

# "Top of the Line"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning  
Newsletter

August 1, 2014

"If God created shadows, it was in order to better emphasize the light."

Pope John XXIII



## Thank you!

We received notes of appreciation from the Marianists Fr. Martin Solma, Provincial and from Bro. Charlie Johnson, Asst. Novice Director for our hospitality efforts and support of the Marianists and the Marshall family during the funeral of Fr. Paul Marshall. Thank you everyone on the Bergamo staff for your part to play in making all feel welcome and comforted during this event.

## Bergamo Shadow

The latest episode of the Bergamo Shadow program was Monday, Aug. 4 when our director Brent Devitt worked side by side with our housekeeping staff to help "turn over" the rooms from our Midwest Native Plants Conference. Nikki Leasher of the Bergamo housekeeping staff reassured our director that, "Once you've made one bed you've done them all. It's like riding a bike, you won't forget." In addition to making beds, Brent was on his knees cleaning the bathroom floors, swirling the toilets, cleaning the showers/tubs, dusting the blinds and furniture, and vacuuming the rooms. Nikki was very patient and an excellent trainer.

Previously on Monday, July 28 Brent spent time in the kitchen under the supervision of our day cook Sam El-hajj-moussa. The day began at 6:00 a.m. After a prayer the teammates for the day set out to fix breakfast. Brent got his first experience scrambling eggs on the big griddle. In checking the stock room for lunch ingredients, Brent learned how to operate the freight elevator in the process. When it was discovered that there were no tortillas available, a quick shift was made from tacos to prepare salmon steaks for lunch instead. Sam shared her secret recipe for the marinade she uses to prepare salmon. Brent helped set up the salad bar, ran the dishwasher, and stacked plates and cups.

Brent was impressed with how Sam seems to sprinkle her faith into all she does from her prayer to start the morning to conversation with her co-workers. If you want to know a little more about God then just ask Sam. She is in regular communication with Jesus and Mary through her prayer!

Next shadowing experiences will be at the front desk, and evening custodial work. The plan continues to be the selection of one day each week to shadow a new employee. The hope is that this will be a learning experience for all and an opportunity to work as equals with all co-workers at Bergamo.

## Communication

The procedure for calling if you are unable to get to work on time due to an emergency or sudden illness: Hourly employees please report to the Department Director or Supervisor with a phone call.

Department Directors or Supervisors report to both Ginny and Brent with a phone call.

## Prayers

- Please keep in your prayers Dan Wade, a youth minister at St. Peters Church in Huber Heights, and a friend of the Marianists and Bergamo Center. His youngest daughter Clare has participated in a number of retreats with Bergamo. Dan is battling prostate cancer and needs our prayers.
- Please pray for Karla Parson's daughter Jessica as she has had a rough time with her tonsillectomy.
- For Marianist community as they continue to grieve the loss of Fr. Paul Marshall.

Prayers will be a regular feature of this bulletin. If you would like to share a prayer or ask for prayers just send a note or email to Brent Devitt – brentd@bergamocenter.org.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Gene Ketter who is now a Grandpa. Collins Clare was born last week.

## Marianist Feast Days



The Transfiguration of the Lord – Aug. 6  
Blessed Jakob Gapp – Aug. 13  
Assumption of BVM – Aug. 15  
Queenship of Mary – Aug. 22

## Upcoming Retreats & Events

Yoga Workshop – Aug. 6-10  
4 G Networking – Aug. 8-9  
Mount Notre Dame HS – Aug. 11-12  
UD Career Services – Aug. 12  
Holy Angels School – Aug. 13-14  
Bishop Leibold School – Aug. 13  
Immaculate Conception School – Aug. 15  
Pre Cana – Aug. 16

