

May 15, 2024

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Catholic Community,

Thank you for your generous donation to Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop in Center in Billings, Montana. Started by 2 Ursuline Sisters it is named after St. Angela Merici their foundress. She said, "Let your hearts and homes be like a piazza." A piazza in Italian cities is where one finds a cross section of people where all are welcome. So Angela's Piazza welcomes everyone, but mainly the poor come and among the poor are Native American women and children. As they experienced racism here in Billings, Montana they find Angela's Piazza a haven where they are affirmed and empowered. We assist women in their growth by offering 4 primary programs – 2 focusing on domestic violence, parenting, Medicine Wheel (a 12 step program incorporating Native American culture), and Daughters of Tradition (for Native American girls 8-12 years old).

At the Easter Vigil I sponsored Ali Little Whiteman for her first Communion and Confirmation. I was a part of her preparation during the year. I have been a part of this family for several years as her mother has participated in several environmental classes offered from time to time.

Thank you for helping in this ministry.

Gratefully,  
Sister Mary Dostal, OSU