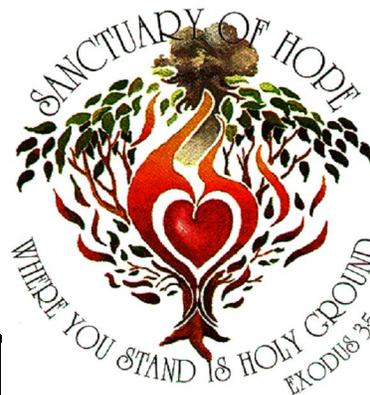


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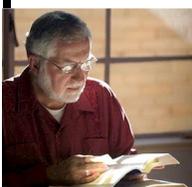
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Celebrating 11 Years of Service



The Advancing Dawn

March 2nd, 2008
Joyful Sunday of Lent



Dear friends of Sanctuary of Hope

When we began dreaming about having a sanctuary for people of the inner city of Kansas City, KS, we started as a prayer group. You might say that SOH was born out of prayer. Even the word, "hope," came to us from our prayer. So naturally when we were deciding about our future plans, we went to prayer.

On January 29th, 2008, we called the entire community of Sanctuary of Hope together to wait upon the Lord. Before doing more planning, we sat with each other in our chapel and waited for God to speak about Sanctuary of Hope and its future. Many attended, even with the ice and snow on the ground.

Two Scriptures (now quoted on our website), **Joel 2:15-16** and **Psalms 33:13-15, 20-22**, were read during the prayer time; then for 15 minutes we sat in **stillness** and waited upon God. After the quiet time, people just shared openly what they heard God saying to each one of us. These prayers were very uplifting and gave me the definite sense that God wanted us to stay at Sanctuary of Hope and to go forward, welcoming **everyone** who comes with love and care. In these voiced prayers, we heard that many have added something to our mission over these 11 years of operation and continue to do so.

After the song, "Day is Done," we were visiting with each other. A friend read to me Haggai 2: 3-9 (also quoted on our

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Please Read This

Prayers:

* Morning 7 AM Tue.- Sun.

* Evening 5 PM Tue-Sat.

Morning Mass

7:30 AM Tues. & Thurs

Weekly Prayer

10 to 11:30 AM Tues.

Prayer & Support Groups

* HIV AIDS-3rd Thurs. 7 PM

* Recovery Plus-4th Wed. 7 PM

Centering Prayer

* Tue. 6:30 PM

Spiritual Cinema 6:30 PM

Last Thurs. of the Month

Work Day—2nd Sat.

8 AM to 1 PM includes Lunch

Associates' Day—2nd Sat.

1 PM to 3PM

Closed on Mondays

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web site) which was a **prophecy** from God! My heart really jumped with JOY when this was shared. I said I didn't realize this was in Haggai. Then, when I shared something I had experienced during the silent prayer portion of the meeting, I was told that made it a confirmation from God.

While sitting in silence with the community, I saw a gold door, with a pattern upon it. It was in the shadow with a light around it. Then, when I read in Haggai, "mine is the gold," this image came back to me. Wow, God is the true Resource of Sanctuary of Hope! It is our mission to help everyone find this God in their own way.

God is asking us to simply trust, and God will restore this "building," this site, to a glory beyond our wildest dreams and imaginings. From Haggai: "Take courage...for I am with you, says the Lord of Hosts...do not fear!" Praise God!

Yes, I am still concerned about our finances, our need for new members in our small faith community, our growing costs; but in God we will trust.

Perhaps if everyone who reads this reflection would ask God what they might do to help us in our mission of prayer and retreat; then the finances we need and the people who have time to give to this ministry would come, and the costs would level out eventually. Would you consider giving **a dollar or two for each of the 10+ years we have been here and for ten more years** into our future? Would you **consider giving some more time to the mission, by being a volunteer**, giving of in-kind donations of labor, supplies, etc, giving a year to live here and be of hospitality to our guests, praying for our success? "May your kindness, Lord, be upon us, for we have put our trust in you." Psalm 33:22

In addition to all this, don't forget we are now a listed charity on a search engine called, www.goodsearch.com When you enter Sanctuary of Hope and search for some item, then we get a **penny for every** search. **An easy way to access GoodSearch is to go to SOH's web site and there is a link to GoodSearch.** If you end up buying something from www.GoodShop.com, we get a percentage, from 5% to up to 37%, for every purchase. Wow!

