## Caring about others: It can be simple, it can be hard

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REV. KATE visited a church
IHORESEN in southwest Detroit that ran a
food distribution center, tutoring
program and senior citizens activities.

We met some fantastic people there, including Linda Spicer, the organizer for the food distribution center. She orders quantities of

#### Insurance bill awaits vote

State legislators took a two-week Easter break without tying up a long loose end on the auto-insurance reform law they enact-ed.
The bill is on the Senate calen-dar for an immediate effect vote

May 4.
The Senate passed the bill but

food through places like Gleaners as well as handles contributions from various groups. She keeps records on all the recipients to make sure that each qualifies for the food.

Her husband often drives to pick up the large quantities to make sure there is enough on each Monday and Thursday at distribution time. Many others help.

It takes a team effort to carry something like this off. And it also takes a dedicated person to organize it and to enable it to run amouthly. Linds has been doing this for nine years as a volunteer. It allke a full-time job. We asked her why she kept doing this for

failed to muster the two-thirds majority (26) to give it immediate effect. Without that vote, House Bill 4166 doesn't become law un-til three months into 1894. "Motorista are losing \$1.7 mil-lion a day," said Doug Cruce, president of the Michigan Insur-ance Federation.

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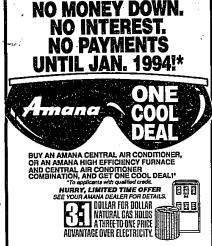
Care in this sense is not giving demeaning handouts. Rather, it comes as a free and loving gift. It takes some imagination to exercise care. People like Linda can imagine what might happen to the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, the limited income senior citizen, the single parent with several children if they do not have adequate food.

They are people to her — not just nameless stories or invisible statistics. And in her own way, she is making a difference in the lives of some human beings around her.

Not all of us can devote full-time to volunteer work. But there is something significant that each one of us can do to foster the moral base of our community. We can take the first step by simply actively seeing and caring about others as human beings whether they are across the table from us.

And with that attitude, the next step is to actively ask what are the resources, what are the resources, what amail part might I be able to play in helping to channel some of those resources to help meet some of those resources to account the activation of the second of the stounding in the difference they can make.

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