Dear Friends of Franciscan Community Volunteers,

Francis, Pope Francis. What good news for all of us! Eight hundred years ago, St. Francis heard Jesus’ words, “Francis, Rebuild my Church.” I sense that Jorge Bergoglio heard these same words when the Cardinals voting at the conclave called him to be our New Pope! While not knowing exactly what it all meant, we are delighted that his answer again was ‘yes.’

The words to St. Francis - Rebuild My Church - are exactly what our Franciscan Community Volunteers have been doing since August. At a recent gathering, we asked the Franciscan Community Volunteers to list the words that quickly come to each of their minds when they think of their experience in this Franciscan setting. This Wordle (above) depicts their responses. Wouldn’t St. Francis and Pope Francis be proud of them? We are!

Where were you and how were you feeling when you heard the announcement that we now have a new pope who has chosen the name of Francis? I was at a Leadership meeting at the Franciscan Sisters Motherhouse in Little Falls. The announcement over the public address system interrupted the meeting, and needless to say, when we saw who was elected there was lots of excitement. Later when I got home, I was interested in the comments from the Franciscan Community Volunteers. From one I heard “It’s incredible, I think he is just what our world needs right now.” From another who has had the previous experience of being a Jesuit Volunteer I heard, “I feel I’m connected because I have Jesuit and Franciscan roots just like he now has!”

Like St. Francis, Pope Francis has agreed to walk that faith journey. We, as Franciscan Community Volunteers, walk with him!

March 9th-16th was AmeriCorps Week. Our young adults participated in a group service day with other AmeriCorps members in the St. Cloud area by packing meals to be sent to Malawi in Africa with the organization “Kids Fighting Hunger.”

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Your tax-deductible donation helps us serve those who are marginalized because of poverty or injustices.

- FCV Star: $100 per month
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Your support helps to:
- Buy a $45 monthly bus pass.
- Pay for a $100 monthly stipend for one volunteer.
- Pay $165 for one month health insurance for one volunteer.

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift will be multiplied by the services of these young adults.

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You’re invited
to support FCV at the 4th annual Taste of St. Cloud!

Join us
Monday, May 6th, 4:30 - 7:30pm
Coyote Moon Grille, St. Cloud, MN

We assure you, our featured restaurants are fantastic! There will be live entertainment, and we hope you will take home one of our great silent auction items. Besides having a great evening, your participation will support Franciscan Community Volunteers. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to our annual fundraising event.

More information enclosed.

As Franciscan Community Volunteers, these young adults are doing marvelous ministry with non-profits in the St. Cloud community. As Sister Rose Mae Rausch, who lives in community with them, says, "these young adults are true missionaries in our midst." They serve those who are marginalized because of poverty or injustices.

In 2012-13, Franciscan Community Volunteers are ministering with:

Catholic Charities
Together we can make a difference tomorrow

Immigration Services
St. Cloud Children’s Home

St. Cloud Area School District
Learning for a lifetime. It’s our promise to you

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