Glicaria Bilinsky: Volunteer 1994-2009

I came to The Welcome Home in 1994, in the second year of its existence. Because I was still working I came on Saturdays only. I was attracted to the Redemptorist Mission because of its work and caring for the poor. I grew spiritually and emotionally working with the less fortunate seeing their hardships and difficulties in their lives. It awakened in me the ability to see the living Jesus who suffered for our redemption, in these people. The more time I spent at The Welcome Home the more I was attracted and was drawn into giving of myself to feed and clothe those in need as well as visit prisons and spend time with the dying. It also helped me to open up into other branches of supporting the poor. St. Joseph's Outreach to the poor and Our Place / Chez Nous a drop in centre for the homeless, mentally ill, and persons with serious drug addictions.

Due to age and health issues I have slowed down my volunteering but still help out occasionally when I can.

May God bless the Redemptorist Fathers for all they do for God's people as they support the spiritual and physical needs of life.

I hope and pray that God will send them more good young priests to continue the work of spreading the Word of God through the Son and moved by the Holy Spirit.