From the beginning, there were those who followed Sisters Pat and JoAnn. They had a calling, the need to pray in front of Broadview Deportation Center every Friday morning. It took persistence and devotion to further validate that calling, and finally Sister Pat and Sister JoAnn were able to go inside the deportation center and pray with the deportees and their families. In deed it was the right thing to do, pastoral care to those in need. (cont. on page 2)

Program Director Retires

A special thank you goes out to Mary Naftzger, who has retired. Mary served on the ICDI Board of Directors for the past eight years, starting on the original partner’s board before ICDI was incorporated. Mary has also been the Director of the Court Watch Program for the past five years, which has become a vital ICDI program. Lucky for ICDI, Mary will continue with the Jail Ministry at McHenry County. We thank Mary for her past and future service. (cont. on page 2)
ICDI Volunteers: Broadview cont.

There is one volunteer who has been faithful to the needs of the deported immigrant and he is Pastor Bobby Lawson, of a Church of Christ in Matteson, IL. He is at Broadview every Friday morning.

At 5 a.m. on Friday mornings, volunteers arrive to meet and help the families of those being deported that day. One of them is usually Bobby with Elena Segura, program manager. They advise the families on what they can bring in when they visit.

At 7 a.m. three volunteers go inside. As families are called in, the officers bring deportees out. Sometimes a volunteer is asked to make a phone call to a deportee’s family member. Families do not always know their loved one is being deported. The volunteers are there to console, to listen, and to pray with the deportees.

By 7:15 a.m. anywhere from 30 – 50 – 100 people arrive, student groups, congregations, or devoted followers of the work, such as Bobby Lawson, who pray outside the building, rain or shine, heat or snow.

At 9:30 a.m. two volunteers board the bus waiting to take the deportees away. Their ministry is to pray with the deportees and to continue to listen and inform them of what will happen when they land. This Ministry is truly an ecumenical and multicultural experience, with different faith groups and ethnicities participating in ministering to our immigrant sisters and brothers.

Court Watch (cont.)

Students, religious leaders, and people of faith serve as a presence in the Immigration Court to let those involved in the court system know that people are watching and care about what happens to our immigrant sisters and brothers. It is our goal that, through monitoring and documenting, we can bring transparency to this broken system and support the urgent need for more just immigration policies. Court Watch is also a ministry of presence. Detainees are not physically present in court; they hear the proceeding and hear the judge via video camera. They are comforted knowing that there are Court Watch volunteers present. We thank all the court watch volunteers.
Jail Ministry

There are five teams of volunteer at each of the jail visitation locations, McHenry County and Kenosha County, WI. As with all ICDI ministries, this is a labor of love, expressed to our fellow human, through a listening ear, a falling tear, and helping hand.

We wish to thank our Jail Ministry teams, their hours of caring work, especially Sue Reckenthaler, one of the original jail ministers at McHenry County. Sue has just retired from the ICDI Board of Directors, after serving for eight years and starting with the original partner’s board. Her church, the Tree of Life Unitarian Church has been a strong supporter of ICDI as a congregation for the past several years. We are honored to have Sue continue as the point person for the McHenry County Jail Program.

Each of the two sets of teams, at both jails see approximately 50 - 60 detainees a week, which translates to 2,600 - 3,000 people a year.

This is pastoral care at its finest.

McHenry County Jail Team #5
Sue Reckenthaler—front row in between
Sister Pat and Sister JoAnn

Post-Detention Accompaniment Short-Term Program

We wish to thank all our short-term PDAN volunteers, but our special shout out thank you goes to team #1 from St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston, who started their on call and accompaniment duties in January 2011. This was our first team.

Our volunteers may be called to pick up a released detainee at 101 W. Congress, the Homeland Security office, and they help them get to their family somewhere in the United States. So the trip can be to the greyhound station, or for a safe overnight stay at one of the Marie Joseph Houses of Hospitality or St. Viator Parish. PDAN has space there, because the bus may not leave until the next day. Some travelers may need a meal; they may need to clean up. Occasionally the volunteers bring the individual into one of their homes if there is no room elsewhere. They stay with the released detainee until he or she boards the bus, in case there is a problem. Sometimes buses gets cancelled. Our immigrant sisters and brothers are in good hands.
In September 2015, the Interim President John P. Pelissero, Ph.D. of Loyola University Chicago informed the Executive Director of Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants (ICDI) that the organization was chosen to receive the University’s inaugural Martyrs’ Award. The award was created to honor a worthy faith-based organization with a monetary award of $25,000 in commemoration of the Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) martyrs’ in El Salvador and in support of the University’s commitment to social justice. The award was presented to ICDI on Monday, November 16, 2015, the anniversary of the UCA martyrdom, on Loyola’s Lakeshore Campus. Six Jesuit priests and also their housekeeper and her daughter were gunned down by the Salvadoran army in 1989, during the country’s brutal civil war.

The award itself, the $25,000, will be earmarked for future housing expansion for families, as more families, with great needs, many seeking asylum, come to the area. In addition to families, there are unaccompanied minor children who are under the threat of adult detention once they turn 18. ICDI has been able to house six of those children over the last few months. As Sister JoAnn put it, “we are so happy to be able to help these children celebrate their 18th birthdays instead of meeting them in adult detention.”

