Merton House (Bridgeport) Support

Dear :Parish Family... the parish has <u>always</u> had a wonderful history of reaching out with generosity to the poor and hungry and on September 27th Assumption thanks to our **Parish Knights** and **Social Concerns Ministry** Teamed up and reached out through Merton House in Bridgeport. See Walter's report below... please. I am very proud and very grateful. The funds to secure the food comes also from the Crisis Fund which comes from our generous parishioners. <u>Thanks and God bless.</u> Fr. Tom

Hi Father Tom

We just got back from serving breakfast at the Merton Center. We met here at Assumption at 7:30 to carpool up to Bridgeport, we immediately got to work to have breakfast ready for 9:00 serving. We prepared and served a meal consisting of scrambled eggs, pancakes with butter and syrup, sausage patties, orange juice and coffee to approximately 150 people, cleaned up and were back in Westport by 11:00. We were able to do this with a small effort and a few dollars.

The summary is as follows;

- · Approximately 150 meals plus seconds were available
- · Total cost of \$163.82
- \cdot 7 people for 3 ½ hours time
- · 3 hours to purchase the food and store it

Such a small commitment to serve so many.

This month's volunteers were Jim Meehan, Randy Miller, Dr. Williams and myself from the Knights and Connie Luppino, Ann Rully and Barbara Murray from social concerns. We will be rotating volunteers in order to allow all the opportunity to serve. Mike Porzio also assisted in buying the food.

Walter Avitabile