

WORDS OF HOPE

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By Fr. Dennis Wait

Dear **Friend** of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to the **green fields** and colorful flowers of summer! Pope Francis reminds us to appreciate the **Father's gaze** upon us all. We are to treat others by gazing upon them, like the Father. In this way, we see the **incredible unity** God has placed in all creation, especially those in his own image and likeness. I am reminded of this quote: "Every morning lean your arms awhile upon the window sill of heaven and gaze upon the Lord. Then with that vision in your heart, turn strong to meet your day." (anonymous)

We were so blest to have the **Glaziers Local Union #558** come and volunteer to put new glazing in our windows at ole Sanctuary of Hope. It's good to see **20 men** reaching out to help others in their community by keeping our prayer and retreat center here in the inner city, open to all faiths. **God bless them** and their families for helping us out, in such a needed way. God bless **all our volunteers** here and throughout our metro area, who give so generously of their time and talents to help those most in need.

We welcome our **newest live-in** member, **Rosa Noyola**. Rosa is a mother and grandmother of a large family. She has 6 sons, and to hear their names, it sounds like hearing the list of the Apostles. Rosa has worked in customer service and human resources, and presently is doing child care at St. John Paul II School. She is fluent in Spanish, and is looking for work to be **an interpreter**. She is a wonderful cook, and enjoys making salads and smoothies with vegetables from our own gardens. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. She **sings beautifully**, complimenting our own Shirline Moore. God bless these two women of great faith!

Our 10th Annual Hope Benefit is just around the corner, **October 10, 2015**, from 5:30-10 pm. We had to move the date up a month, due to a conflict of schedules. We are also trying a new place for our event, the **Abdallah Shrine Temple**, just off the intersection of interstates 635 and 35 in Mission, KS. We express our deepest thanks to **Genaro and Mary Ann Rangel** for coordinating this event. Since this is our major fund raiser for the year, we hope you can come, and **invite others** as well. We always have a need for **donations for the live auction**, and again your generosity is much appreciated; for example, an overnight for two, or a few others, ball game tickets, a meal out at one of our fine restaurants, a new car, and yes, my salary too.

We just sent out job descriptions for **two more live-in members** here. One we hope would be a **kitchen manager** and the other one have **experience with IT issues**. Either one or both could also have a desire to **work in the outdoors** and **help with maintenance** in the building. If you, or you know of someone, that might fit the above, please let me know. But do keep this in prayer, and hopefully they will come soon. Julie Elwell told me that this summer has been our fullest as far as guests in our house. Praise God!

Sharri Orndorff continues to keep our Web Site and Face Book updated, and was the one who helped us with the Glaziers. If you know of others who might want to **volunteer here** in taking on a specific area, like the butterfly garden, do let Sharri know this and she will follow thru. **Jeff Stock** has almost completed **our Labyrinth**, and we are all excited about using it for prayer and centering. God bless Jeff for his gifts here!

I would conclude with the words of St. Paul: "If there is **any encouragement** in Christ, and solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for their own interests, but everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2: 1-5)

Love, prayers and gratitude,
Fr. Dennis Wait, your brother always

Fr. Dennis Wait



Life is a journey that we must take! Unless “we” are called at birth!

Life is the beginning on a road of no return; we can’t go back!

Sometime, I myself think about what I could have done or

shouldn’t have done

That is a lesson that we have bought and with a price and

We try not to keep making the same mistake!

But if we put our trust in “God!” we know that is the best thing

that could happen in our lives. He never fails us

We are the one that falls short, not Him!

—by Shirline Moore



We need auction items for the Hope Benefit!

We can use all sorts of things— transferable frequent flier miles, or maybe a set of tickets to sporting events for one game out of your season tickets, or use of your time share vacation home. How about donating a service from your company? Do you own a plane and would take someone for a ride? What would you like to share?

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED! LIVE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

HOPEfest was a big success!



**Thanks to everyone who came out to help or just enjoy
“YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER AND RETREAT CENTER”!**

Mindy's Minute**Burning**

Some life seasons overflow with burns...

Sunburns, picnic heartburns, hot seat-belt buckle burns,

Burned by unfulfilled promises, boiling over as the last straw is added,

Burning rubber to get it all done, burning bridges we're too tired to mend...

May depend upon the flame I choose to fan in me,

Casting the color of light others encounter as warmth or misery.

Also: burnt marshmallows, burnt ends, and firecrackers ready to pop,

Burning desire to connect more deeply, and fire that fuels our passions,

Burns that cauterize before we bleed out and that purify lest we rot,

Burns that warn us before we catch fire, eyes the burn into our souls...

Lighting our wisdom, our hope, our true-self-flame.

Providing tangible, even painful, signs of our regrets.

Reality burns...with beauty and with pain.

