

## September Laity Minute

by Kelly Price

The picture in the Citizen Tribune about the Blessing Box was really good, wasn't it? Everyone lined up in an organized fashion, nobody had eyes closed, and the smiles were plentiful. We are such an attractive bunch of people, right? Of course, we are!

But, I had a different view of the picture. Literally.

That day, because I had a meeting after church, I decided to move my car to the back of the building. But, when I got there, everyone had already lined up for the picture. So, I parked in the upper parking lot next to the playground equipment and decided to watch the picture being taken from above.

As I watched everyone get into position, I started thinking about each of you. For the most part, I knew at least a little about each person standing there. I have heard your sorrows via prayers concerns like the loss of a loved one. I was aware of joys like a milestone birthday, the arrival of a baby, or a new job. I have served with you in some way or another either as a group, with UMW, or individually. I have prayed for each of you and you for me.

All of you were laughing, enjoying the moment with one another, and rejoicing in the fact that all the work that went into the Blessing Box had come to fruition. It was a beautiful sight, and it touched my heart.

While I was watching from above, something occurred to me. Isn't that what God is always doing? Isn't God always watching us? The Holy Wisdom knows not only the things I mentioned, but so much more. God knows our deepest thoughts and knows our soul. How blessed are we God is there during our sorrows and our joys? Aren't we so thankful God is watching from above and praying for us?

It was so special to see the people of Centenary gather in the name of mission. From the parking lot above, I got to see tangible evidence of your love for each other, the community, and for God.

The best part? God saw it all, too. And it was picture-perfect.

Peace,



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