

# Mercy Seekers

“...Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” This is a line from a famous poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. It speaks about a love relationship with God, and it reminds me of the many people involved in Mary's Mercy Center. It is all about love. There are our volunteers who work very hard in the sweltering heat of the summer to prepare and serve food to the poor and homeless. There are the people who donate or finance us. Without their help, we could not survive. There are the parishes ever faithful to us who send in monies, donations and reverse collections who make our Wednesday give-away food bags possible. These are our people who look at our property and surroundings and volunteer and work to make improvements (they practice what they preach).

When one stops to consider all of the above, one is struck with awe and wonder. The answer is the hand and touch of the Lord. Sometimes we are inclined to take credit and boast of our accomplishments. But, when you pause and take a long look at Mary's Mercy Center, you have to acknowledge that it truly is the Lord's work. It is the Lord who has begun this good work (ministry) and by His hand and guidance, it continues. “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1

### How Do I Love Thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

—Fr. Mike



## EMERGENCY FOOD BAG GIVE-AWAYS

In addition to serving a hot meal six days a week, we also organize an emergency food bag give-away every Wednesday, save the first Wednesday of the month. Our guests stand in line early to receive their numbers, as we pass out much-needed rations on a first-come, first-served basis. There are two types of bags. One is filled with items that need refrigeration or a stove to prepare. The other bag is for those guests that don't have access to these conveniences. We serve over 350 bags each week. We are able to provide this blessing based on the generosity of those that keep our pantry full. Currently we are in need of some non-perishable items. **We could use cans of soup, beans, vegetables, dried pasta, peanut butter, jelly, snack crackers and saltine crackers.** If you are able to provide help with any of these items, please call us at (909) 889-2558.





## VERONICA'S HOME WELCOMES DONATIONS

**V**eronica's Home of Mercy is committed to care for and serve the needs of adult pregnant women and women with children. Life at Veronica's Home of Mercy offers a healthy alternative to domestic violence, abortion, homelessness and substance abuse. In the ongoing effort to help those in need, we are currently asking for donations in the form of new twin-sized blankets, comforters, and pillows. Our residents work together to prepare meals for the house as a family. With all of our guests eating together, the meals are large and require restaurant-sized cookware. If you feel led to donate, please call Debbie at (909) 888-9064.

## MATTHEW 25:34-40

**T**hen the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' **40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

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**W**e were blessed to have Fr. Barry's sister and brother in law here for a visit from Ireland this past month. Henry and Sheila O'Mahony are pictured here with Fr.

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*Save the Date!*

Mary's Mercy Center's 14th Annual Fundraiser  
will be held on  
**Friday, September 17th, 2010.**

This year's event will be held at the beautiful Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont, CA,  
with entertainment provided by

**The Answer**

Join us for an evening of dinner and  
dancing while we raise funds to continue God's works of mercy.

More information to follow.