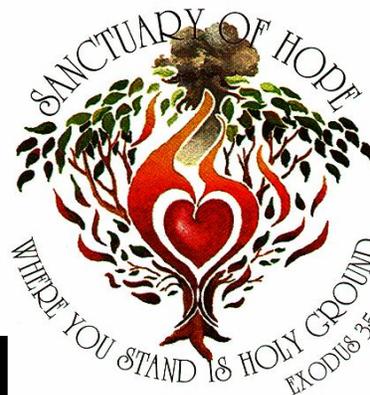


# Words of Hope

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## The Advancing Dawn



**D**ear friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season! We have so much to be thankful for at SOH this year and so much to wait for as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ and the New Year 2009.

First of all, we welcome our newest Sister of Peace, **Jean Morley**. Jean moved here to the Kansas City area to be with her family from Longmont, Colorado. She has a son, Brett, who is still in college in Colorado. In the three short months she has been with us, she has touched the lives of us all and been so helpful to our guests.



Jean has a wonderful background in computer skills, landscaping layouts, managing health care centers and loves to sing. She truly is a woman of prayer and hospitality. Once when we had water overflow in the basement area, there was Jean mopping it up and getting things in good order. Please keep her in your prayers, as she truly keeps you and her family in her prayers.

Secondly, we are beginning to shape a **new dorm** area in the East basement of SOH. Thanks to the leadership and hard work of Serge Guislain and others who have been helping him, it is beginning to take shape. We are in need of workers and donations for materials to get the quarters ready. There will be a dorm area with cots that could sleep up to 25 youth and young adults, a bathroom with double sinks, stools and showers and one room for the supervisor of the group to stay in. Raising funds for this endeavor will be called: "Storm the Dorm."

There is a growing need for quarters for youth who want to come and attend revivals in the greater KC area and also to do mission work in the inner cities. They so appreciate having a place to

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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—4th Sat.**

10AM to 12PM with Lunch

**Closed on Mondays**

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house their youth while they are engaged in these activities. Also these same youth and young adults have volunteered to help us with tasks at SOH as well. What a mutual blessing for us all!

Our deepest thanks to all of you and so many others who supported our third annual **The Hope Benefit** on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> of this year! We had some 250 people in attendance. The Ed Smith Band was outstanding. We also thank those who brought items for the silent auction and the live auction items. Wow, we could have all just continued to dance the night away! I was so happy that my own family could be in attendance as well.

Thanks to those who continue to support our mission through our annual appeal of the **Guardians of Hope**. Your on-going pledges are what keeps us going financially. Thanks for your generosity, especially in these difficult times!

I was blest to have had the time to walk the cities of Prague, Vienna and Budapest this past October. Fr. Mark Mertes, Fr. Kent O'Connor and I went together. It was truly a "trinity group."



There were three of us, three cities, three different countries (Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary), three languages (Czech, German and Hungarian), three hotels, and three days in each place and three currencies (crowns, euros and forints). I just wanted you to know that we all prayed for you and your intentions while away. From Our Lady Victorious Church that houses the Infant of Prague Statue, to the height of St. Vitus Cathedral on the hill of the castle to St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna with the Eucharist celebrated by Cardinal Archbishop Schonberg to a church popularly called, St. Matthias in Budapest, you were included. Not to

mention on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, the day of my father's birthday in Altoona, KS, in 1900, the feast day of St. Denis and "Companions," we had a Mass together and we remembered our Archdiocese and all of you.

What really touched us all, when we returned to our country in Atlanta, Georgia (a place my family would shop when I was a little boy) we found a restaurant at the airport. I looked at the menu and it gave the name of a Sport's Grill and under it was the words: "Trinity Group"! We give thanks to all who helped us out while we were in Europe.

We now await an even greater presence that will bring such light, peace and hope to our mission here, our personal lives, to our country and the world. I can only imagine what blessings are in store for those who wait for Him, Jesus Christ.