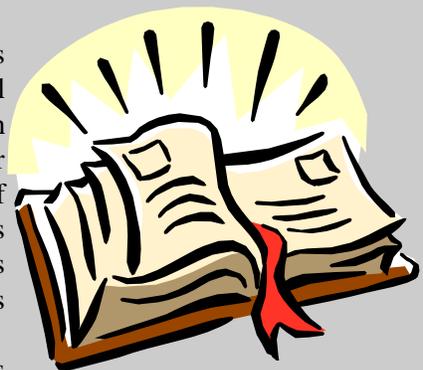
Dios te bendiga siempre, God bless you always,

SPIRITUALITY OF RECOVERY

By Stephen Sullivan

Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 1:30 to 4:30PM we will share what is spirituality and how to use it to help you in your recovery from all kinds of addiction and compulsive behavior. The difference between Religion and spirituality. Ideas on prayer. Understanding your higher power. How to turn your life and will over to God. These are some of the topics we will discuss. We will conclude with a movie that serves as a practical example of some of these subjects. Recovery Bibles and other literature will be available. A Suggested donation of \$20 is ask for those who can afford it. Every

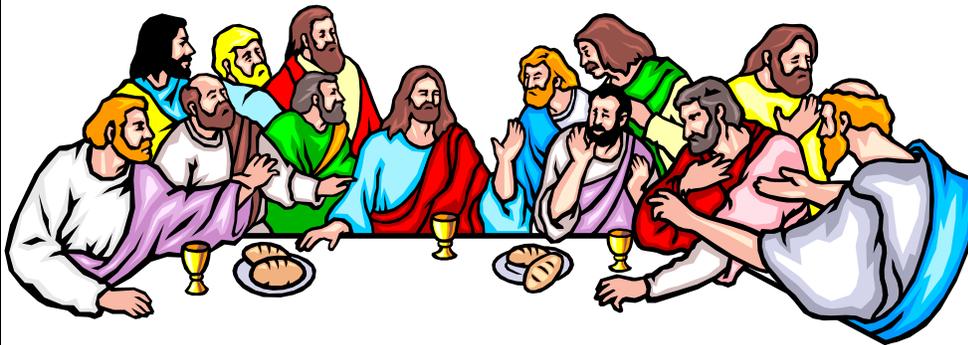
One is welcome regardless of your addiction or ability to pay. Parents and friends may also come to learn more.



THE FEAST OF HOPE

By Pastor Sonja Griffith

“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15 NRSV), Jesus said to



his disciples as they prepared for His last supper on earth. That meal, the holiest of Jewish meals celebrating the freedom toward which God had led the people, was indeed a feast of hope. The hope was that this

meal and its fellowship and its symbolism would forever mark the disciples with the very imprint of Christ. As they would have their feet washed, partake of the meal, and share in the bread and cups of wine offered by Christ, the hope was that they would carry with them the models of freedom, service, fellowship, love, and grace-filled sacrifice that they had seen and experienced. The hope was that they would remember and pass on that remembrance for all time to come, so that the freedom and the model and the imprint would be made on each of the children of God in their living and then shared in the resurrection of living eternally.

Just so, we at Sanctuary of Hope are eagerly desiring to eat a Feast of Hope with each of you on March 13, 2008! Pastor Sonja Griffith, of the First Central Church of the Brethren, has been asked to share her tradition of Love Feast, which recreates that Last Supper in the Upper Room with all who would like to join in an ecumenical celebration which will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The Feast will begin upstairs in the chapel for a time of soul-searching with honesty and grace. Then, participants will move to the dining room for a practice of humble service in hand washing as participants feel able, accompanied by hymns of reflection. A simple meal with sweet and solemn fellowship will follow, and the evening will end with a remembrance of Christ in bread and the wine. We trust that, in this Love Feast of Hope, this prelude to Holy Week, we will each remember our Lord with deep joy, and in freedom, we will be imprinted with the heart of Christ as we look to now and to eternity! Come, for all things will be ready, and Christ holds out his arms!

Please call the office 913-321-4673 if you are coming so we will know how many to prepare for.

