

# Along the way

*"Were not our hearts burning within us as he opened the Scriptures for us along the way." — Luke 24:32*

A publication of **sabbath retreats** the preaching ministry of Father Lou Papes

## 10 years with Food for the Poor

It was the weekend of June 12-13, 1999, when I first preached a homily for the poor of Central America and Caribbean at my own parish of Christ the King in East Cleveland.

Bishop Anthony Pilla, then Bishop of Cleveland, had granted me a leave of absence from that pastorate to preach for Food for the Poor. I asked to preach my first homily at my own church so the parishioners had some idea what I would be doing with the year off.

Though a permanent position was not initially intended, after a second year was offered by the Bishop, I knew that I could never go back to administering a parish. I remember reflecting that as a pastor I found myself spending the majority of my time on budgets, bills and bureaucracy--managing a major organization. I had been ordained to teach, preach and preside.

Bishop Pilla eventually released me from my obligations to the Diocese of Cleveland and approved my joining the Diocese of Georgetown, Guyana in South America, whose bishop, Francis Alleyne, OSB, has assigned me to live in the United States indefinitely and to preach on behalf of the poor through Food for the Poor.

This has also freed me to continue preaching parish missions and retreats through **sabbath retreats**, my personal preaching ministry. Sharing the Word in preaching and celebrating Eucharist is the true gift of priesthood. What a blessing!

## Final hard copy

As this issue of **Along the Way** is being prepared, the Post Office again has raised its rates. With over 500 copies being mailed, it is becoming increasingly expensive to "snail mail," as opposed to free email.

A previous issue encouraged sign-up for the email version of this newsletter, leaving open the option of receiving it via the Post Office. There was a modest response. However, this will be the final hard copy of this newsletter.

To receive future newsletters and weekly homilies you can either be placed in my address book by sending your email address to

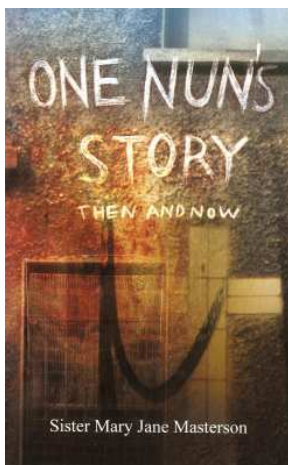
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or check my website for weekly homilies, schedule and future newsletters at

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Thanks, Lou

## One nun's story that's more than just one nun's story



One of the unique gifts to the Church of Cleveland is the community of religious women who have nurtured the Faith within the diocese since its inception.

Thankfully, one of them has given us a unique narrative of her life that at the same time charms and challenges us. Sr. Mary Jane Masterson's **One Nun's Story: Then and Now** is a reflection on a life that navigated one of the most transitional, even tumultuous, periods in church history. A reflection that needs as much exposure as possible.

To that end **sabbath retreats** is sponsoring a book tour for this remarkable woman. Those interested in having Mary Jane at a church or club meeting can call 216-267-7207 or Contact Mary Jane directly at 216-941-9118.



Sr. Mary Jane Masterson, csj

## Saint Martin de Porres High School does it right

For the last two years I have been honored to minister on occasion to the students and faculty of St. Martin de Porres High School in Cleveland.

Saint Martin de Porres High School opened in fall 2004 to provide high-quality college-preparatory education to young people in Cleveland, OH, who would not otherwise be able to afford such an education. For funding, the school relies on an innovative Corporate Work Study Program first used at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, IL.

According to a recent article in *America* magazine, "Each student works five days each month in an entry-level clerical job in a professional work environment. The objective of these jobs is to reinforce the capabilities--reading comprehension, mathematics, discipline, a strong work ethic--that students need to be successful in college and career.

"The money Cristo Rey students earn from their jobs covers most of their school's operating costs. The remainder is covered by modest tuition payments and similarly modest fund-raising campaigns."

Saint Martin de Porres is located in the former St. Vitus elementary school in Cleveland. The school has forged partnerships with a number of businesses and not-for-profit organizations in and around Cleveland. In the fall of 2007, the school year began with a full contingent of four classes of students. They now have a student body of 368 students.

This June they graduate their second graduating class who, like their first, have all been accepted into college! That's doing it right! Check out their website: [www.saintmartincleveland.org](http://www.saintmartincleveland.org)



Photo by St. Martin H.S.  
Saint Martin's Gospel Choir sings at Mass of the Holy Spirit.

