

Reflections on trip to UN

A wonderful trip to the United Nations Building was orchestrated and planned by Pati Krasensky and Bro. Steve O'Neil. The trip was set for the Eradication of Poverty Day on October 17, 2008 and it was enjoyed by eight people who were given the opportunity to visit. I was so intrigued by the thoughts that were expressed that I wrote many of them down. Pati asked me to send a few. Here they are. They are actually thoughts to ponder when you think about the indigenous in our world today.

Parents in poverty are led to believe that they are responsible for the poverty of their children.

Most people in poverty lack skills and confidence.

Most people in poverty want to work.

People are least recognized when they are not working.

There is a lack of dignity in poverty.

People in poverty are to be seen but not heard.

What have you done to help poverty education?

Fourth world poverty includes poverty from all nations. This type of poverty differs from the Third world poverty which includes certain countries.

The poor are supporting the rich.

There is a food crisis, an energy crisis, a financial crisis and a climate change crisis.

The poorest are least responsible for the causes creating these crises.

Because of the financial crisis there is a mortgage on industrialized countries.

We need to promote the participation of people in extreme poverty in international conferences.

When banks are failing, money can be found. When children are dying no money can be found.

“Poverty is someone who has the same dreams as everyone else but no way to fulfill those dreams.”

Poverty is a lack of human dignity.

Br. Steve O'Neil said it is difficult to include people in poverty in participation. Each party does not take on the burden themselves. We need to be proactive to facilitate ground base organizing. If partnership is realized, it is not that difficult.

One more thought was given and I don't know the man's name but it is something to think about. "The indigenous are custodians of the past and guides to the future."