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The Quarterly Newsletter of Catholic

"There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives – the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them."

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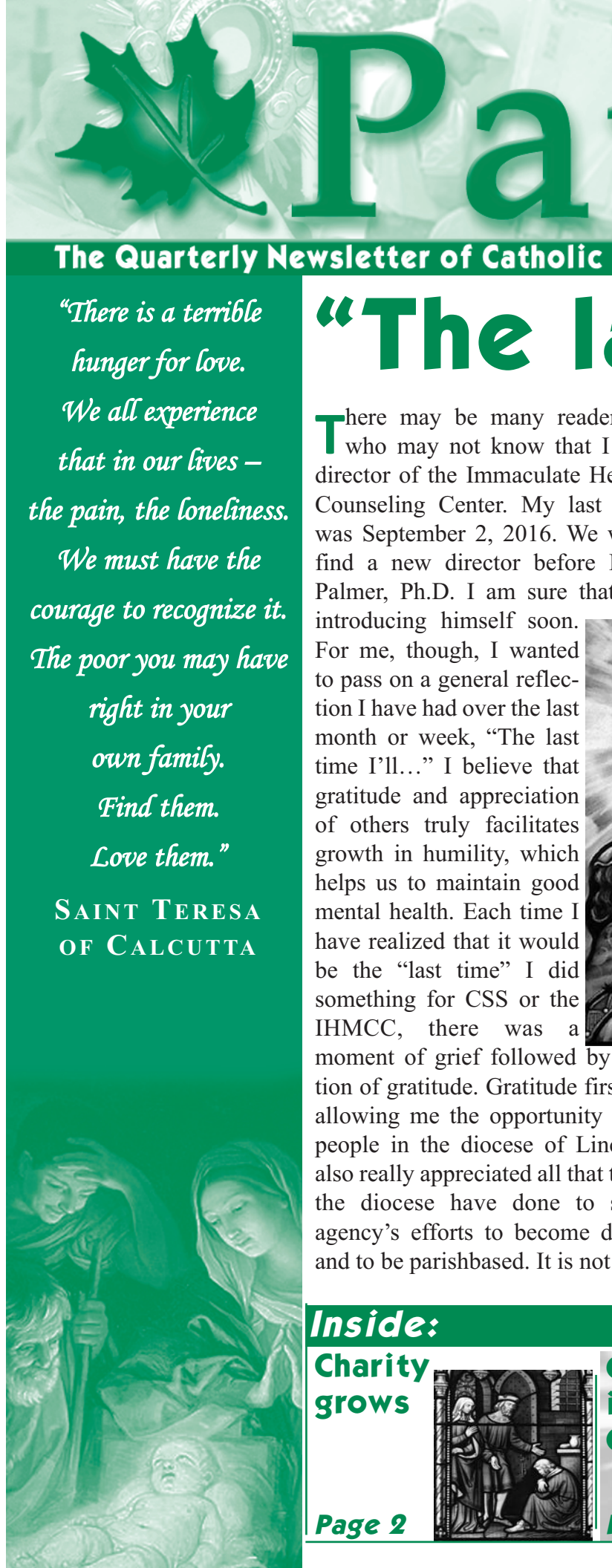
There may be many readers who may not know that I am the director of the Immaculate Heart Counseling Center. My last director was September 2, 2016. We need to find a new director before I leave. Palmer, Ph.D. I am sure that he will be introducing himself soon. For me, though, I wanted to pass on a general reflection I have had over the last month or week, "The last time I'll..." I believe that gratitude and appreciation of others truly facilitates growth in humility, which helps us to maintain good mental health. Each time I have realized that it would be the "last time" I did something for CSS or the IHMCC, there was a moment of grief followed by a reflection of gratitude. Gratitude first allowed me the opportunity to thank the people in the diocese of Lincoln who also really appreciated all that the diocese have done to support the agency's efforts to become diocesan and to be parishbased. It is not

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Charity grows



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Because his household has swelled to six, he has found a house that he and his daughters can afford, but since he used his small savings to get them here in the diocese, he needs help with the deposit and more furniture. Only because of the generosity of our loving donors are we able to respond to this and the countless other needs that present themselves to us.

Since you may have been wondering, his spiritual growth has continued from his days attending Mass and bible studies in prison. He continues to practice his Catholic faith and will be able to encourage his daughters and grandchildren to do the same.

I am most grateful for the grace of God who inspired this man to reach out to us during his prison days and beyond, and to the many generous supporters who because of their love have allowed us to help him. And because charity grows, after having helped him, he is now in a position to help his family.

Please consider helping us spiritually with your prayers and penances, materially with items around your home or farm, not needed, including vehicles, and with a cash donation, according to your means so we can continue to help the many individuals and families that come to us in crisis. Please know that we at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska will keep you, your family and intentions in our prayers!

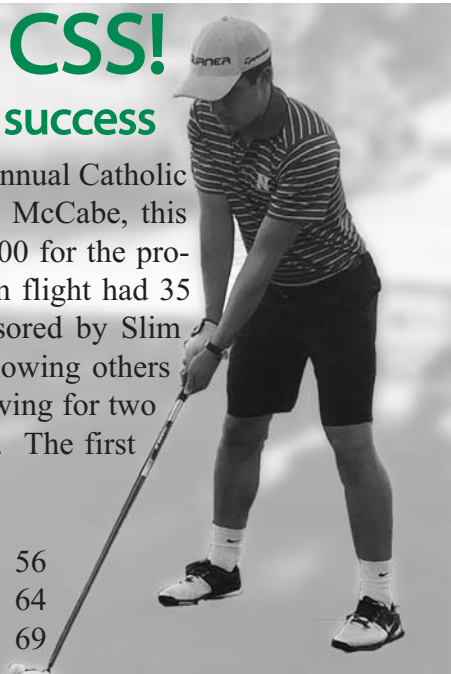


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Reaching out Answering Pope Francis'

Curt Krueger, Director of Social Services

Throughout the hot months of this past summer, the staff of Catholic Social Services in Lincoln took to heart Pope Francis' exhortation to go out to the fringes. A bike trail and waterway, created as part of the Antelope Valley project, runs right past our offices. After lunch we began going down underneath the bridges on N, O and P Street to hand out water, bedrolls and sometimes sandwiches to the homeless who found shade from the summer heat in the shadow of these bridges.

On any given day 10-20 individuals use the bridge for shelter from the elements, largely ignored by the many joggers and bicyclists who use the trail daily. They are Lincoln's invisible population. These individuals bear many crosses; substance abuse, mental illness, alcoholism, physical disability. Some are from Lincoln, others from small towns in Nebraska, and some from half-way around the world. There is a camaraderie that exists among the folks we visit that must come from surviving day to day. When someone asks for help, it is rare that they ask for themselves; usually they want a blanket for their friend, or someone else's shoes have holes and is there any way we could help replace them. A 60 year old man who wrestled in a small town in Nebraska and loves to talk about the KISS concerts he went to in the '70s, shares his sandwich with a thirtysomething Sudanese man who has lost the tips of his toes and fingers to frostbite.

Our daily visits are really quite simple. We visit for 30-45 minutes, learn their names, shake their hands and

St. Teresa o Sack Lunch

Though only offered from through Saturday, the Sack distributed over 10,000 sa Hastings program, which more in the lunch, distribu es last year. This tells us we ing the demand in Lincoln. meat and bread to help Curt Krueger at (402) 474-1

