



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

January 2020

St. Angela Merici and Katherine Hoefener

A lesson in the love of Christ

Reflect that in reality you have a greater need to serve the poor than they have of your service."

--St. Angela Merici

Have you ever heard of St. Angela Merici? She founded the Ursuline sisters and devoted her life to the education of young women. The Church celebrates her life on her feast day, January 27th. The Ursulines are trailblazers. They were the first congregation of women religious devoted to teaching. Consider asking St. Angela to pray for you at Mass on January 27th so that we may all know how precious we are in God's eyes and how vital each life is to the buildup of His Kingdom. St. Angela Merici had a large heart for the poor and she taught this in her words and her actions.

A young woman in our Diocese who emulates the virtues of St. Angela Merici is named Katherine Hoefener.



Katherine is an extraordinary young woman. She attends Cathedral of the Risen Christ School in Lincoln and she is a servant-leader in her school, community, and in our Diocese.

On August 6th, 2010, Katherine's cousin Grant Hoefener lost his life in a tubing accident on the Elkhorn River. Grant was a wonderful son, brother, grandson, godson, nephew, and cousin to the Hoefener family and a great friend to many others.

Katherine shares a birthday with Grant (see their picture from 2010) and his twin brother Heath. Their birthday is December 17th. Grant would have turned 28 this year. In Grant's honor, Katherine hosts a food drive in December and donates all of the food to the hungry through the St. Francis Food Pantry at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. Her work feeds hundreds of hungry people. She has done this for

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many years and she is a saint in the making by God's grace and we are astonished by her love for others.

In memory of her cousin Grant and in a celebration of his life, Katherine held another food drive this past December. In celebration of the season of Advent and Katherine's and Grant's birthday, Katherine and her family were able to donate 1160 pounds of food to the hungry! This young life is feeding and loving people she will probably never meet on this earth. This is what Christ's love is all about: helping others and not expecting anything in return. **Thank you for teaching us about the love of Christ, Katherine!!**

Please pray for our clients during these cold, winter months. If you would like to host your own food pantry for the hungry, let us know! We would be honored by your partnership with us.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. May we all join together to bring the Bread of Life to our neighbors here in The Good Life!!

St. Angela Merici, Pray for Us!

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