

SVDP Story - July 10, 2020

Barely able to get the words out because of her tears of joy, the neighbor we helped this past week left a message: " Thank you! Thank You! I am so grateful." She had received word that her Duke bill had been paid by SVDP. Bed bugs had infested her apartment, and since she had to pay to have the apartment treated and to buy a new bed, she couldn't pay her Duke bill. Thanks to your generosity, she did not lose her electricity.

Another woman helped this past week had been working at Bob Evans when the pandemic began. Because she has COPD, a lung disease, she had to quit. Her sister had helped her with one month's rent, but now this month's rent was due. Help from the special fund and the regular Bellarmine fund kept her from losing her apartment. She gets no food stamps so the volunteers from Bellarmine will also see that she gets food from SVDP on Bank Street.

Another person helped this week was a thirty-year-old man who had been homeless until December. He had moved into an empty apartment and managed to get a bed, but he had no other furniture. He, too, had lost the job he had gotten in January because of the pandemic. He also was now behind in rent. He is receiving a furniture and a clothing/household goods voucher and assistance with his rent.

"God hears the cry of the poor," and because of your generosity we, too, heard the cry and answered with help that was deeply appreciated as all three thanked those calling over and over again! If you wish to get involved, call parishioner and conference President, Jim Doerger at 617-2085 or 378-8548.