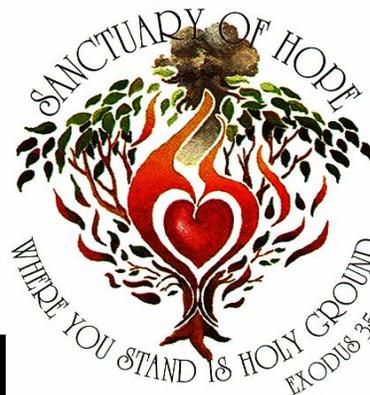


Words of Hope

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The Advancing Dawn

May 31, 2008

Visitation of Mary



Dear friends of Sanctuary of Hope

Welcome to summer, the time to spend with family and loved ones on vacation or planning some adventure. It is now the ordinary time in our Church's liturgical calendar. The color of green is used during this time to symbolize hope. I pray that each of you will "waste" your time and energy on each other and with Jesus. This is surely what He did while He walked this earth and still does today in Glory, wasting time with those He now enjoys forever in the Father's Kingdom.

We are blest to have a new family living on our property at the House of Peace. They are Paul, Ellen and their six children, Daniel, Nancy, Laura, Clara, John and Nathaniel Hickox. They will be responsible for taking care of the House of Peace and also welcoming retreat guests who will continue to use the basement of the House. Their genuine love, care for others and deep faith have already touched the hearts of our SOH community. It's a joy to see the older children helping their parents and their younger siblings. Please keep them in your prayers.



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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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The grounds are coming to life once again. The flowers are in bloom and we have added a small tomato garden to help Stephen with the rising costs of vegetables. We have another staff quarters ready to be occupied and we are looking at opening up our art program for individuals and groups to use. Volunteers continue to come and help us on work days (second Saturday of the month) and help to serve groups that are coming more frequently. We are even considering looking at alternate types of energy, especially wind and solar.



Just around the corner now we will have our 9th annual Run the Good Race on June 21st, Saturday morning. We hope you will come and run and/or walk the trails and see some of our neighborhood. I will walk again this year on the road course. Do come and invite your friends to attend as well. Consider having a team (you just need 10 committed people) who will participate. There is a discount for each member of a team and delicious pancakes for all.

I have been using GoodSearch to find many items on the internet. Remember if you use it for a legitimate search they give a penny to SOH, for every search. If you decide to purchase some item thru GoodShop, then SOH will receive a percentage of what you buy, up to 30 %. We now have over \$30. Praise God!

If the estimated 1,500 Sanctuary of Hope supporters would use the GoodSearch internet search service to perform 2 searches per day, they would generate an annual contribution from GoodSearch of approximately \$10,900.00.

If those same supporters would use the GoodShop service to purchase \$500.00 annually that averaged 3% of sale donations, they would generate an annual contribution from GoodShop of approximately \$22,500.00.

Since for God, miracles are truly happening all the time! My family and I want to deeply thank all of you for praying for our cousin, Tony Alonge. On May 2nd and 3rd, respectively, Tony received a new heart and a new kidney from the same donor. His dad told me that it was like having two more birthdays for his son. His mother says she is dancing with JOY! Thanks also to the donor and their family for giving these organs of their loved one to Tony. Tony is 25 years old and has a new lease on life, thanks to Jesus, Our Lady and his favorite saints, Anthony, George and Joseph.

Don't forget to come to The Hope Benefit Dinner, Dance and Action, which will be Saturday, November 8th, 2008, again at the Jack Reardon Center in Kansas City, KS. The cost is \$65 a person, so start saving now for this event. Our theme this year is: "Where you stand is holy ground."



In this time of ordinary life and love, of miracles and surprises, of new beginnings and friendships, we want each of you to know without doubt, that YOU are this holy ground. You are that tabernacle of God's abiding presence!

Dios te bendiga siempre,
God bless you always,

Fr. Dennis Wait, Spiritual Director

The Chapel paint restoration

A testimony of Faith



In the first half of 2007, Serge Guislain, an old friend and member of Sanctuary of Hope asked my company to restore the decorative stenciling on the ceiling of the chapel. This was a great opportunity to test my abilities at matching colors and copying the original stencil designs installed in the 1940s.

But a short while upon entry into Sanctuary of Hope I had a sense of its spiritual importance. I discovered a place, surrounded by the city which yet maintains a sense of separation, peace and the presence of God and caring individuals.