## Miles traveled, lessons learned

Looking back over the last ten years with Food for the Poor, it boggles my mind that I have preached in 388 parishes in 120 dioceses in 43 states. Add to those figures the 64 churches in which I have preached parish missions and the total in ten years is 452 churches! I have come to appreciate the deep concern our people have for the poor: over 29,000 new donors have contributed more than 1.5 million dollars to the poor. What an awesome ministry!

At the same time seeing the Church of the US has been an education. I have seen a Church struggling with 30-40 % attendance and priests stretched by the priest shortage. Many are pastoring two or three, even four parishes. These have become the most critical issues in the Church today.

Through Food for the Poor and our pilgrimages to the countries we serve, I have also come to understand the stark contrast between the way I live and the way our brothers and sisters in Central America and the Caribbean live. It has made my preaching on their behalf a profoundly personal mission.

Someone recently asked what was the most memorable event of the last ten years. Aside from the profound experience of visiting the poor, it has to be accepting a check for \$100,000 from a woman who wasn't even a parishioner of the church in which I was preaching. The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways! [www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org)

After ten years my gratitude rests with Bishop Pilla, Bishop Alleyne and Food for the Poor for allowing me "to be priest."

## Preaching Schedule: Summer, 2009

*Food for the Poor preaching assignments unless otherwise noted in bold.*

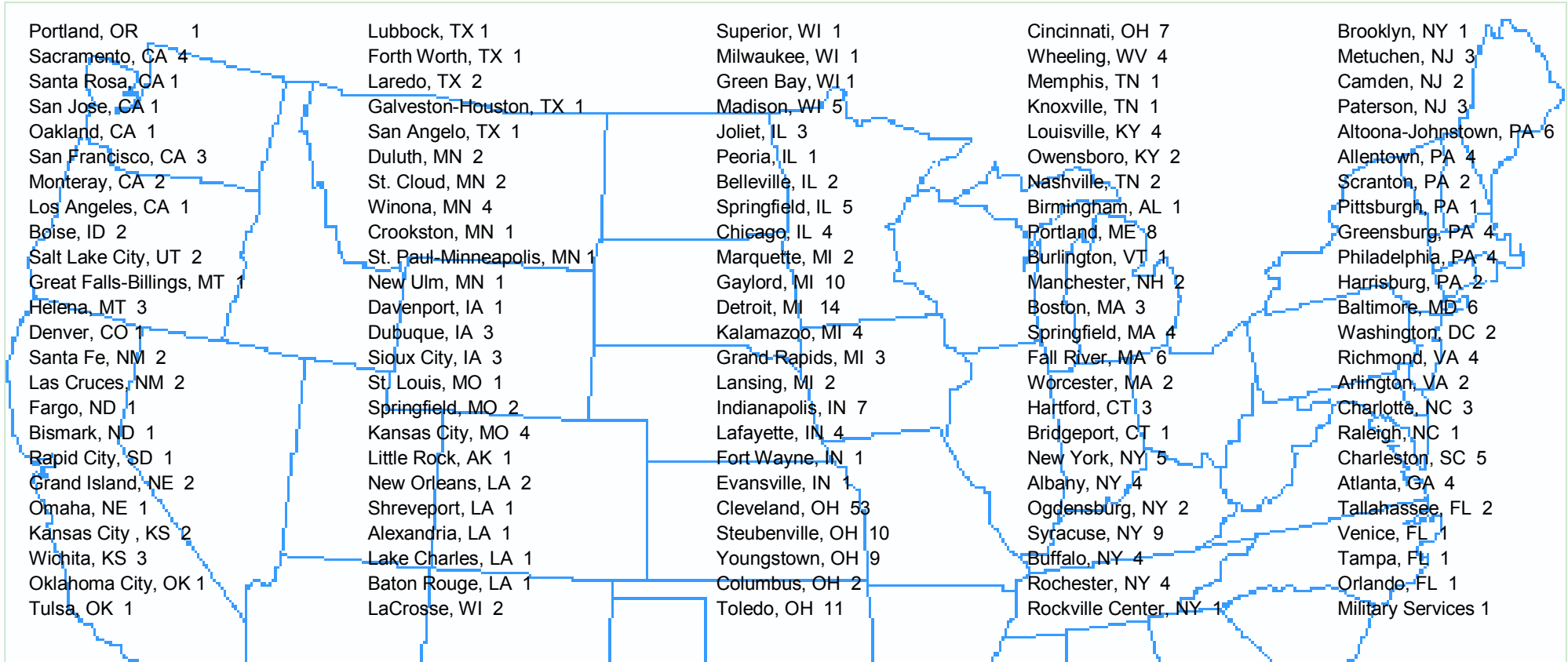
<b>JUNE, 2009</b>			<b>AUGUST 2009</b>		
June 6-7	St. Michael	St. Michael, PA	August 1-2	Divine Mercy	Paulding, OH
<b>June 8-17</b>	<b>13th Century Cathedrals</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>	August 8-9	St. John	Philadelphia, PA
June 20-21	St. Bernard	Crawfordsville, IN	August 22-23	St. Ann	Stoughton, WI
June 27-28	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Niles, OH	August 29-30	Our Lady of Hope	Buffalo, NY
<b>JULY, 2009</b>			<b>SEPTEMBER, 2009</b>		
July 4-5	St. Joseph of the Palisades	West New York, NJ	September 5-6	St. Peter/St. Casmir	Westfield, MA
July 11-12	St. Ambrose	Little Hocking, OH	September 12-13	St. Agnes	Lock Haven, PA
<b>July 18-21</b>	<b>Good Shepherd</b>	<b>Tallahassee, FL</b>	September 19-20	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Hammond, IN
	<i>Sabbath Retreats Parish Mission</i>		September 26-27	St. Edward/St. Lucy	Parkman, OH
July 25-26	Fort Hood Catholic Community	Fort Hood, TX			
<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Celebration Liturgy Conference</b>	<b>Cincinnati, OH</b>			

