I GAVE YOU EUCHARIST

BY BISHOP CHRISTIAN HOLLINGS AND REV. ANTHONY GITTENS, C.S.Sp.

He was old and tired, pushing his cart down the alley, a dumpster diver up to his armpits in someone’s garbage. I wanted to tell him about Eucharist, but the look in his eyes, the despair on his face– was it fear or madness? The shame of needing someone else’s garbage told me to just forget it. Instead I smiled and said “Hi” and gave him a couple dollars - Eucharist.

She lived alone, daughter murdered, husband dead, health gone. She talked incessantly and with amazing and tedious detail—at you but not with you. Endless words spewed out, the only proof that she was still alive. So I tried to listen and gave her - Eucharist. They were sitting on the sidewalk at the street corner. Human garbage by some people’s reckoning. Not respectable. Not the right ethnicity though this land was theirs before others took it from them. She asked for a handout. He sat looking at the ground. I had the day off and plenty of time. So we went for a meal at the fast food joint. They ordered what they wanted. I paid the bill- Eucharist.

Good God, when will we learn? You can’t just talk about Eucharist. You can’t philosophize or dogmatize about it. You can only do it - sometimes laughing, sometimes crying, sometimes almost unconsciously, and sometimes when you are singing out loud. It can happen in the depth of pain or in deep peace, or in abject shame. It doesn’t have to be planned. And it’s never deserved. Eucharist can be found when you look

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into the eyes of another person. It can be sensed in a smile or felt in a reconciling or healing embrace. It may whisper in the leaves on a summer's day or in the voice of someone who just needs to talk. And you may whisper it in someone's ear or hold it in your arms as a gesture of love. Eucharist is not complicated, but it surely is the great mystery of human life.

“I give you my word, my hand, my time, my attention. I give you the very best of myself, I give you my life. I give you Eucharist,” says Jesus. “Do this yourself every one of you, everywhere, anywhere. And when you do, remember me. Remember me.”

FAIR TRADE MOVIE SCREENING, NITESPOT

MONDAY, OCT. 20 | 7 P.M. | UNION 1ST FLOOR

Join us for a screening of Living with Coffee, a short documentary on the making of coffee! We will have a student panel and talk about ways Fair Trade and Direct Trade impact the lives of coffee farmers. Fair Trade mochas and cookies made with Fair Trade ingredients will be available for free! All are welcome! For more information contact Kate Lecci at leccik@duq.edu.

CATHOLIC ARTISTIC IMAGINATION SERIES

MUSIC AS THERAPY

TUESDAY, OCT. 21 | 4-5:30 P.M. | UNION 613

Music therapy is a 60 year old profession with principles of practice founded in human experiences of music. Dr. Elaine Abbott will share her expertise in an informal and experiential format. You will learn about music therapy as a profession and, by listening to music together, appreciate how its principles operate. As usual we will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in a relaxed and collegial setting. Attendance is open to all faculty, staff and graduate students. To RSVP, email universityevents@duq.edu.

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SAINTS

We give thanks for all the saints,
Signs of hope for us,
In a time when hope is often difficult to discern.

We give thanks for the communion of saints,
Our living body--hope in the flesh,
Our communities of faith.

We give thanks for the saints that surround us,
For our own call to sainthood,
We give thanks for all the saints.
Signs of hope for us
In a time when hope is often difficult to discern.

We give thanks for the saints that surround us,
For our own call to sainthood, That challenge of baptism.
That creative, disruptive grace,
That instinctive turning toward the human family.

We are images of each other,
We are a ruckus chorus announcing the kingdom of God:
Hear it and know
It calls us home.

by Jane Deren, Education for Justice

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: NOVEMBER 1

We have all known persons who, although often very humble, have given an authentic, admirable and inspiring example of holiness to those close to them. It is right and fitting to celebrate them by associating their memory with that of the saints who are named by the church, as well as the countless others that no such register could possibly contain, even if they were known.

The idea of holding one feast to celebrate all holy women and men seems to have started in the early centuries of Christianity. In this time, saints were proclaimed by members of their villages and towns. In 844 A.D. Pope Gregory IV set Nov. 1 as the date to celebrate the life and sacrifices of all the saints. In the tenth century, the first canonizations took place, with official statements by the pope that these men and women have shown love, joy and service to others and Christ. In recent times, the process of canonizations has become a very thorough procedure involving many years of investigation and reflection. The number of canonized saints is relatively small, yet the martyrology includes over 10,000 names. The Feast of All Saints is something far more than a remembrance of the good people who lived on earth. It is a shared celebration of the communion of saints, including ourselves and of our recognition that all creation is united in the spirit.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS: NOVEMBER 2

November is traditionally the month for remembrance of all the dead. We especially remember those loved ones who first loved us, handed on the faith to us and gave us enduring examples of compassion, courage, integrity and service. Masses for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 2 at all Sunday liturgies in the Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

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Spiritan Campus Ministry Center Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to Midnight  •  Saturday-Sunday: Noon to Midnight
What is Spiritan Campus Ministry?

Spiritan Campus Ministry is much more than a group of individuals or an agenda of programs or opportunities for service. It is the Spirit of Duquesne University…the Spirit that moves, that leads, that guides.

SCM serves all students, faculty and staff—whatever their faith—by helping them understand and engage the University mission and Spiritan tradition so they can share it with each other, their communities and the world beyond.

Pastoral Care- Spiritan campus ministers are trained professionals, lay and ordained, men and women, who are available to serve the needs of Duquesne students, faculty and staff, especially on issues of faith, relationships and life's struggles.

Feel free to contact Spiritan Campus Ministry anytime, but especially when...

- you are worried about grades
- you are in conflict over friends or roommate
- you have questions about your sexuality
- you have concerns about your family or friends
- your faith is challenged
- you or someone you know is ill
- you have questions on morality
- you are facing issues of death and dying
- you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- you need spiritual direction
- you are considering becoming Catholic, or need preparation to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation and/or Reconciliation

BOOK OF LIFE 2014

The Church dedicates the month of November to the remembrance of our beloved who have passed on. Deceased Duquesne University alumni, family and friends of alumni will be remembered at all Masses in the University Chapel throughout the month. If you wish to have your deceased loved ones included in our Book of Life, please provide their names by the end of October. If you wish to have your deceased loved ones included in our Book of Life, please provide their names to Debbie Kostosky at kostosky@duq.edu by Oct. 31. The Book of Life will be brought up during the offertory of the annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 20, at noon.

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FAITH AND FOOD JUSTICE SERIES

FAIR TRADE CANDY BAR SIMULATION

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 | NOON
SPIRITIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTER 2ND FLOOR

Join us for the first event in a three-part series looking at food justice and how we, as people of faith, are called to walk in solidarity with those on the margins. Our first event is a fair trade candy bar simulation where we will break down the cost and process of making a chocolate bar. This is the perfect start to your Halloween festivities! If you are interested in attending or need more information about this series, please contact Kate Lecci at leccik@duq.edu.