While mixing colors I studied the patterns and many symbols that are resplendent in this

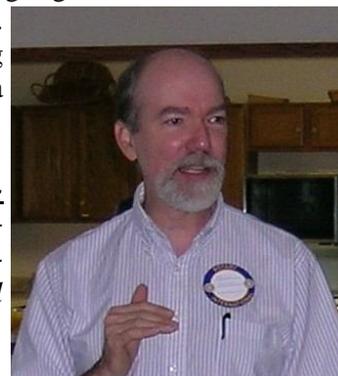
space. I had a flashback to the many pre-Vatican II churches that I have seen through the years. Before Vatican II many if not most Catholic Churches were known for ornate interiors often decorated with stenciled patterns on the walls and ceilings.

According to my study, this chapel was decorated during the time of its occupancy by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Here the sisters were presented a plain space that was unadorned by plaster moldings. They chose Victorian stencils which are a study in small patterns and complex color combinations. Artisans used 4 elaborate borders that frame the ceiling into 3 panels creating a sense of arches that define the space. These patterns draw ones eyes to the front sanctuary. Here decoration is more complex with patterns of grapes and wheat. Interspersed are repetitions of Chi roe the symbol for Christ who comes at the center of all time.

To the left, above a side altar, is the monogram AM symbolic of the Ave Maria. To the right is an SJ symbolic of Saint Joseph. Above and on the walls are many crosses from Greek to Maltese, Latin, and budded. Budded symbolizes life and growth. Equal armed crosses such as Greek and Maltese symbolize the evangelist who surround and support the throne of Christ mentioned in Revelations. To the right is a Star of David framing a Latin cross. This ties our Christian faith to its Jewish origin. A crown surrounds a cross and symbolizes the crown of glory that awaits those who love Christ.

I found that one can get lost in this quiet and meditative space. While stenciling atop scaffolding, I listened to Songs of Praise. This helped make a task into a joyful coming together with the efforts of those who had gone before me. I was copying their work and colors. Though this project was a great challenge I am well pleased with being able to contribute back to an institution that does so much and creates a place of Hope for many persons in need.

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Runners to your mark! Get Set!..... GO!

And the 9th Annual Run the Good Race will be off and running on Saturday, June 21, 2008

But before that happens...

As the weather warms and the flowers bloom, Sanctuary of Hope prepares for Run the Good Race, one of two major awareness raising/fundraising events held each year.

The money raised with Run the Good Race is important, but even more important is the opportunity for you to introduce people to Sanctuary of Hope! Each year hundreds of people hear about and see Sanctuary of Hope for the first time when they come to Run the Good Race. Who do you want to introduce SOH to...this is a great time to do just that.

- **Put together a team!**

Get 9 or more friends, family members, people from church, clubs or neighborhood to register with you for Run the Good Race.

Choose a name for your team and list yourself as team captain.

Send the registrations to SOH. By registering as a team before June 18 each team member gets a \$10 discount.

Team members may participate in any event.

Your team will be announced during the run – great publicity for your group.

Your team will receive a team picture.



(Above Last years Barber Team)

Your team is invited to wear t-shirts, carry signs or use other ways to identify themselves.

- **Invite sponsors**

It is not too late for a business, group or individual to become a sponsor. Sponsorships from \$1000 to \$100 are available. All include event entries and name on our web site. Sponsorships of over \$200 receive name on t-shirt. Contact SOH for a complete list of sponsor benefits.



- **Volunteer**

We need help now until event day preparing the grounds. Thursday and Friday before the run with packet pick-up and Friday with set-up. Day of event with registration, course monitoring, parking, and the pancake breakfast.



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- **Come to the Event**

Run the 5K CHALLENGE COURSE, known as the hilliest course in the Midwest with 1,000 ft. of uphill cross country running. The 5K ROAD COURSE, new course this year through residential neighborhood. DO THE DOUBLE, Both courses, double the challenge. Stroll the trails or just eat breakfast – be sure to join us.



- **Sponsor “Walk with Padre”**

Make a contribution sponsoring Fr. Dennis’ walk by sending a donation marked Padre’s Walk. Or join others in a non-competitive leisurely walk on the shaded trails of SOH.

- **6. Join us for Pancakes Free for all Runners, Walkers and Volunteers. Just \$5.00 for everyone else. Pancakes will again be cooked by Boy Scout Troop 295. Sponsored by Queen of The Holy Rosary Parish. Scoutmaster Paul Cast & others. We do need another Scout troop or other groups to help in other areas.**



Enjoy courses like no other, shady trails, open fields, and fantastic views.



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

Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Hope Benefit to be held November 8, 2008 at the Reardon Center in Kansas City, KS. Last year's Hope Benefit brought in \$33,000 for the Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center and is the largest fundraiser for Sanctuary of Hope.



This year the Benefit Committee is proud to introduce two honorary chair couples who will be hosting the event, Steve and Sue Ryan, and Molly and Corky Stueve. These two couples have been involved with Sanctuary of Hope's ministry for many years and will add their combined expertise and skills to the Benefit's success.

