



Faster Linen Service solves problem following Pope's visit

The mass conducted in Toronto, Ontario by Pope John Paul II during World Youth Day, was held in bright sunlight, but heavy rains fell on the night preceding it. Thousands of pilgrims camped overnight at the mass site, many in donated sleeping bags. When the event was over, clean-up crews were ready to discard the sleeping bags because they were soaked and muddy.

The *Toronto Star* published a plea for help in saving the bags. They had been collected for use by the pilgrims and then to be given to the homeless of Toronto. But quick action was needed to save them from mildew and rot.

Mark Halberstadt of Faster Linen Services volunteered to do the job. A total of 800 bags were trucked to his laundry plant in Etobicoke. *Fabricare Canada* visited the plant, along with other members of the Toronto media, and watched plant employees proudly handling the bags.

The plant is operated by Mark and his brother Jeff. Their



father's life had been saved by Toronto paramedics just weeks before the Pope's visit, and they were looking for a way to do something for the city in return for the care given to their father by the paramedic team.

The company recently moved into a handsome new 40,000 sq. ft. facility that will be featured in a future issue of this magazine.

Top: Mark and Jeff Halberstadt.
Above right: Laundered bags are rolled with pride.
Left: Finished cleaned bags, ready to go again.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER TO ATTEND IFI

The Canadian scholarship, which is available to cover tuition costs for a two-week course, has been awarded to Surrinder Sagoo of Edmonton, Alberta. He will report on his experiences in the next issue of *Fabricare Canada*.

Clean '03 Planned for Las Vegas

The sale of exhibit space has started for this show, which will be held August 11 to 14, 2003 in the Las Vegas Convention Center. In a break with tradition, the show will not be held over a weekend, but from Monday through Thursday. This will allow attendees, who wish to take advantage of the lower airfares available for those arriving on Saturday, to enjoy a free day before the show with a clear conscience.

Companies interested in exhibiting can receive information at the website www.cleanshow.com or they can contact the show management company Riddle & Associates at 404-876-1988, or use the e-mail address info@cleanshow.com.

EXPO DETERGO Starts November 8

This exhibition, held every four years in Milan, Italy, has gained the reputation of being the showcase for the newest in technology. Many manufacturers are sure to introduce new models and technical innovations during the show, which runs from November 8 to 11.

Over 200 exhibitors will take part, 30% of them from outside Italy. Alton Machinery of Montreal is the only Canadian company listed in the preliminary catalogue. It is usual for close to 40 Canadians to attend the show. It will be covered for *Fabricare Canada* readers by columnist Kevin Marois.

For more information about attending the show contact expodetergo@rassegne.it by e-mail.