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You are cordially invited to attend the 23rd annual

CELEBRATION OF CARING:
**“Rise, take the child and his mother,
and flee to Egypt”**

FOR THE BENEFIT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
Sunday, February 28th, 2010

The program includes the presentation of the *Cor Christi (Heart of Christ) Award*, which recognizes persons or a group demonstrating love of neighbor, perfectly illustrated to us by the heart of Christ. This year's recipients are Bob & Pam McCabe

Please join us for this special evening!



CELEBRATION OF CARING RESERVATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Yes, I/We will attend. Enclosed is \$_____ to reserve _____ places at Celebration of Caring 2010 (\$65.00 per person, \$130.00 per couple OR \$55.00 per person for those 60 or over)

Name of attendee(s): _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Daytime phone: _____ Parish: _____

No, I/we are unable to attend this year. Please accept the enclosed donation of \$_____ for Catholic Social Services.

A check is enclosed to sponsor the complimentary attendance (\$65) of _____ priest(s)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Mail this form, along with names of attendees (if attending) and appropriate fee no later than 2/15/10 to:

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Clark

3330 Woods Avenue Lincoln, NE 68510

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Saint Marcian

A life devoted to charity

This fifth century saint of Roman birth lived his entire life in Constantinople. Although related to the emperor Theodosius II, not much is known about this great saint's early life although it has been related that from an early age he spent his time in watchful prayer and fasting in the imitation of St. John the Baptist. The name Marcian must have been a common name during his lifetime because in addition to there being multiple other saints by the name of Marcian, this St. Marcian having had the calling to the priesthood was ordained a priest by Archbishop Anatolius during the reign of Emperor Marcian.

It seems those who resented the heroic exercise of virtue by St. Marcian accused him of being a member of the heretical sect of Novatianism (started by a wayward priest Novatian) who believed that Christians who practiced idolatry under

duress and threat of martyrdom could not be pardoned. He even went so far as to make himself an antipope. Due to the holiness and fidelity of St. Marcian, these untrue accusations were eventually all disproven.

As St. John said in his first letter in the New Testament, the evidence of our love of God is our love of neighbor. "If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 Jn 3:17) And further, "He who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). From what we know of his life, St. Marcian loved our Lord immensely because he spent his entire adult life raising money for the poor and needy. Because of this, he is a perfect patron for Catholic charity organizations.

As we begin the New Year, let us examine our lives and ask ourselves if we too love God. What is the proof of our love of God? Our love of neighbor, since God lives in each other as we were all created in His image and likeness. St. Marcian, pray for us, and help us imitate your love of God and charity to your neighbors!

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Agency Update- January 2010

Shelter from the storm

Dear Friend in Christ,

Recently, a young man suffering with cancer and the side effects of his treatments came in for help. One of his nurses recommended he contact us. He came through our doors in the middle of our last cold snap without a winter coat. In addition, he was using his kitchen oven for heat.

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors scattered across southern Nebraska, we were able to give him a warm hooded winter coat, food, furniture, and cash assistance to turn his heat on. Unfortunately, there are many others like him.

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers, materially with your house hold items that are not needed and a cash donation according to your means so we can continue to help needy individuals and families like the above young man.

Please know that we at Catholic Social Services will keep you, your family and intentions in our prayers as we routinely pray for our benefactors every morning at 8:30.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Christophe Kubat
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Executive Director

Social Services- Lincoln

Thanks to our donors and volunteers,

thousands served through the CSS' St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe

One of the reasons we felt it was important to move our Lincoln Social Services program closer to the downtown area was to make it easier for our clientel to access our services. If last month's CSS St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe was any indication, then mission accomplished! The St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe is one of our programs that we offer in December. Toys for this program are supplied through Giving Tree programs in and around Lincoln as well as individual donations. Each child receives one new toy and one article of clothing. Tickets are passed out to clients in advance assigning them a specific hour to attend the Toy Shoppe. This past year's Toy Shoppe was held on Tuesday, December 22nd at our new location at 2241 O Street. Response was so great that "St. Nick's helpers" had to make three emergency runs to restock the store! Through the generosity of our donors, our St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe was able to provide toys and clothing to 3,213 children this year, an increase of more than 1,000 children from the 2008 Toy Shoppe held at our former location on Eldon Drive. Thank you to all who helped make this year's CSS St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe a huge success!



Our Catholic Culture

January: Month of the Holy Child

There has been a tradition in the Catholic faith to honor the Holy Child during the month of January. In the Philippines, the Sinulog is a festival held in honor of the Santo Nino (Holy Child). It originated when the explorer Ferdinand Magellan brought the statue of the Infant Jesus to the Philippines and presented it to Queen Juana. Today, festival ceremonies begin with an early morning parade and a re-enacting of the arrival of the Spaniards. The Holy Mass and Sinulog procession follow, with the people dancing while holding images of the Santo Nino aloft.

Many throughout Church history have had a strong devotion to the Infant Jesus, including Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Another Carmelite, venerable Margaret of the Blessed Sacrament, founded the Family of the Child Jesus association on March 24, 1636. It still exists today, under the title of "The Archconfraternity of the Infant Jesus," a name given by Pope Pius IX in 1885. The association promotes the recitation of the Chaplet of the Holy Infant Jesus. Begin with: *Divine Infant Jesus, I adore Your Cross, and I accept all the crosses You will be pleased to send me. Adorable Trinity, I offer You for the glory of the Holy Name of God all the adorations of the Sacred Heart of the Holy Infant Jesus.* On the Rosary beads, pray the Our Father three times in honor of the Holy Family. Then pray twelve Hail Marys in honor of the twelve years of Our Lord's Childhood. Each Our Father and the first Hail Mary is preceded by the words, *And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.* On finishing the chaplet, say *Holy Infant, bless and protect us.*



First Friday Fish Fry

Join us for our First Friday Fish Fry! All net proceeds will go to support our St. Gianna Women's Homes. Come enjoy a great meal for a great cause! Here are the 2010 Fish Fry dates:

- ♦ February 5 No CSS Fish Fry during Lent- March or April
- ♦ May 7 ♦ June 4 ♦ July 2
- ♦ August 6 ♦ September 3 ♦ October 1
- ♦ November 5 ♦ December 3

Take Out
Available!

From
5 pm-7pm on
the east side of
our building
at 23rd & O!

2241 "O" Street
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

\$8 per person

\$30 per family includes:

♦ Baked or Fried Entree

♦ Sides

♦ Dessert ♦ Beverage

Try our
catfish!

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Catholic Social Services
& Murray's For Men of Stature
Present



Sunday, February 7th
3:00 PM

Pius X High School

6000 "A" Street- Lincoln

Performers include:

Mac McCune Darryl White
Dennis Schneider Kevin Murray Tom Kelly
Barb Schmit Dean Haist Debbie Bouffard
and more!

Hats will be passed for a
free-will offering with
proceeds going to Catholic Social Services

Contact Kevin Murray at
466-6798 for more information