

Milwaukee Working Collection



Milwaukee Working, a nonprofit program doing great work in our community since 2012, is seeking support from our family of parishes.

Milwaukee Working (and their parent nonprofit Community Warehouse (founded in 2005)) helps homeowners in Milwaukee while creating jobs for men and women that are hard to employ. Their goal is to create more jobs through new business ventures while establishing a culture where every employee has a mentor, learns transferable job skills, and experiences the dignity and satisfaction of earning good wages from steady employment in a positive but flexible work setting.

To support their work (and create more jobs), they collect items from partners around the city. The men and women of Milwaukee Working will list, inventory, sell online, pick, pack and ship the books, DVDs, CDs, and video games we donate. Any revenue received from the sale of the donated items (over and above the cost to sell the donated items) will be used to support other employment opportunities at Milwaukee Working including cabinet-making, recycling, and disassembly.

For three weekends this spring – **May 6/7, 13/14 and 20/21** – bins will be in the back of church to collect these items.

What CAN you donate:

- New and used books including college textbooks, technical manuals, references books, fiction and non-fiction books
- New and used video games, DVD's, CD's, any new originally packaged items including baby products, toys and board games

What NOT to donate:

- No magazines or encyclopedias
- No VHS tapes

This is a wonderful (and easy!) way to purge your home of unused items AND strengthen our community through job and skill training.

For more information, please check out their website - <http://www.milwaukeeworking.org/> - and this great story that beautifully illustrates the power of their work - <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/how-two-bitter-enemies-became-friends/>.

Please contact Andrew Musgrave – musgravea@archmil.org • 414.271.6577 – with any questions.

Please note: these items are not the same items collected by St. Vincent de Paul and will not conflict with their collection.