Paths to Peace

By Rev. Dennis Wait

“Paths to Peace” is a prayer experience of how different spiritual walks arrive at Peace. This will be presented on Saturday, April 26th, 2008, from 9 AM to 4 PM, at Sanctuary of Hope Chapel. The cost is \$20.00 per person and this includes lunch. Ahmed El-Sherif (Muslim), Kara Hawkins (North American Indian), Fr. Dennis Wait (Christian) and Rev. Robert Kaufman (Mennonite) will be the presenters.

We will hear each one’s beliefs about peace, experience a ritual or symbolic action from that particular path to peace, quiet time and a time for questions. We will conclude with a joint prayer that binds us all as one in God. All are welcome. This is sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee of SOH. Please tell your families and friends too.

Please call the office 913-321-4673, for the lunch count.



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RUN THE GOOD RACE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST 5K RUNS/WALK FOR SANCTUARY OF HOPE

Saturday, June 21, 2008 our community will resonate with activity attracting hundreds of people. The 9th Annual **RUN THE GOOD RACE**.

This year we will again have 2 5K courses and a casual walk course.



The **5K challenge course** designed by Eladio Valdez will test the experienced competitor with 1000 feet of up-hill cross country running attracting competitive runners from several states to run “**the hilliest course in the mid-west.**”

The flatter **5K street course** designed by Rusty Collins attracts more local runners and walkers each year.

DO THE DOUBLE gives those wishing a longer course an opportunity to pull all the stops by competing in both races.

1 mile “Walk for Padre” designed for those desiring to stroll the beautiful grounds.

The **best pancake breakfast** at any run on our beautiful shaded lawns for participants and observers.

We are looking for sponsors and donors. **Event Sponsor** is someone who donates \$2500 or more.

A **Distant Runner Sponsor** is someone who donates \$2400 to \$1000. A **Gold Sponsor** is someone who donates \$999 to \$500. A **Silver Sponsor** is someone who donates \$499 to \$350. A **Bronze Sponsor** is someone who donates \$349 to \$200. Sponsors can be individuals, businesses, organizations, or groups.

We are also looking for **Breakfast Sponsors**. All sponsors receive Race T-shirt and opportunity to place promotional materials in the run packet. For additional sponsor benefits & information please call SOH at 913-321-4673.



Volunteers are also needed call the number above. Runners and walkers can download registration at www.sanctuaryofhope.org. For more details please contact Trish Miller, trishmiller-dre@yohoo.com.



**3rd ANNUAL
HOPE BENEFIT
DINNER, DANCE, & AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
6 to 11 PM
REARDON CENTER**

WISH LIST

- Lights for front drive and labor to install them and electrical hookup.
- A good deal on a Bob Cat. We are in need of having one to maintain our trails, move heavy items around the property, and keep up with maintenance of our benches, grounds, and plants. We have in the past just borrowed one.
- Commercial rubber mats to be used on the floors in front of freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, and work stations in the kitchen.
- New sound system for the chapel.
- Improvements in serving lines.
- Power Point Projector & screen.
- Volunteers and captains for work day.



COMING EVENTS

- March 8, 2008-Work Day-8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- March 8, 2008-Associates-1PM to 3PM.
- March 13, 2008-The Feast Of Hope 7 PM to 8:30PM (see page 3 for details).
- March 16 to 23 2008-Holy Week-No scheduled Retreats.
- March 20,2008-Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM.
- March 21, 2008-Good Friday Service 7PM.
- March 23, 2008-Easter Sunday Mass-8AM followed by Brunch (**Please RSVP for Brunch**).
- April 6, 2008-Prayer Walk-2PM to 4PM (see below)
- April 12, 2008-Work Day-8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- April 12, 2008-Associates Day 1PM to 3PM.
- April 13, 2008-Spirituality in Recovery-1:30PM to 4:30PM(see page 2 for details).
- April 26, 2008-Paths to Peace 9AM to 4PM including lunch. (see page 3 for details).
- May 10, 2008-Work Day-8AM to 1PM including Lunch.
- May 10, 2008-1PM to 3PM Associates Day.
- **June,21, 2008-Run The Good Race & Pancake Breakfast 6AM (see page 4 for more details).**
- **November 8, 2008-3rd Annual Hope Benefit Dinner Dance, & Auction 6 to 11 PM at the Reardon Center.**

PRAYER WALK

By Mary Patterson

Sunday, April 4, 2008 from 2 to 4PM. We will meet at Sanctuary of Hope to begin our walk to Shalom Catholic Worker House at 21st and North 13th Street. We will travel down Ridge Avenue to 13th Street. We will make several stops along the way at places where crimes have happened or Churches and other places of prayer. We will walk on the sidewalk in a group. Transportation and first aid is available along the way. Refreshments will be served at Shalom house and transportation back to SOH. This is our 2nd annual Prayer Walk. Last year we had about 50 people. We hope you can join us for prayer and a nice Sunday afternoon walk through the neighborhood.