With Stephen Sullivan, our associate spiritual director, chef and editor-in-chief, with all our Brothers and Sisters of Peace (Alain and Jean) and Hope (our Associates Members), with our entire staff and faithful volunteers, we extend to you our prayers and labors to enjoy this Christmas Season like never before. For to bring a smile in our hearts is why **Christ** came and to promise that nothing will take that smile of grace from us and one day we will have it forever in the Home of our Father.

Love and Prayers (con mi amor y mis oraciones),

Fr. Dennis Wait, Spiritual Director, your brother in Christ

### 3M CONCERT

Mark the Date!! Sunday, February 15th! The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meditation in Music & Movement Concert will be GREAT!! “Children of God” Made in the image and likeness” *Gaudeamus igitur!* Let us be joyful!! The concert is from 2 to 5PM. PLEASE bring a friend!! G. O. S. P. E. L! Go! Out! Spread! Peace! Eternal! Love!

Followed by High Tea in the dining room.

What you missed last year....The crowd went wild when Our Lady & St. Rose marched down the aisle singing “Marching in the Light of God”. TC, a member of the choir, volatile rendition of “Jesus, the Physician” got pace makers palpitating. Before the choir recessed, they belted out the profound words to the Negro National Anthem. “Lift every voice and sing ‘til earth and heaven ring..”

### Season of Thanksgiving, Season of Love By Sister Antonella Bayer, CSJ

After we sold the farm, our family lived in a mid-sized Western Kansas town just one block from St. Mary’s Grade School. Our mother could watch us walk to and from school each day, and our father could walk a few blocks to the corner grocery store.

As the end of November rolls around, my thoughts travel to the painting of “Blue Boy” which hung in our living room as I was growing up. I always wondered why there wasn’t a “Pink Lady” to complement it. Only in adulthood did I come to realize the reason why and, more so, understand the meaning behind “Blue Boy” in our home.

Being one of the four older children, I was born on the farm unlike the last three who were born in a hospital in town. One of my brothers died before I was born. Because I never knew him except in a photo which stood atop a piano in our living room, the yearly visit to the city cemetery to place a large bouquet of pink and white peonies at his grave touched me in an unexplainable way.

Only those who have lost a sibling can know the impact of the loss of a brother or sister. It doesn’t matter how old the sibling was or how old the remaining one is. My brother was only two years and four months old; he was buried in a little blue suit, cradled in a small white casket. The painting in our living room reminded our parents of this absent son and how he lives in full stature in the Heavenly realm of peace.

This Thanksgiving I will once again gather all of my sisters and brothers around me in thought and hold them deep in my heart where “Blue Boy” lives, fully grown, fully alive with our loving God. By reveling in memories during this Season of Thanksgiving, a season which never ends, I can walk with confidence towards Christmas, the Season of Love. May each of you also gather your loved ones—present and absent or gone to the Lord—to your heart and realize that you have been blessed to know them on this earth. May your Season of Thanksgiving lead you into the Season of Love in surprising ways.

**WISH LIST  
Needed**

- New sound system for the chapel.
- Improvements in serving lines.
- More Volunteers and captains for work days.
- Electrical hookup for garages.
- New Wash machine.
- Help with “Storm the Dorm” project.



**COMING EVENTS**

- **November 27, 2008 Thanksgiving Day 8AM Mass followed by Brunch  
Please RSVP for Brunch.**
- **SOH will be closed after brunch till Tuesday, December 2, 2008**
- December 6, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM till 1PM including lunch.
- December 13, 2008—Work Day & Associates Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch  
decorating for Christmas.
- December 20, 2008—Silent Saturday-Rob Carr 8:30AM till 1PM including lunch.
- **December 25, 2008—Christmas Day 10AM Mass followed by  
Brunch. Please RSVP for Brunch.**
- **SOH will be closed till December 31, 2008.**
- December 31, 2008—Party & Watch Night 8PM till Midnight.
- January 10, 2009—Work Day 8AM till 1PM including lunch.
- January 24, 2009—Associates Day 10AM till Noon followed by lunch.
- February 14, 2009—Work Day 8AM till 1PM followed by lunch.
- **February 15, 2009—Meditation in Movement and Music concert  
2PM in the Chapel  
followed by High Tea in the dining room.**
- February 28, 2009—Associates Day 8AM to 12 Noon followed by lunch.
- **March 7, 2009—Paths to Peace 9AM to 2PM**
- March 14, 2009—Work Day 8AM till 1PM including Lunch.
- March 28, 2009—Associates Day 10AM till 12 Noon followed by lunch



Ora et Labora!  
Hurrah and Halleluia!