Mike Cazares and Anita Martinez are the Benefit Chairs for the 2008 event. Mike is a manager at Sprint and was one of the Benefit Chairs for last year's gala. Anita works at El Centro and is a live-in staff at Sanctuary of Hope.



This year's theme is "Where you stand is holy ground." The 3rd annual benefit will include a wonderful dinner, live band, dancing, presentations and an auction. Tickets are \$65, please call Julie at 913-660-8595 to order your tickets now. Also, visit the Benefit website at www.hopebenefit.org for updated information, pictures of auction items and to listen to the chosen band.

TIMESHARE FUND-RAISING RAFFLE

Say Good bye to the hot summer and welcome the cool fall at the Treetop Village Resort located in the Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Enjoy the beautiful colors of the fall foliage and the serene surroundings of the lake. Sanctuary of Hope (SOH) again received a donation of a timeshare at Treetop Village Resort which will be used to raise funds to continue renovation of the facility. We hope that you will consider making a donation in order to assist SOH in its mission.

The Treetop Village Resort unit is nestled in the hillside overlooking the lake on one side and a golf course on the other. It is fully equipped consisting of kitchen two bedrooms and three bathrooms with accommodations for six people. The week begins on Friday September 26, 2008 and ends on Friday, October 3, 2008. The resort includes tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pools (one indoor) and more. The resort is located near grocery and other shopping including the Outlet Mall consisting of 112 stores located in Osage Beach, MO

The fund-raiser last year was a great success and the winners said they had a great time. Your response has been a blessing to SOH and we wish to express our appreciation. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000. Your donation will help fund the next stage of renovation at SOH.

The drawing is set for 12 noon on August 9, 2008 and an individual need not be present to win. A book of 5 tickets (\$2.00 each donation) has been included with this newsletter. Please complete the raffle ticket stubs and your check and return to SOH, Timeshare. P.O. Box 172018, Kansas City, KS 66117-008. You may also use the enclosed envelope but please mark it "Timeshare." You may also drop off your donation and raffle stubs and get more tickets at SOH. Thank you!

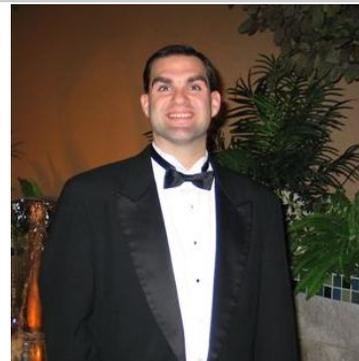
WISH LIST

- Thank you for the floor mats for the kitchen. We could still use some for the Laundry room.
- Lights for the front drive and labor to install them and electrical hookup.
- New sound system for the chapel.
- Improvements in serving lines.
- Power point projector and screen.
- More Volunteers and captains for work days.



Coming events

- June 14, 2008-Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch. Also final preparations for the race all this week. Finalizing the run courses, setting up, packet preparation and pick up. Registration the day of the race. Help with the Breakfast and clean up.
- June 21, 2008-**RUN THE GOOD RACE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST 6AM TO NOON. (see pages 4 & 5 for more detail.)**
- July 12, 2008-Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- July 12, 2008-Associates-1PM to 3PM
- August 9, 2008-Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch.
- August 30, 2008-Commissioning of associates 9AM to 1PM including lunch.
- September 13, 2008-Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch
- September 13, 2008-Associates 1PM to 3PM
- October 11, 2008-Work day 8AM to 1PM including lunch
- October 11, 2008-Associates 1PM to 3PM
- November 8, 2008 –Work Day 8AM to 1PM including lunch
- **NOVEMBER 8, 2008—HOPE BENEFIT DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION 6pm to 11pm Reardon Center. (Please see page 6 for more detail.)**



Pastor Jay Weatherwax was appointed as a Navy chaplain to the U.S. Marines and will be stationed in North Carolina. He will undergo several months of training in New York, after which Sarah will join him in North Carolina. She will be staying with her family in Maryland while Jay is in school.

Joseph Roberts received his Master of Divinity with a certificate in chaplaincy. He is working at the mission as Chaplain to the staff and homeless. He will be married to Alisha Pluff on September 12, 2008 at Overland Park Church of the Nazarene.

Robert Nowlin received his Master of Divinity and Master of Intercultural Studies.

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September 26, 2008 to October 3, 2008
Treetop Village Resort
Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Accommodations for up to 6 people.
Drawing Saturday August 9, 2008
12 Noon

Need not be present to win.
See page 6 for more details.

5 tickets enclosed in this newsletter
\$2.00 donation each.

More tickets available at SOH.

Thanks to our donors for all of
Their support.