



THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.

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Dear Christa,

Peace and all good in Jesus Christ!

As the CFO and Deputy Executive Director of Ministry of Caring, I wanted to express my appreciation for the presentation that you made for our General Staff Meeting on June 26, 2013. Not only from the perspective of someone who has an abundance of non-profit management experience, but also as a deeply committed Catholic with extensive training in theology I found the key to your presentation one of essentially calling us to recognize Jesus in our midst; dwelling with him, we are never alone.

For many of us, especially those of us engaged in the caring "industry", the focus on wanting to be a sign of hope, peace, reassurance and healing for others can begin to consume us to the point of burnout; forgetting to slow down just enough to remember who is the source of everything we do and all that we are. We can fall into a dangerous situation where we take ourselves and life situations too seriously at times. When that happens, we can begin to forget that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Interestingly and effectively, your presentation injected awareness that what Jesus wants for each of us is nothing less than the fullness of life.

I must admit that I was a bit skeptical about someone presenting with the title of "Chief Laughter Officer and Founder of Giggle On®". Nonetheless, since you were recommended and supported by a very dedicated Capuchin Friar and a most committed Sister of the Sacred Heart, I was willing to keep an open mind. For the sake of our staff, I'm glad that I did. Your presentation was uplifting for me as well as many colleagues who participated. In fact, in a true Franciscan-like manner you were able in a short period of time to cut through to the simple spark of joy and healthy laughter that helps us to reflect Jesus to the world. You accomplished that in a manner that demonstrated a true value expressed by "Il Poverello" himself, "Preach always; use words only when necessary."

Your gifts generated a laughter/lighter perspective here at MOC; we all need that kind of reminder, especially when the harsh reality of life challenges us face to face on a daily basis. You definitely helped all of us to be much more aware of what's going on inside of us and in our environment. You would have enjoyed the kazoo serenade that we provided to Br. Ronald in our Management Team Meeting following your presentation. Thanks for your spirit of service. Stay strong and keep giggling - as "they" say!

I hope that you will continue to carry this message to others and that we might see you again in the future.

Appreciatively,

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