
- indoor & outdoor statues of Jesus & Mary

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES:

- Liquid laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets
- Garbage bags - extra large
- Toilet tissue / paper towels
- Kleenex
- Feminine hygiene items (pads, tampons, etc.)
- New underwear (bras, briefs, and half slips)
- Notebooks, journals, Catholic edition of the New American Bible
- Rosaries
- Cleaning Supplies: (Vim, Gel-Gloss, 409 for windows)
- Catechism books, easy to read
- Christian stories, conversion stories!
- Christian music cds / tapes or videos!

FOOD:

- All items, especially meat, fish, cereal, vegetables, and fruit, fresh or frozen
- Salad dressings and sauces, ie catsup, sweet and sour
- Dairy products
- Condiments
- Spices
- Sugar - brown and white
- Coffee creamer
- Honey
- Jams
- De-caaffeinated coffee
- (Hope-Faith House endeavors to offer low fat meals as much as possible).

SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Gift certificates to ABC Restaurant, the Pantry, or other family restaurant, bowling certificates, or other family-oriented entertainment outings are gratefully appreciated.

FOR HOSPITAL/BABY VISITS:

- Small baby items, (knitted items, blankets, etc.) are welcomed for visiting new mothers in hospital.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY:

OUR SHELVES ARE BARE!!!!

- We use over 30,000 pieces each year of the following:
- Loose candy. (wrapped caramels, mints, sours, suckets)
 - Chocolate bars (small fun size)
 - Sandwich bags

- Used small bibles (Catholic versions especially welcomed)
- Rosaries and booklets on "how to pray the rosary"
- Medals, Crucifixes
- New Items for Birthday Bags
- Medium size gift bags
- Tissue and bows
- Makeup (unused)
- Perfume, cologne
- Shampoo, hand creams, conditioners, cosmetics, nail polish
- Jewellery (used is acceptable, but in good condition)
- Jewellery boxes
- Hair accessories, brushes, hair clips, etc.
- Makeup bags
- Small gift items (candles, figurines, picture frames etc)
- Good Christian Catholic novels or stories of hope
- Christian birthday cards
- Small plush Animals



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30,000
CANDIES ARE NEEDED THIS YEAR!!!
DO YOU HAVE LEFTOVER HALLOWE'EN CANDY?

Phone (604) 584-4674 (Hope Faith House)
or leave a message at (604) 215-4115 (Agape)
and we'll give delivery instructions and/or arrange pick-up