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It was extremely important for my professional and personal formation: what I learned I considered very valuable; many most fundamental questions very answered; the trouble I had with human services received an explanation. At the same time, association with the TI meant that an academic career which I had initially intended became impossible in Germany... The year I spent at the TI was the best year of my life: We had enormous fun together, I learned an awful lot, travelled across North America and met many great people and finally became a Christian and Catholic (which is the very best thing that ever happened to me).

The TI has shaped my thinking. I can apply the basic principles that Wolf taught to all kinds of different areas in life and when I do that, people are surprised at what they hear. More than anybody else, Wolf has helped me to develop my rational and moral analysis.

The TI's perspective on human services was unique in the world. It helped me see and learn many things that I would have learned nowhere else. For instance, even before I spent the year at the TI, I was able to see some truth about human services that surprised people. I once spent a half day in a German day center for drug addicts and gave my personal feed-back to the director afterwards. He said: "How could you find out all these things in just a few hours?"

The intensity, relevance and density of the TI's teaching was very unusual. E.g., I thought that a one-day-workshop on teaching strategies was more useful than a whole semester of social work studies in Germany.

Every morning we had a 10-30 minutes question-and answer-session: I could ask WW and ST whatever I wanted and they would always answer. I loved their humor. I loved Wolf's singing and reciting German poems. He did not sing very well but sang with much zeal and love for his German culture.

I loved their soirees. I loved their surprises: they would come up with the strangest requests or ideas or things to do and expected me to cooperate.

I didn't have to think about what to read. ST and Wolf would pile reading stuff on my desk and often it contained answers to my (not even verbalized) questions. I loved the connection between the TI and Unity Kitchen. Just like Wolf and Susan had not minded

wasting their time writing long letters to an unknown student in Germany, they spent their time with devalued people. I still remember how much that impressed me in the beginning.

Wolf had a big sculpture of a man bowing to Caesar in a corner of his office. One day I asked him why it was there. He said: "It reminds me every day that I never shall bow to Caesar." They taught the same prayer to every TI student emphasizing that it would always be heard: What do you do when you can't find parking? Answer: "Hail Mary full of grace let us find a parking space, holy Mary Mother of God let us find a parking lot" and, in fact, it always worked immediately. One snowy and very cold day I found myself with Kathryn Smith (the previous TI student) and her two little children crying on a Toronto street trying to find a place where we could heat up and have hot chocolate. There was nothing, nothing, nothing. I finally said to her: Remember what Wolf and Susan would have done? She said: "Yes. Hail Mary full of grace let us find a chocolate place". 10 seconds later we found one.