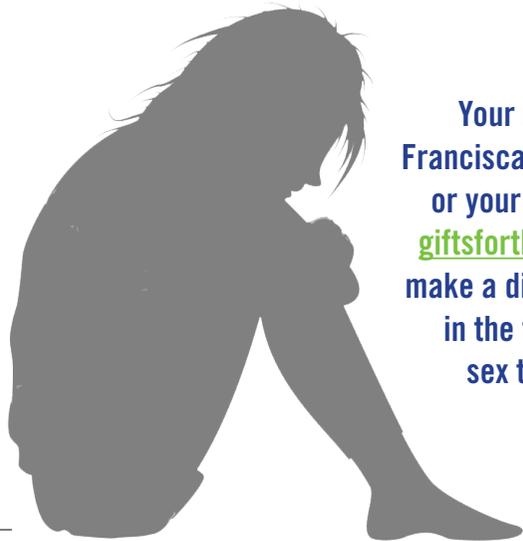


FACTS ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING

- » Wisconsin is a hub of human trafficking.
- » An estimated 300,000 children become victims of sex trafficking every year.
- » The average age of a girl groomed and sold for sex is 13.
- » Most trafficked children come from 'normal' homes and go to school regularly.
- » Pimps are coercing children right off the street in almost every major city in the US. They may also be someone you know.
- » Child sex trafficking is an organized crime operation that generates a BILLION dollars a year using sites like Craigslist, Backpage and Red Book to do business and sell children to local and overseas pedophiles daily.
- » Child sex trafficking is usually a mobile business where "the team" (Pimp, wifeys, and kiddies) go from town to town or truck stop to truck stop, posting ads on sites like Craigslist to entice pedophiles to rape these children for hire.
- » Prostituted children are brainwashed into believing they are worthless and that nobody will want them anymore. This makes the children extremely afraid to flee or run away from the abductor.

Information taken from article written by Zoe Sullivan, www.theguardian.com and the Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee, unluckythirteen.org.



Your donation to Franciscan Peacemakers or your purchases at giftsforthejourney.com make a direct difference in the fight against sex trafficking.

ABOUT US

Franciscan Peacemakers started in 1995 as the dream of two Franciscan Capuchin priests, Fr. Robert Wheelock, OFM Cap., and Fr. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap. who saw the opportunity to make a difference by being God's presence in the midst of escalating violence and increasing prostitution in the City of Milwaukee. By reaching out to churches in the city and suburbs they sought to create a community of mutual love and support among those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to come together. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and guided by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, they went out in prayer and trust to sow the seeds of today's ministry.

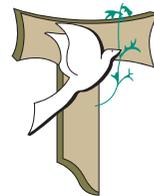
MEET DEACON STEVE, DIRECTOR



One of those in the suburbs to answer the call to learn more and enter into this community was Deacon Steve Przedpelski. Deacon Steve started volunteering on the streets in 1995 and has served as Executive Director of Franciscan Peacemakers since 2001. He is a deacon of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and a member of the Secular

Franciscan Order, a community of Catholic men and women throughout the world who seek to pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Deacon Steve and his colleagues drive around neighborhoods in Southeastern Wisconsin where street prostitution and other human trafficking activity is active. Together they reach out to women, men and children, trying to meet some of their immediate needs for food, first aid, and personal care items. They invite people to leave behind the drugs, prostitution, and abuse; and to come in from the streets, knowing they will have the support of Franciscan Peacemakers. A few have, most do not. Regardless of their decision, Franciscan Peacemakers always let these people on the margins know that they are loved.

To learn more about how you can help, contact Deacon Steve at 414.562.4780 or sprzedpel@gmail.com.



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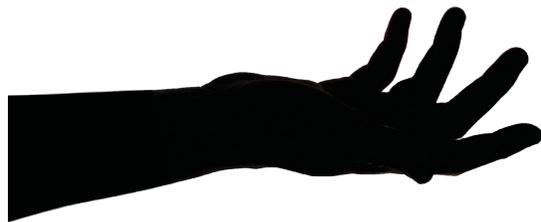
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WHO ARE WE?

Franciscan Peacemakers Ministry is a non-profit Catholic ministry reaching out to those victimized by human trafficking. We seek to live out the Gospel of Jesus and the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi in serving women, children, and men living in impoverished neighborhoods in Southeastern Wisconsin. Deacon Steve Przedpelski serves as executive director of Franciscan Peacemakers.

HOW DO WE MINISTER?

Franciscan Peacemakers' Ministry consists of four pillars:



STREET MINISTRY

Since 1995, Franciscan Peacemakers has been ministering on the streets of Milwaukee reaching out primarily to women engaging in prostitution. Simple bag lunches are handed out as a way to nourish but also to form relationships and trust.

Most days of the week, anytime between 4 a.m. and midnight, Deacon Steve and one or two volunteers can be found on the streets in neighborhoods both on the north and south side of Milwaukee. Here they meet between 20 and 60 women and girls who are being sex trafficked. While handing out bag lunches and personal care items to meet the immediate needs of these children of God, the Franciscan Peacemakers team also invite them to come off the streets with offers of shelter, and detox or hospitalization as needed.

Take action now! Your donation directly supports the Franciscan Peacemakers ministry.

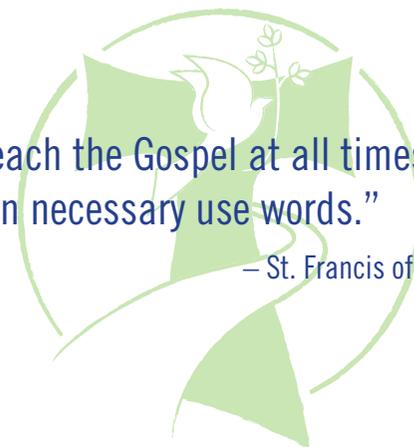


CLARE COMMUNITY

Clare Community was established in 2013 as a transitional housing and mentoring site for women who are making the difficult journey off the streets. Deacon Steve identified a need for longer-term housing after seeing that most recovery programs can accommodate people only 60-90 days before running out of funding. This gravely abbreviated time is inadequate for those healing from years of abuse, often compounded by addiction. Working with other community-based recovery organizations, Clare Community offers a complementary housing option to facilitate long term healing, thereby greatly increasing the opportunity for successful recovery. The women grow individually and collectively while living in community.

**“Preach the Gospel at all times,
when necessary use words.”**

– St. Francis of Assisi



EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

Deacon Steve and other members and volunteers with the Franciscan Peacemakers ministry make themselves available to speak to church and civic organizations to educate people about sex trafficking that often occurs unseen right in our communities. Working together with law enforcement, we seek to raise awareness of the invisible. Franciscan Peacemakers' staff and volunteers also work as advocates for the specific individuals we meet, as well as for all victims known and unknown.



GIFTS FOR THE JOURNEY

Gifts for the Journey is a social enterprise employing the women of Clare Community, with proceeds directly benefitting these women who have survived lives of abuse, prostitution, addictions and violence. Together with Franciscan Peacemakers volunteers, participants create bar soaps, lotions, and other bath and body products that are as good for the earth as they are for the body. While working at Gifts for the Journey the women learn skills in planning, manufacturing, packaging, marketing, sales and administration. This is a supportive workplace where women acquire the skills needed to both become employable and earn a living wage.



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