

## SVdP Email update from January 3, 2024

Hello to all.

It is with a very heavy and saddened heart that I am writing to you this evening. I received phone calls early this morning from Debbie Weingroff and Kathleen Muzzio letting us know that our very dear member and friend, **Barbara Jobin**, passed away late last evening. For many of us, we had just spent part of this Christmas season with Barbara and for anyone who knew this very lovely lady, knows how profoundly she will be missed.

In trying to collect my thoughts this afternoon I remembered a powerful quote: " *Write me as one who loved my fellow man.*" I also did some reading where I found an additional quote: " *Real living is living for others.*"

Barbara was a woman who cared for all she knew. For those who were blessed to know Barbara, or work with her, knew of her devotion to her family, her friends, her community at Green Briar Woodlands, and all she came in contact with for St. Vincent de Paul. Her everyday was in caring for others, in addition to being dedicated to all she set out to do, plus having a most delightful sense of humor.

The family is having a viewing this coming Friday January 5, 2024 at Silverton Memorial Funeral Home from 3:00 PM until 7:00PM with a prayer service at 3:00 PM.

A mass will be held at St. Luke's at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning January 6, 2024.

If possible, it would be a wonderful reflection of our gratitude in having Barbara in our lives, to attend either the viewing or the mass.

In Barbara's Christmas card to me she had enclosed the following, and I believe she would be pleased if I shared this with you because of her commitment to SVdP:

### *The Harmonious Hive*

*Bees are fascinating creatures that exhibit remarkable teamwork and collaboration. Bees symbolize a cohesive work environment through their ability to function as a unified entity.*

*They are known for their tireless work ethic and dedication to their tasks, serving as a reminder of the value of hard work and perseverance. In a beehive, every bee has a specific role and contributes to the collective well-being of the colony. They communicate effectively, share information, and work together to achieve a common goal.*

*Bees exemplify the importance of teamwork, as they understand that their interdependence, and support for one another are essential for the hive's survival. They demonstrate how a cohesive work environment can be built on trust, effective communication, and a shared sense of purpose. Their ability to communicate effectively and share information highlights the importance of effective communication and unity in achieving success.*

*Emulating a bee's collaborative nature, we cultivate a work culture that values cooperation, encourages open dialogue, and empowers every team member to contribute their unique strengths towards shared objectives.*

*Thank you for being a part of my hive. "*

Once again, we will remember, and be grateful for, all Barbara was always willing to do to be a catalyst of a true role model in living an exemplary life.

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At this time, I would like to also ask you to keep Christine Cotgreave's grandson in your prayers along with a young mom, Liz, and her new born baby, Ryse. Both the mother and the baby are in intensive care.

We will be having our next general meeting at 1:00 PM on January 19th. There is much for us to discuss at this time as we head into 2024 knowing the needs of so many of our neighbors and how we can be of service. As always, your input and suggestions are welcomed.

Many blessings to each of you.

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