Take a Vacation with God

by Sister Antonella Bayer, CSJ



Now is your chance to get off the busy super-highway and take time to refresh your body, mind and spirit! Enjoy a special time tailored to your specific needs. Directed Retreats will be available June 1-13. The retreatant meets daily with a retreat director, who listens to what is happening in the retreatant's life and prayer, and suggests ways to connect with the divine. Most people on directed retreats maintain silence and minimal interaction during their retreat except in their meetings with the retreat director. The focus of such a retreat (your choice of two to six days) is on you and

your relationship to God. A priest, a Lutheran minister, and two nuns will be available as directors. Call Sanctuary of Hope now to book your place: 913-321-4673 ask for Sr. Antonella



SEND AN EMAIL TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Subject: Help Support Sanctuary of Hope just by searching the web or shopping online.

An easy way to help our organization is through a new Yahoo!-powered search engine and online shopping mall called GoodSearch.

When you use this site, and designate Sanctuary of Hope as the recipient, you are helping our ministry to grow. So please spread the word to your friends and family.

Here's the web site: <http://www.goodsearch.com>

For every genuine search, SOH gets one penny.

GoodShop is a new online shopping mall which will donate from 5% up to 37% of each purchase to Sanctuary of Hope. There are currently over 400 stores, including Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes and Noble and more who have teamed up with GoodShop. If you are shopping on line, enter Sanctuary

of Hope as the charity you want to support, click on the GoodShop button on the right side of the page to take you to the menu of shops. To view all the participating stores, click on the drop-down menu and select "show all stores." Tell your family and friends about this too!

An easy way to access GoodSearch is to go to SOH's web site and there is a link to GoodSearch.

Thank you for using www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com for supporting SOH!



A Day of Inspiration...

By Kathy Jennings

J- is for Joyful! J- is for Jubilant! J- is for Judgment! J-is for Jesus!! The sweet sextet of angelic voices from Guardian Angels were joyful! The vibrant voices of Our Lady St. Rose were jubilant! The exuberant rousing rhythms of Sounds of Glory were jammin'!! Although Lent is time to lament and repent, on this day we chose to celebrate. On Sunday, February 10th, the tiny



chapel was filled to capacity as we made a joyful noise to the Lord! Some got out of their seats or tapped their feet; sit, stand, clapped their hands, nod their heads, sway or rock, the Holy Spirit made this place HOT!! Some sang along, some hummed, some shout; to proclaim the Name of Jesus is what it was all about!

Fr. Anthony, from Kenya sang "Mama Maria" in Swahili as he played the traditional instrument called the



kayamba. PLEASE contact him at frkiplagat@yahoo.com



To the tune of Sinatra's "Pennies from Heaven" Fr. D explained how SOH can gain a penny a search for each hit, or a percentage of each purchase, just point and click!

For *Afternoon High Tea* Sue Ryan and crew prepared a plethora of dainty delicacies and epicurean delights to suit all appetites! Sue also meticulously made edible chocolate crosses as a small token of appreciation for those who attended our 12th Annual Meditation in Music and Movement celebration!



When the daily cross you have to lift becomes too heavy, too difficult to bear, **read** the *Hang it on the Cross* prayer, when life becomes bitter, your soul brittle, on this sweet chocolate cross you can nibble.

Mille mille grazie to Gary Schumann without his expertise in technical support it would not have been possible. bringing everything into fruition. Gary Provided the candy molds for the chocolate crosses, the prayer cards, and spent many hours bagging and tagging. Thank you Gary.

Next year, always the **second Sunday in February**, the 8th, we hope you will be here to celebrate the 13th Annual Meditation in Music and Movement Concert.

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Sanctuary of hope invites everyone to join us for all or some of the following:

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| Good Friday Service | Easter Sunday Mass and Brunch |
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