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mission is evangelization among the materially poor**

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## **We Seek to Imitate St. Joseph's Humility and Immediate Obedience**

Dear Friends of LAMP,

It is a wonderful grace for all of us to have this year be universally dedicated to St. Joseph by the Catholic Church. Over these months, many of us have reflected more deeply on his place and role as a "spiritual father", read articles or books about him, even made a Consecration to St. Joseph. A LAMP prayer to and drawing of St. Joseph was enclosed in LAMP's last Newsletter. Even though this "Year Dedicated to St Joseph" will be coming to an end on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of his spouse and our Mother Mary, we would like to again draw attention to him. We all know that he has been proclaimed the "Patron of the Universal Church" (by Pope Pius IX in 1870). We have often heard that there are no spoken words of his quoted in the New Testament. Yet his humility and immediate obedience to the direction of an Angel (on three occasions), can serve us for hours of meditation and guidance as we each seek to grow in living our Christian vocation. He amplifies his Old Testament namesake in being a "provider" (Genesis: Ch. 41-45). We have most certainly experienced this attribute of St. Joseph over these 40 years of LAMP, as we daily pray for his intercession for LAMP's needs.

We pray that the content of this Newsletter will contribute to the strengthening of your Christian call, as well as the intercessory role of St. Joseph in your life.

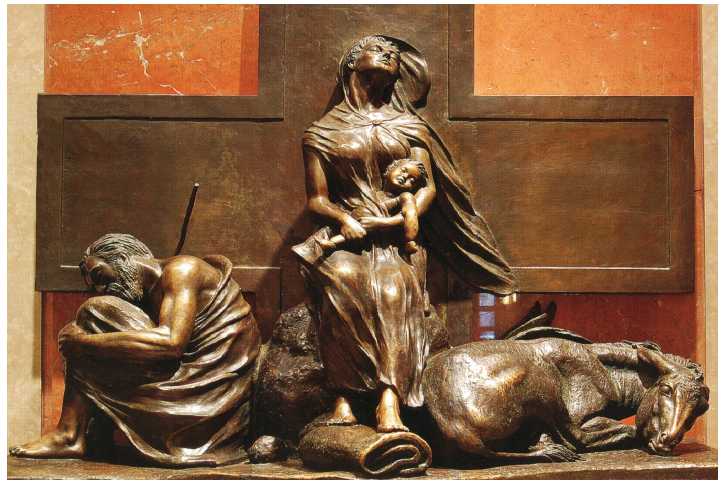
With gratitude and prayers,

Tom Scheuring, Ph.D.  
Director

Marybeth & Ed Greene  
Pastoral Directors

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*(Below) A friend of LAMP rests on a stretch of grass in the S. Bronx near the LAMPcafé, where we serve and pray with those who live in the homeless shelter across the street. Our 6 month pregnant friend lives there with her husband.*



*"The Holy Family at Rest", where each figure offers a meditation.*  
In bronze, from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Photo ©P. Neil Ralley.

## St. Joseph, from the Archives

Sr. Joseph Therese, CFR, served with LAMP for a year before entering religious life. When she received her religious name, she shared with us that she had grown in her relationship with St. Joseph during her time with LAMP, in particular through praying the LAMP prayer to St. Joseph at noon every day.

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Julio Demasi, who served with LAMP for quite a few years both in NYC and in Steubenville, Ohio, and then taught high school theology in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, had a wonderful experience of God's amazing providence, tied into LAMP's devotion to St. Joseph. Julio had been serving on the LAMPcafé one day, and more hungry people than usual came for faith and food, so much so that sandwiches ran out. The next thing Julio knew, a bread truck driving by stopped, and the driver asked Julio if he could use 2 enormous bags of loaves of bread. God provided, and St. Joseph's provision and intercession was surely a part of that little miracle.



(Above)) Each day before going out to ministry, the LAMP Missionaries with volunteers gather before the Blessed Sacrament, and asking the intercession of our Holy Mother Mary and St. Joseph, pray that Jesus will be present and active, touching with His love and healing those who come to them.



(L.) This sculpture by former LAMP Missionary Bethany Lee was given to LAMP. It communicates her experience of how St. Joseph led her into the city with his lamp when she first came to LAMP from the Midwest and was a little fearful of NYC. Joseph helped her!



