

# Hunger for Love

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## Hearts Are Changing

Welcome to Hunger For Love, the official newsletter of Love Begins Here. We are thrilled that you are taking the time to learn more about the local mission work accomplished this summer in the Diocese of Madison.

It was quite the six weeks out there, and in our time together we saw many hearts change by more deeply conforming to Jesus' heart so full of love for us. Make sure to read the flip side of this newsletter, as the kids really say it best. A highlight from one of our High School Missionaries: "I am surrounded on LBH by the most profound examples of God's love lived out that I have ever seen."

## New Adventures, Bright Future

This summer LBH experienced many firsts - first visit from our awesome Bishop, first high school week of over 50 youth, first experience in laying a patio, first summer of 241 participants and many people experiencing the joys of turkey meatloaf for the first time. Without a doubt, these many new experiences provided for one great adventure.

As we look ahead to the coming summers of Love Begins Here in the Madison Diocese, we hope to build upon those new experiences of this past summer. One great example of a relationship we hope to grow is with Second Harvest, an incredible foodbank in Southern Wisconsin. Over the summer, we had the experience of seeing their food distribution from start to finish - harvesting crops at St. Vincent dePaul gardens, volunteering almost 600 hours in their warehouse and serving at three different Mobile Food Pantries. Helping the poor in the Madison Diocese by providing them with such an essential need in this small way had a big impact on our participants! Please contact Lindsay if you have ideas on how LBH can serve in future summers.



Helping at a Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry  
Black Earth, WI



Painting at St. Paul's University Catholic Center  
Madison, WI

*love begins here,*

an apostolate of the Catholic  
Diocese of Madison's OEC,  
works to provide the youth with an  
opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ  
in a life changing way through  
weeklong, local Mission Trips where  
they live in Catholic community and  
continue His work on earth.

## *With gratitude -*

Thank you so much to all of you who have helped make Love Begins Here a reality this summer - through financial and spiritual support. We are humbled by the sale of over 560 shares of stock in this apostolate.

Your contributions have helped us spread the love of God far and wide this summer, and it has come to be that time when we would greatly enjoy sharing about it with you in person. If you purchased stock in LBH this summer, please mark your calendar for the evening of Sunday, August 28th for our Shareholder

Dinner which will be held in Baraboo, WI. More formal invitations will arrive in the mail this week.



Encountering Christ at the Holy Mass  
Madison, WI

## Words from the Missionaries.

"To me, Love Begins Here is a week where I learn how to live the rest of my life. During this time, I give to others and they give to me and I am surrounded by the most profound examples of God's love lived out that I have ever seen. Love Begins Here is a taste of what I want to live for the rest of my life and that I hope I can show to all around me." - High School Missionary

"I believe I grew a lot more as a person. I am definitely going to make my high school sister take me to Mass everyday or as much as possible, because when I get Jesus' body, I am a living tabernacle. And I find that a miracle in itself." - Marlee, Middle School Missionary (Baraboo, WI)

"Love Begins Here is a chance for a new start for those led astray." - Jared, High School Missionary (Greenville, WI)

"This was the most fun I have had in a really long time. LBH was a great chance to connect with others - "campers" and Core Team (and other adults) - and see what it means to live out faith in all that we do. I doubted that a six day trip/experience could be life-changing, but now I have seen it happen! Awesomell!" - Kevin Sullivan, HS Coordinator (Reedsburg, WI)



The MVCTM Award Winner  
Jared Holzhuter

## The Ultimate LBH Volunteer

We had many fabulous adults come in and out of our LBH community this summer, but one in particular deserves special mention. Having shown up for the first week to simply help out, five days later Jared Holzhuter agreed to join the Core Team and volunteer away the rest of his summer, before entering seminary

this fall for the Madison Diocese. Come summer's end, all of the fabulous Core Team Members received some very special awards, but Jared's we found to be newsletter worthy..

"Among the many unexpected gifts Jared brought to the team this summer - most especially the gift of himself in service to LBH all summer - his humor ranks at the top of that list, whether or not you had the privilege to chat with him as he was waking up. Jared's willingness to do anything that was asked of him, quiet leadership, commitment to prayer, love of the kids, ability to connect with any person that came his way and outstanding witness of humility, were gifts we could not imagine this summer without. In so many ways - including being a late addition to the Core Team - he showed us that the last shall be first, as he has certainly won first place in our hearts. For this, Jared is receiving the MVCTM - Most Valuable Core Team Member Award."

## Some Summer 2011 Statistics

Over six weeks of trips, we have...

- made and ate about 73 quesadillas.
- had 210 young people and 31 adults busy on the Mission Field.
- moved 80,000 pounds of brick, mortar and concrete at the Women's Care Center.
- used up 275 feet of glowsticks through dancing.
- had 20 sets of siblings join us on Mission Trips beginning love - literally - in their families.
- spent 5,390 hours serving the poor in the Madison Diocese.

## Answering the call.

On LBH, we are confident that we would not be able to accomplish our good works without the abundance of grace given to us by the Lord throughout the week. Of all the ways we receive God's grace, the ultimate is through the Eucharist we receive at daily Mass and the mercy shown us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During the past three weeks, the following priests have helped us fill these Sacramental needs, welcomed us into their Parishes and inspired us, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Msgr. Tom Baxter

Fr. Brian Dulli

Fr. Greg Ihm

Msgr. James Gunn

Fr. Eric Nielsen

Fr. Pat Norris

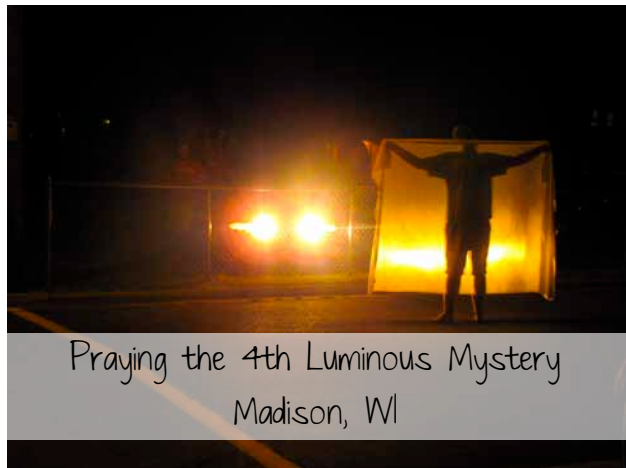
Msgr. Delbert Schmelzer

Fr. Mark Vander Steeg

A special thank you from LBH is also extended to

### *Bishop Robert Morlino*

who paid us a very special visit on our final night of the summer together. He joined the 57 young people present for coffee hour, where he learned about the good work LBH has been up to around the Diocese, encouraged the youth to discern their vocations, told some very humorous stories and inspired us with words of encouragement to love Christ more deeply and commit ourselves to beginning love in our own homes on a regular basis!



Praying the 4th Luminous Mystery  
Madison, WI