

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES is a National Organization consisting of physically, mentally, and emotionally disabled persons, and the caregivers thereof; whose purpose it is to give spiritual and social enlightenment to its members. Most of its members are Roman Catholic, but people from other churches are welcome. You need not attend a specific church to belong.

The Victorious Missionaries original got its name through Father John Moronic. Father Moronic a Catholic priest and native Illinois had a vision of disabled people getting together in spiritual and social harmony. After such a group was formed, it was first referred to as "VICTIMS." The disabled people did not like this. They thought, "we are not victims; we are victorious over our disabilities!" So this we achieved our present name.

We are entirely volunteer however, we do accept funding from grants, churches, or other existing organizations. We meet once a month, beginning with a prayer service, followed by a luncheon. After lunch, there is a planning meeting. We plan our participation in several meetings and retreats a year, the main one taking place in Illinois, Fr. Marconi's home state.

We have two fundraisers, and an occasional choral concert and a towel party in October.

We play with cards instead of bingo, and the winner receives a towel, currently supplied by the members.

Donations of towels from other sources would be greatly appreciated. We also have a picnic in July and a Christmas party in December. Once again the food and decorations for these is supplied by the members.

If you would like to join, or if you have any questions or ideas concerning activities, please contact, Carol Buchal at (716) 639-7542 or Mary Gryc at (716) 831-1068. If you are a disabled person, or the caregiver of the disabled person, we are always looking for new members. We meet on the first Saturday of the month, from 11 am to 2 pm. at:

14 Holy Helpers School Hall
1345 Indian Church Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Transportation is currently available.

Schedule of the 2007 year

BUFFALO CHAPTER VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES SPECIAL EVENTS

August 19th

Retreat at the St. Columban Retreat Center, 6892 Lakeshore Road, Derby
10am to 6pm \$30 includes lunch and dinner Reservations needed. All are welcome

September 8th

Regular Meeting at 11am at Fourteen Holy Helpers Parish Hall, 1345 Indian Church Road in West Seneca (Gardenville)

October 7th

Towel Party at Villa Maria College

October 21st

25th Anniversary Celebration for Deacon Bill Willis
Mass at Noon followed by a reception in the hall

December 1

Annual Christmas Party
Catered Dinner, Entertainment. Reservations needed

For all activities, call Carol, the President at 639-7542