# Preaching on Behalf of Food for the Poor 1999-2009

**10 YEARS**

**120 DIOCESES IN 43 STATES**

**388 PARISHES**



**64 Parish Missions**

**sabbath retreats 1995-2009**

**22 States**

Garfield Heights, OH  
Maple Heights, OH  
Brunswick, OH  
Brook Park, OH  
Hinckley, OH  
Ashtabula, OH  
Cincinnati, OH  
Rome, NY

Oneonta, NY  
Hempstead, NY  
Fishers, IN  
Pensacola, FL (2)  
Apopka, FL  
Winter Garden, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Old Bridge, NJ

Boonton, NJ  
Dover, NJ  
Hackettstown, NJ  
Grayling, MI  
Gaylord, MI  
Jackson, MI  
Mount Morris, MI  
Detroit, MI  
Gaylord, MI

Boston, MA  
Lowell, MA  
Braintree, MA  
Winchester, MA  
Lexington, MA  
Albert Lea, MN  
Winona, MN  
Joliet, IL

Huntingdon, PA  
New Hope, PA  
Erie, PA  
Pottstown, PA  
Springfield, PA  
Philadelphia, PA (3)  
Lookout Mountain, GA  
Brusly, LA  
New Orleans, LA

Santa Monica, CA  
Santa Maria, CA  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
St. Louis, MO  
Affton, MO  
Greendale, WI  
Green Bay, WI  
Mount Pleasant, SC  
Charleston, SC

Goldsboro, NC  
South Boston, VA  
Great Falls, MT  
Fort Benton, MT  
Havre, MT  
Broomfield, CO (2)  
Essex Junction, VT  
West River, MD  
Grand Island, NE

**“IS THE UNIVERSE A FRIENDLY PLACE OR NOT?”** – Albert Einstein

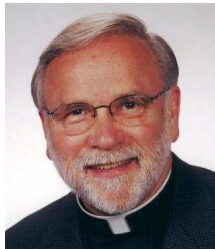
## **A Retreat Reflecting on the Cosmic Christ**

**“Universe is about 13.7 billion years old”** *Science Magazine, 2003*

**“All things were created through Christ and for him”** *Colossians 1:16*

**“You made us the stewards of your creation”** *Preface V for Ordinary Time*

The recent unraveling of the mysteries of the Universe compels us to re-examine Einstein's question and to seek an answer that will energize our faith in the Cosmic Christ. This retreat will probe the cosmic story and its connection to our story, seeking its impact on life's journey. Father Lou and Sister Mary Ellen have a wide experience in retreat ministry and are passionate about the power of story to uncover life's mysteries. [Register TODAY!](#)



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