Whether I rise as the Phoenix out of the ashes

Or live as if I'm lying on my funeral pyre

Tending the Flames & Balming the Burns Together,

Mindy



Don't miss our retreat on August 29th, "Experiencing the Gifts of Imperfection" !

Hooray for our Volunteers!

A Huge **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who came out for HOPEfest! Heartfelt thanks to those of you who cooked, led tours, greeted guests, parked cars, set up the stage, chairs, tables and tents, provided music, supervised kids activities, painted faces, set up booths and the bookmobile, orchestrated the piñata, to name just a few!

We could never have done it without your help! —Colleen Cook

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! HELP WANTED...

Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center in Kansas City, KS, is seeking **two additional** live-in members.

We specifically need a **kitchen manager** and **assistance with in-house IT**, an **average of 25 hours** a week each.

Members will commit to the **regular prayer life of SOH**, including morning and evening prayer; and also to welcome and serve our guests with basic hospitality.

Free room, board, and utilities are offered in exchange for your labors of love, faith and hospitality.

For further information, contact Fr. Dennis Wait, Spiritual Director, at 913-321-4673, business hours 8 AM-4PM, Tuesday-Friday, or email frdennis@sanctuaryofhope.org

Dear Friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to our 10th Annual The Hope Benefit Dinner, Dance and Live Auction. Our theme this year is "A Living Sanctuary for You."

The annual Hope Benefit is our major fundraiser for SOH and provides crucial financial support for the operation of SOH. Each year we invite you to attend and solicit your assistance in helping us through sponsorship, financial donations, and donations of items for the live auction. The funds generated through these avenues are very important to the continued operation of Sanctuary of Hope.

Once again, we are reaching out to the community and to our many generous benefactors who have supported us over the years. Your support and prayers this year will ensure that SOH remains open for all who walk through our doors. Our guests come seeking a place to be one with God, for contemplative prayer and service to others.

To help us keep the miracle going, we need your support in any capacity you are able to provide. Please consider our sponsorship opportunities, which are detailed below. Your support at any and all levels will be acknowledged in our Souvenir Program. Single tickets will be sold for \$50.00 each.

You can also help us by advertising your business, sending a congratulatory message to an individual, group or organization, or by announcing an event in our Souvenir Program. Advertising rates are detailed below.

Our deadline to receive sponsorship and advertising input is September 25, 2015. Please make your checks payable to Sanctuary of Hope, with "Hope Benefit" on the memo line. Mail to: Sanctuary of Hope: The Hope Benefit, 2601 Ridge Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102. For more information on our event, visit our website at: SanctuaryofHope.org, or call us at 913-321-4673.



Fr. Dennis Wait, Brother of Peace

The Hope Benefit – Sponsorship Opportunities:

<u>Sponsorship Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
Grand Benefactor	\$1,500 - \$3,000 & Up	Full Page Program ad, website recognition, 8 event seats
Benefactor	\$1,000 - \$1,499	Full page program ad, website recognition, 6 event seats
Patron	\$750 - \$999	Half page program ad, website recognition, 4 event seats
Sponsor	\$500 - \$749	Quarter page program ad, 4 event seats
Donor	\$250 - \$499	Business card program ad, 2 event seats
Friend of SOH	\$100 - \$249	Listed in program
Supporter of SOH	\$50-\$99	Listed in program
Corporate Table Hosts	\$400	Listed in program, 8 event seats

The Hope Benefit – Program Advertising Rates:

<u>Program Advertising</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Program Advertising</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Full Page	\$100	Quarter Page	\$ 30
Half Page	\$ 50	Business Card	\$ 15

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HOPE BENEFIT FOR 2015!

We have revamped the HOPE BENEFIT for 2015. After careful consideration, we have changed the celebration to make it better for all of our patrons.

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New date! October 10, 2015 5:30—10:00 pm

New reduced price! \$50.00 per person

New food! We will have a buffet dinner including:

Entrée: *Grilled Eight Piece chicken, Chicken Fajitas, Pork meat ala Miguel's in red sauce, Refried beans, Spanish rice, red and green salsa and tortillas*

Salad: *creamy pasta salad, tossed salad with Italian or Ranch Dressing; Warm dinner rolls*

Dessert: *cheesecake and chocolate cake with coffee (decaf) and iced tea.*

New location! We have moved the event to:

**Abdallah Shrine Temple
5300 Metcalf
Shawnee Mission, KS**

***If you do not receive a personal invitation
and need tickets please call us!***

**If you'd like to advertise or be included in the program, or need
tickets, please give Julie a call at
913-321-HOPE (4673)**

Very importantly, this is a time of CELEBRATION, and we encourage you to COME! Bring your friends and join others with hearts for touching people with the experience of God's Love. You can expect to have a delightful evening!