“The recognition of ICDI within the Loyola University community is a great honor and having the award be in commemoration of the martyrs’ is truly special, Sister JoAnn said. “I met one of the priests who was murdered, Amando Lopez, S.J, on a visit to UCA. All the Jesuits living in the university house knew their lives were in danger.”

“I was honored and thrilled to read the letter from University President Pelissero informing us that ICDI was chosen, said Sister JoAnn Persch, RSM, Executive Director of ICDI, an alumna of Loyola University Chicago. “This award recognizes our programs and the many wonderful staff and volunteers.”
WHAT IS #GIVINGTUESDAY?

We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals.

Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. It’s a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone you can about how you are giving. Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity which will benefit ICDI.

Go to our Facebook page, share our posts with your friends, make a donation. Go online and make a donation - www.icdichicago.org.

**We have a generous donor, John W. Rowe, who has pledged $1,000 as a challenge match.**
Every gift will be matched by Mr. Rowe up to a total of $1,000. Double the impact of your donation. To participate, but you don’t like to make donations online, send us a check in the mail to arrive around December 1st. Make a notation on the check that this is for Giving Tuesday! *We Thank You!*

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**Wish List**

Please consider making an in kind donation to fulfill our wish list:
The Post Detention Accompaniment Ministry, Broadview and Visitation Ministries are in particular need of the following items.

- Nonperishable food items, especially beans, rice, cereals and canned vegetables.
- New men’s underwear in medium and large sizes.
- CTA (Ventra) cards.
- International phone cards.
- Art supplies for use at the Children’s Centers: crayons, paper, brushes, craft paint.
- Shoelaces
- English and Spanish bibles (paperback form)
- Monetary donations to help offset the cost of replenishing detainees’ commissary accounts at both the McHenry County and Kenosha County jails.
- Men’s t-shirts & underwear (new) sizes M or L.
- Blue Jeans (new or gently worn) sizes 34, 36, 38 - Length 28, 30, 32.

*Thank you!*
Memorials:
Virginia "Ginger" Grosh
Daughter-in-Law of Virginia B. Grosh
By Virginia Grosch
Sr. Jean Stickney
By Peg Schneider
Rosemary Warren
By Mary Ellen Streit
Rosemary Ciuson
on her birthday
By Bernadine Karge
Sister M. Vincent Schafer, RSM,
By Marican Deisenroth, RSM
Christopher McDonnell
Son of Carolyn McDonnell
By JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM

Honors:
In honor of Carolyn McDonnell’s birthday,
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In honor of Carolyn McDonnell’s birthday,
by Dr. Richard M. and Mary E. Pauli
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by David and Anna Mary Wallace

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In the News
“Out of the habit, into the fire” (featuring our very own Sister JoAnn)

“Not even Immigration and Customs Enforcement can stop two Chicago-area nuns bent on bringing humanity to system”

Woodstock, Ill.—This time, Astrid Morataya asks for a map of the world.

Dressed in a orange prison jumpsuit, Morataya, who has been in McHenry County Jail for 14 months in the midst of ongoing deportation proceedings, tells the volunteer sitting across from her in the prison library that many of the immigrant women detained here have little concept of where they are or of the many miles they have traveled.

To read the article in its entirety, go to:

http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/8/3/deportation-immigrantsice.html,

Or find the link on our website, www.icdichicago.org., under In the News
Double Your Impact
Corporate Matching Donations

Did you know? That on average, one in 10 companies match employee donation?

By simply completing a matching gift form from your company, you may be able to double or even triple the impact of your gift to ICDI.

If you volunteer with us, your employer may provide us with a grant as a way to recognize your ongoing support. Most employers include spouses and retirees in their matching gift program.

Any gift amount is welcome and appreciated. The work of ICDI is vital for our immigrant community. ICDI is 100% privately funded and depends on donations from its loyal supporters.

To find out if your company participates in a gift match program, please go on our website www.icdichicago.org. Click on the tab WAYS YOU CAN HELP and click on the highlighted words view this list. If your company is mentioned, consider the company match and doubling the impact of your gift.

Did You Know?

This is a series of questions and answers, in both the two newsletters and on our Facebook page which challenge your knowledge of ICDI. The first one appeared on Facebook.

For this newsletter, the question is - Did you know that ICDI is on Facebook now? AND the answer is, YES we are!
And the page is found under this URL - www.facebook.com/icdichicago.
Join us on Facebook, LIKE our page and our posts and spread the good work of ICDI to your friend and family connections.

Did you know that ICDI will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2017?
ICDI Board of Directors

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Fred Tsao

Welcome to Peg Casey and Duane Sigelko - new ICDI Board members.

New Logo

You may have noticed the new logo on some of the materials recently received or on the e-newsletters, and now on the website. Much like the old logo, the new one includes the different churches, which represent many of the faith groups that support ICDI. You may ask yourself or us, why did we make the change? We made the change because we were only borrowing the old one, and did not have rights to it. It was time to design one of our own.

Mission Statement

The Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants is a non-profit, faith-based organization of staff and volunteers called to respond actively and publicly to the suffering of all individuals and communities affected by immigration detention, deportation, and post-detention through pastoral care, advocacy, public witness and other activities.

Visit our updated website to learn what's new and to Donate.
www.icdichicago.org

Thank you!