



Interview with Phyllis Cada, Ladies of Charity Food Drive Liaison and Prayer Blanket Ministry

Phyllis Cada, a longtime member of SVDP at SJN, dedicates much of her time and energy to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry and to sewing beautiful Prayer Blankets which have been given to many people in our parish and community who are ill or at the end of this life. You may reach Phyllis at: 865-966-8862 or gfpmc49@tds.net

Phyllis, Deacon Mike Gouge has said that the Prayer Blanket Ministry is his favorite of all the ministries we do. Many of our loved ones have received and cherished these prayer blankets.

"It is a work of mercy to make prayer blankets for those whose suffering may be lessened by the love and prayers of our church community. These blankets are the physical reminders of that. And there is much time to pray while making the blankets, for whoever will receive them. Our members share God's love and caring when they visit and pray with those receiving the blankets.

Phyllis, with the Church's ongoing focus on Mercy, what would you want our parishioners to know about our Fall and Spring Food Drives for the Ladies of Charity and about the people they benefit?

"The ministry at Ladies of Charity of feeding the hungry is a labor of love. It is so rewarding to help others and have no expectations in return. We always need to remember that 'everyone we meet is fighting a battle we know nothing about and to Be Kind. Always.' Our Food Drives at SJN are a direct connection to this work, and anyone can participate in this work of mercy, by giving time before Mass helping us sort the food."

We have our Spring food drive for the Ladies of Charity Emergency Assistance Pantry around the weekends of late March and early April. We collecting non-perishable food and donations after all Masses. Service hours are available for students who join us prior to Masses on weekends when food is collected. Ladies of Charity is very grateful for our SJN donations and their clients benefit greatly from them.