In the meantime, stop by for a quiet break in the busy-ness of life. Walk the trails, enjoy a cup of coffee or sit on the porch and swing.

All are welcome!



COME BE A BLESSING, COME RECEIVE A BLESSING!

Are you looking for a place to volunteer, or looking for a place to make a difference? There are lots of things to do here at Sanctuary of Hope.

In the summer we have plants to weed and water, trails to maintain, vegetables to care for and pick, guests to welcome and all sorts of things!

If our regular work day on the second Saturday doesn't fit your schedule, give us a call and let us know what you're interested in and when you'd like to come.

Sharing with Sharri

Greetings!

How's everybody's summer going? Hopefully everyone is healthy and doing well!

HOPEfest went well, from what I hear. (I actually left the country, so I wasn't there.) Thanks to everyone who came out and helped in any way, even if you just came out and helped us listen to wonderful music and eat great Mexican food!

Lots of exciting things are happening here this summer! **Google Fiber** is being installed for our internet use, we're getting a new up-to-date **phone system**, and the Glaziers and Joint Apprenticeship workers came out on our work day on the 11th and repaired the **windows** so everything is tight and pretty.

We are so grateful to them for their help!

The Hope Benefit is coming on October 10th, new date, location, food, all sorts of great things! You can read all about it in this newsletter, too!

Everyone is welcome to come to our weekly **prayer meeting** at 10:00am on Tuesday mornings. We have a time of prayer for various concerns, and a short presentation by someone to help us grow in our spiritual life. It's followed by lunch in the dining room. Come on out!

On November 7, I'm doing a **workshop** on prayer, talking about using prayer beads in various forms. Did you know that beads or counters of some type are the oldest aids to prayer

known to man? They far pre-date the Catholic usage, and many traditions still use them today.

Come on by SOH anytime, I'd love to meet you! I'm usually here between 10-4, Tues -Friday.

Hugs & prayers for all y'all!

Sharri

ASSOCIATES NOTICE:

There will be no SOH Associates meeting for the months of July and August. We will resume our regular 4th Friday monthly meetings on September 25th. Have a great summer!

GROUNDSKEEPER'S CORNER...

Jeff Stock is our groundskeeper, with a background in landscaping. He can always use a hand with the gardens, plantings or mowing. If you can help, or know someone who can, please give us a call at 913-321-4673.

Wish List!

- Railroad Ties—
- Plants—Flowers, shrubs, trees
- Topsoil—Bulk
- Tractor service - oil changes, etc.
- Tree Trimmer

TEN SUGGESTIONS

1. Live gratitude and thank God for Life.
 2. Be willing to carry more of life's complexities.
 3. Transform jealousy, anger, etc., and not give them back in kind.
 4. Let suffering soften your heart rather than harden your soul.
 5. Forgive all and God.
 6. Bless more and curse less.
 7. Love in more radical sobriety.
 8. Pray affectively and liturgically.
 9. Be wide with your embrace.
 10. Stand where you are supposed to be standing and let God provide the rest.
- From: Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity
By : Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

The LABYRINTH is almost here!

Have you ever wanted a place to walk and just think?

Have you ever needed a place to meander and pray?

Have you ever wanted to place to 'sort out' your life?

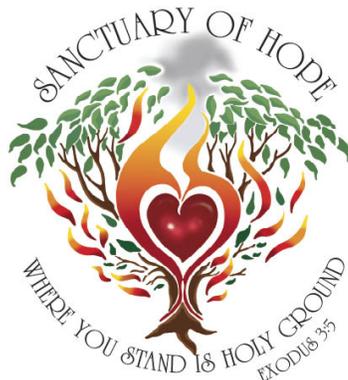
Come experience our Labyrinth!



Stop by anytime, simply check in at the office so we know you're here.

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Sanctuary of Hope is an contemplative, ecumenical community committed to knowing, loving and serving God and each other and those in need.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SOH? Glad you asked!

Special Events:

Hope Benefit

Saturday, October 10, 2015
Abdallah Shrine Temple
5300 Metcalf
Shawnee Mission, KS

5:30—10:00 pm

Tickets \$50 each
Buffet Dinner
Music
Live Auction

Regular Events:

Prayer Group **Tuesday Mornings**

10am - 11 noon
Lunch provided afterward
Call to verify 913-321-4673

Eucharist **Mass on Tues and Thurs** 7:30 am

Work Day
Second Saturday
8am-Noon
August 8, Sept 12 and Oct 10

Future Events:

Experiencing the Gifts of Imperfection
Saturday, August 29th
10am - 3pm

HOPE Benefit
Saturday, October 10th
5:30—10:00 pm

**Praying with Beads Workshop-
Not Just for Catholics!**
Saturday, November 7
9:00—Noon

Paths to Peace
Saturday, November 21
8:30am—1:00pm