

On Line and On Point

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MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



It Can't Be Carried Alone

How can we not feel shock or rage at what is happening to the people of Ukraine—
As we watch their suffering unfold in real time from an unfair distance?
Who of us does not feel inept or powerless before such manifest evil? In this, at least, we are united.
Our partisan divisions now appear small and trivial.
Remember what we teach: both evil and goodness are

first of all, social phenomena.
The Body of Christ is crucified and resurrected at the same time. May we stand faithfully Inside both these mysteries (contemplation).
In loving solidarity, we each bear what is ours to carry, the unjust weight of crucifixion, in expectant hope for God's transformation.
May we be led to do what we can on any level (action) to create resurrection! The people of Ukraine have much to teach the world.
—Richard Rohr

OFFERINGS—If you have made a recent donation to our community, we thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful for your demonstrated care and concern. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation. Come join us.

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OUTREACH—As of April 1, we are switching the recipient of our offered financial support to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is a worker-based human rights organization internationally recognized for its achievements in fighting human trafficking and gender-based violence at work. The CIW is also recognized for pioneering the design and development of the Worker-driven Social Responsibility paradigm, a worker-led, market-enforced approach to the protection of human rights in corporate supply chains. Built on a foundation of farmworker community organizing starting in 1993, and reinforced with the creation of a national consumer network since 2000, CIW's work has steadily grown over more than twenty years to encompass three broad and overlapping spheres, which will be spelled out over the following weeks.

COMMUNITY ALERT—The special celebration of Mindy Lou Simmon's life was to take place on April 9. This date has been changed. Here is the new information: Mindy's Celebration of Life will be May 7th, 2022 4pm at the Unity Church of Sarasota, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231. Service will start with lots of music & sharing from all who gather. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall with munchies to follow. If you would like to help by bringing food, sharing your music, sharing your favorite photos of Mindy or volunteering where needed, please contact Kathy Alexander - McGeever [Mindy's sister at email: MindyatUnity@Gmail.com]. Text or call Kathy @ (941) 806-9882

BOOKS—[in storage room assigned to MMOJ at St. Andrew UCC]. We have amassed a large number of books and need to “thin out” and “drastically reduce the number on hand. Some Board members will be available Monday, April 11 at 10AM to begin this task. If you are curious enough, you can show up as well. Whatever they have leftover, they plan to display on Saturday, April 23—our first “hybrid” Liturgy at St. Andrew UCC. All books are FREE!

MOVIE CORNER

We recently watched a Danish movie set during World War II, **The Bombardment**. It was a very non-Hollywood type movie and the subtitles were excellent. It was based on true events during the war told mostly from the point of view experienced by Jewish residents. It was described as a dark period drama but that seemed an over simplification of a well acted and complex story. It is streaming on Netflix. Let me know what you think. Send your comments, criticisms, suggestions, to ponce.beth@gmail.com —*Beth Ponce*

DONATE—As many of you already know, José Ramón Andrés Puerta, a Spanish-American chef, restaurateur, and founder of **World Central Kitchen**—a non-profit devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural disasters—is now in the area of the Ukraine border where so many refugees are now located. Michael Rigdon suggested that if you are looking for a safe way to donate to the Ukrainian effort, Chef Andres World Central Kitchen is a secure choice. Make your check payable to... World Central Kitchen, Inc. and mail to: World Central Kitchen, Attn: Donor Services Team, 200 Mass Ave NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20001

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