(Above) LAMP Missionaries **Elisabetta Anelli**, (on left), **Danny Valdez** (in blue, with volunteer Jose Luna behind him), and **Matthew Fulton** (bending over), explains how to read the Scriptures to a gentleman who lives on the street in the Times Square area.

## A Visit with Joseph's Family

I sat down on a wooden chair,  
Kind St. Joseph placed it there  
For me.  
Mary's glance was warm and bright  
It made the very dark of night  
Recede.  
Only silence filled the cave  
Before me was the shining Babe  
Adored.  
Slipping down upon my knees  
Releasing hopes and tears and pleas  
Once more.  
That Baby heartbeat quick and sure  
Moved me toward Him in my core,  
My Lord!

-Marybeth Mutmanskyy Greene  
LAMP Missionary





## Scenes from the Streets

*LAMP Missionary **Matthew Fulton** shares a warm smile and the power of God's Word with a woman whose hunger, physical and spiritual, brought her to the LAMPcafé.*

Recently a young woman, we'll call Serenity, came to the LAMPcafé as we were parked and serving near her shelter where she lives in the S. Bronx. We offered her a sandwich and LAMP's little red card that states, "You are precious in God's eyes." (Cf Is. 43:4)

She looked at the card and exclaimed: "Oh, I have one of those! Someone gave one to me a while ago when I stopped by here." She began to tell us that she had just been released from the hospital after a couple of weeks being very sick with Covid. She said that right before she got sick she had stopped by the LAMPcafé and one of the LAMP Missionaries had given her a "precious" card, along with a lunch, and kindness. At that time she wrote the date on the back of the card and put it in her pocket as a reminder that someone believes in her. She said it was the first time in a long time that she had experienced that.

When she was taken to the hospital, she had no identification on her, just the "precious" card in her pocket. She was in a coma, known only as "Jane Doe." When she woke up, the first thing she saw was that precious card placed right next to her on her hospital tray. She still has it.

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Alexis, living in a shelter, came up to the LAMPcafé all happy and exclaimed, "You're prayers worked! Things are looking good with housing and my daughter. You gave me this Rosary last time and I always keep it on me. Thank you!"

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Anne Marie, also from a homeless shelter, was on the phone with her fiancé when she came to the LAMPcafé. She told us she just became engaged, and we greeted her fiancé over the phone. As she was walking away we said "Bye, Anne Marie!" and then we heard her say into the phone, "Yeah, they know me by name here."

*- Elisabetta Anelli, LAMP Missionary*

### *-Matthew Fulton, LAMP Missionary*

from her.  
God's eyes", and her dignity can't be taken  
LAMP's presence, she knows she is "precious in  
words, "I know I am good." Encouraged by  
stand up for herself, because, in her own  
abusive and aggressive. She was unafraid to  
with a man at the shelter, until he became  
Recently Pam was in a brief relationship  
that.  
love we are there to give, and she experiences  
our own but in the name of the Lord. It is His  
is such a difference about us, who come not on  
comes solely to hand out food. She said, there  
of another food truck that comes by, one that  
difference between LAMP's presence and that  
She recently remarked about the  
to show it.  
past couple of years, and her face has the scars  
undergone great personal tragedy over the  
living in a shelter in the S. Bronx. She has  
know Pam, a strong and courageous woman  
blessed over the past couple months to get to  
LAMP Missionaries have been so



*A homeless couple who came to the LAMPcafé walk a few steps away from the truck and immediately open the New Testament that they received, and began reading it together.*

## Warmest Welcome

In August, **Danny Valdez** emptied his San Antonio apartment, said goodbye to his family and friends, and boarded a train bound for NYC and service as a LAMP Missionary. Danny, a veteran and an author, is now serving the materially poor and growing in the love of Jesus' beating Heart.



Danny (l.)  
And  
Elisabetta  
(r.)



September saw **Elisabetta Anelli** arrive to begin her service as a LAMP Missionary. Elisabetta is from Vermont, a teacher and campus minister, and just completed a Master's in theology.

Lord, you know Danny and Elisabetta so well. Please be very close to them each day, and anoint their ministry and their lives.

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### A Need LAMP Has

Are you aware of anyone who might have a good running, not very old car who would like to donate it? The car would be used for the glory of God and for sharing the love of Jesus with His poor. St. Joseph, please help us with this need!

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Christmas fill you with  
peace as never before!  
Blessed Christmas and  
a Holy New Year!



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