Spreading the Good News of God's Love to the ends of the earth . . .

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Parishioner Jon Trauth Helping Professions." In early together. January they presented at an international conference on counseling and psychotherapy in Bangelore, India. Here they refugee about resettlement and "Threshold Concepts for Teaching Students.

Prominent in each of conferences were these

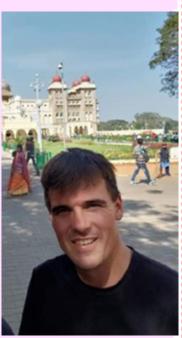
findings from his work on horticultural therapy with the Burundian refugees which led to his doctoral dissertation evaluating St. Leo's refugee ministry.

Jon first came to St. Leo's has been carrying the message to complete an internship for a of St. Leo's work with refugees graduate theology degree at to the ends of the earth. An Xavier. He had always loved adjunct professor of social work gardening and began working at Miami University he joined alongside Burundian refugees who other teachers from the school had been farmers in their home international country. They liked showing him conferences. In July they were farming methods they had used in in Rome presenting at a Africa and though they didn't conference on "Working on speak the same language they Threshold Concepts in the developed friendship tilling the soil

> observed gardening gave the refugees a chance to do something familiar and seemed to ease their transition to a new country. This experience led to his focus on horticultural therapy and its impact on refugees.

Whether in Italy or India, he found that people were

interested in ways to understand and aid refugees which fits in with St. Leo's commitment to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy—in this case "welcoming the stranger."



St. Leo's Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Catholic Community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity and sharing God's love through ministries of serving and being present in our urban neighborhoods, while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

St. Leo's Mission Statement Prayer

Lord God, in your infinite wisdom and love, you are inviting us to be a welcoming Catholic Community, grounded in Eucharistic prayer, celebrating our diversity, and sharing your love through ministries of serving and being present in our neighborhoods while focusing on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Help us to accept your invitation to be church, and to generously live together this mission statement. Teach us your works of mercy and unite us as your people, who serve our urban neighborhoods with your presence and grace. Let your works of mercy be common, holy ways for celebrating our diversity, and for leaving the Eucharistic table, heeding your command to "Go in peace glorifying the Lord with your life."

With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, may we see you when you are hungry and thirsty, and recognize you when you are naked or a stranger, or sick or in prison, and then welcome you, feed you, clothe you and visit you. With those whom you entrust to our care and among ourselves, bless us with your works of comforting, consoling, forgiving and patiently forbearing; We ask this always through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry.

1. Counsel the doubtful.

2. Give drink to the thirsty.

2. Instruct the ignorant.

3. Clothe the naked.

3. Admonish sinners.

4. Shelter the homeless.

4. Comfort the afflicted.

5. Visit the sick.

5. Forgive offenses.

6. Visit the imprisoned.

6. Bear wrongs patiently.

7. Bury the dead.

7. Pray for the living and the dead.