You've entered the Presence of ***Holy Ground*** where love, friendship and generosity abound! Approximately 250 brothers and sisters in Christ entered the dimly lit ballroom of soft, shimmering twinkling candle lights which were a prelude to a magical night of celebratory delight!! On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, co-chairs, Mike Cazares and Anita Martinez, pulled off a suave soiree of exquisite charm Puttin' on the Ritz! As I



looked across the enchanting floor, I saw the colors of Mercy and Compassion Red and white flowers each centerpiece décor, red and white wine for your pleasure as you dine, compliments of Charlotte and

Jim Humphrey. Zing! went the strings of my heart as our ears met the serenade of minuets by Mozart, Vivaldi, and Scarlotti, played by Sami Rebein and Michael Kleiss a dynamic duet!

Tux, ties, tails, top hats and canes! For the third time we've done it again! With animated antics, humor, and wit David Armstrong, Elliot Teters and Mike Cazares did elicit a barrage of bids from guests with their quips!

Dinner for 8 with the Padres would be great! Or the Mies and Browns promised



a fantastic gourmet feast that can't be beat!

There were fabulous items for guests to bid-- in spite of all the lovely works of art, without a doubt it was the precious pooch that stole everyone's heart! Positively Puppy Love for the pure bred AKC Golden Retriever! No matter how late you come in, he will always be your warm, fluffy, furry friend! Fr. D took us down 'Memory Lane' to recall the past from whence we came, to the present, and future

plans---achieved with help from your generous hearts and hands.

The elegant Sue and Steve Ryan, and the illustrious Molle and Corky Stueve were honorary chair couples.



There was delectable and dangerously delicious chocolate and strawberry mousse- then the Ed Smith Band had em' on the floor cuttin' loose! As they were dancing to the flickering candlelight, their waltz, cha cha and jive, concluded a splendid night.

To the Board of Trustees, benefactors, patrons, sponsors, donors, friends, supporters, to all Associates, Staff, volunteers, prayer warriors and all the Worker bees, and soldiers of every committee. For all the think tanks who put in countless hours of time, energy, planning. To ALL who gave ORA ET LABORA (prayer & work) Deo Gratias!

Hurrah & Hallelujah !



**PLANNED GIVING**

Many have asked about ways to give financial support to Sanctuary of Hope in addition to regular cash donations. In addition to gifts of stocks and bonds, one can designate Sanctuary of Hope, Inc. (our legal name) as beneficiary for the following:

- \* Life Insurance \* Wills and Trusts \* Bank accounts \* IRA accounts

There are many tax advantages to designating such gifts to charities. Mr. Charles Weber, CPA, who assists SOH, is available to assist anyone interested in gifts of stock, etc. as well as any of the above. Call and ask for Lou or Julie at 321-4673. Blessings.

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**2009 GUARDIANS OF HOPE  
CAMPAIGN - VERY IMPORTANT**

Each year Sanctuary of Hope invites its supporters to make a pledge or one time contribution. Over \$70,000 comes from our many donors plus \$40,000 from two large supporters. The remaining support is from retreat income and fund-raisers. Donors of money and volunteer time and materials are the pillars of Sanctuary of Hope.

We ask your continued support of SOH and that you mail in the enclosed form for 2009 indicating your pledge. This helps us make realistic plans for next year. Thank you.

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND MAIL IN**

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Dear Fr. Dennis,

Please accept my support of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 2009.

I am giving this as a one time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_) **OR** \$\_\_ Monthly, Quarterly, Other  
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for SOH's ministry.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HIS BLESSINGS.***

